

Stewardship

10-15-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,285.00
Loose	\$71.80
Reimbursement	\$1,440.34
Stole Gift	\$150.00
Restricted	\$670.00
Magnificat	\$59.00
Total	\$4,676.14

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-September

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$281.76
Geisser Services	\$975.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-September

NorthWestern Energy	\$76.65
Geisser Services	\$725.00

Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it,"

- St. Augustine

Pray for our Seminararians

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Dillon Armstrong, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, and Matt Keck

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Prayer Chain

Unless requested otherwise after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain:



Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, Tom Arensmeyer, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones

Did You Know!

The fish, or ICHTHUS, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution. In Greek, ICHTHUS (ΙΧΘΥΣ) is a monogram for the first five letters of the words "Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior."

Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected:

Christian Burial:

Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director.

Social Hall:

Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events.

Please call the office for information for any of the above notices: 406-266-4811.



Holy Cross Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a

Adoration: Monday 9:30a

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment

Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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Basics of Catholicism part 13

Revelation as faith

The topics of faith and God only makes sense because of revelation. The Greek understanding of the word "revelation" adds many layers of depth to the meaning of this word: unveiling, making known, to reveal. When we talk of "God's revelation," we mean that God has unveiled or made known to us something about the mystery of who he is or about the world. Revelation is a necessary part of the Christian faith and faith in general as it gives us insights into realities beyond us, namely, the mystery of God.

The entire topic of revelation revolves around one central tenant of faith: God wants to be known. Imagine that we have a "clockmaker god" who created the universe and then watches as it unfolds. He has no desire to integrate with his world nor does he want to take any part of it. Would we know of his existence? Yes, the universe came from somewhere. Could we understand anything about him? Yes, throughout reason alone we could deduce several ideas: God as one, God as all-powerful, and God as all-knowing. Largely the list ends here. Without something more from this mechanically oriented god, we cannot know anything more. Revelation implies that God wants to be made known. Thus God is a god who wants to interact with his creation; he wants his creation to know him; he takes an active part in his creation; he allows himself to be made known. Without God wanting to be known and making himself known, both revelation and faith would not be possible.

A good amount of our knowledge of God comes through revelation. God relating to us as male, God as all-loving, God as desiring a relationship with humanity, God as father, and God as merciful are from revelation alone. Yet revelation poses many challenges. We cannot replicate our knowledge of God like a scientist running an experiment. We cannot point to the reality of God and allow everyone to experience it. Much of revelation feels like it is hidden within a personal experience. This is simply not true. The revelation of God is a revelation to the world. Next week we will cover the challenges and solutions to revelation.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10-29-2023

Reading 1: Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm: 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 5 lab
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to

office@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Monday at 10a

TWO weeks in advance

MASS	Schedule
Monday October 23	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday October 24	Mass 9a
Wednesday October 25	No Mass Trick or Treat so others can eat
Thursday October 26	No Mass
Friday October 27	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday October 28	No Mass Holy Hour 9a-12p Confessions 9a-12p
Sunday October 29	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p

Ministry Schedule

Sunday October 29, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Pat and Debbie Miller

Lector:

Gay Ann Masolo

Gifts:

Tom Aced and Cathy Armstrong

EM:

John Bleile and Monte Montonario

Money Counters:

Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

Mark Your Calendars!

Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1st Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2nd Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3rd Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4th Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5th Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.

Have A Seat!



Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have raised a total of \$54,247. We have raised \$25,242 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$35,000. If we raise the requisite \$60,000, then we will reach our goal of \$125,000. I ask you to be generous and help us get this incredible grant.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide RE dinners. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Help Wanted:

- Building a cabinet for the sacristy
- Pounding down the nails on the parking blocks in the parking lot
- Spraying the building for bugs
- Installing a white board
- Installing base molding
- Alter cloth laundering
- Alter server cassocks, surplices and albs washed

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Fr. Cody

Ministry training schedule:

- Saturday October 28th.
- Newcomers Group – 1 pm
- Greeters = 2pm
- Prayers of the Faithful Team – 3 pm
- Oid to the Needy = 4 pm

Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

Trick or treat so others can eat is going to look a little different this year. Instead this event is going to be more like a trunk or treat. Instead of the kids going door to door to collect, they will be stationed at different areas around town for people to bring non-perishable food items to them. The locations have not been determined yet but be on the lookout for drop off locations on Wednesday, Oct. 25th from 7-7:45pm.



Holy Hour at a new time and more time for Confessions

With all my schedule changes and other responsibilities, I moved the Holy Hour to the 4th Saturday of each month from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to come to the church, pray, and spend some time with our Lord. Also, I will be hearing confessions during these hours.

Next Holy Hour October 28th

Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

~~Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?~~

Nov. 5th: Who am I?

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

Catholic Radio Station Announcement:

KNEH 97.3FM in Helena has been an affiliate of Relevant Radio for over 15 years. Relevant Radio, "Talk Radio for Catholic Life", has over 200 radio stations across the US. While there are some communities in Montana that operate Catholic radio stations, the number is still very small. We recently added a LISTEN LIVE button on our website at kneh.org. Besides streaming Relevant Radio programming, KNEH also broadcasts Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and other information of interest to parishes throughout the Diocese. We wanted to offer a way for all the parishes in western Montana to stay informed and connected to their Diocese and enjoy the benefits of quality Catholic radio programming. I have attached a program grid for Relevant Radio in Montana time zone and an announcement that I hope you will add to your parish bulletin. If you have any questions, please call me. I appreciate the opportunity to let people know about Relevant Radio. It has made a huge difference in our Helena community. Many people have returned to Sunday Mass and others have become Catholic after listening to Relevant Radio. I have heard many testimonies about these things.

"Introducing Relevant Radio, Talk Radio for Catholic Life!

Whatever you may be looking for, be it faith education, today's headlines through a Catholic lens, or a community to pray with, you can find it all on Relevant Radio. It's an entertaining and spiritual way to grow every day. The Relevant Radio network broadcasts coast-to-coast on over 200 stations in the US, including Helena, KNEH, 97.3FM and Bozeman, KOFK, 88.1FM. Programming can also be heard via streaming audio at relevantradio.com and on their free Relevant Radio app. For those of you in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, we suggest streaming audio from Helena's www.kneh.org LISTEN LIVE button. Along with all Relevant Radio's programming, you'll also hear Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and local information of interest to Montana Catholics in our Diocese. We're here to keep you informed and connected to our beautiful Catholic faith here in Montana. We hope you enjoy the national programs on Relevant Radio along with the local Montana connection at kneh.org."

Catholicism 101

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about Catholicism? Would you like to know your faith a little better? Then, this series is for you!

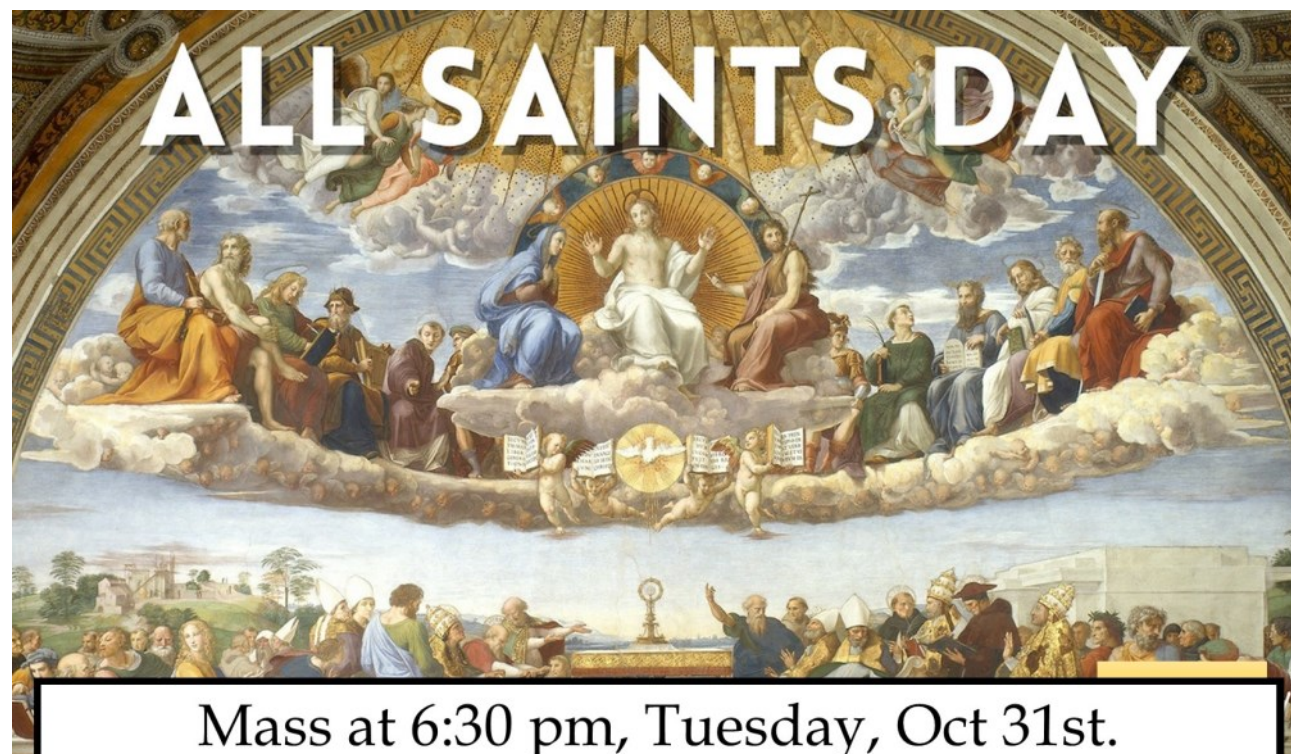
Mondays 7-8:30

Starting Monday September 11th

Schedule of the topics on the bench in the entryway.

A livestream option for Catholicism 101 will be available on Mondays from 7-8:30 and on Thursdays from 6:30-8. Please invite your friends and family members who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. All are welcome!


The next topic is "Church Part 2: Who is the Church?" on Monday, October 23rd. The notes are posted on the website and a livestream version is available. If you would like to join the livestream version, send an email to frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org.



Mass at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct 31st.
Party After Mass.
Saints costume contest, Trivia, Bingo and more.

Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children



Oct. 1 Joyful Mysteries

Oct. 8 Luminous Mysteries

Oct. 15 Sorrowful Mysteries

Oct. 22 Glorious Mysteries

Oct. 29 - Joyful Mysteries

We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281

Sundays 4:10pm