

# Stewardship

4/1-2/2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,728.00
Loose	\$110.13
Easter	\$110.00
Restricted	\$20.00
Other	\$4,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,968.13</b>

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-March

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$789.23
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,470.04
Geisser Services	\$720.00
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,144.08

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

### Cemetery Expenses-March

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

*THANK YOU!*



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

"Let us go with confidence to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace,"  
- (Heb. 4:16)

### Pray for our Seminarians

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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Dcn. Kyle Tannehill.

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, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark

### Did You Know!

Although our Paschal Candle is usually hidden in the back corner, this candle is one of the great symbols of Easter. The light of the candle that illumines the darkness reminds that Jesus' Resurrection cast out the darkness of this world. The Paschal Candle is blessed during, and only during, the Easter Vigil. The blessing involves several steps. The first step is to mark the candle with the five wounds of Jesus corresponding to the five points of the cross (one being in the middle), then the alpha (Greek letter A), the omega (the Greek letter W or the last letter), and the year the candle is blessed. All of these are symbols of Christ. The five points – five wounds on the Cross, the A and W – the beginning and the end, the year reminds us that God comes in time at this specific moment of time. The candle is then lit with the Easter Fire and solemnly processed in to illumine the dark church. The candle is blessed during the baptismal rite when it is dunked in the Baptismal font three times to symbol new life coming from the font and the breaking of the seal on the font. The Paschal Candle is used during the Easter Season, for baptisms, and for funerals. All moments that recall the Resurrection.

**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.**



Easter Sunday

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Mass:** Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

**Adoration:** Wednesday 9:30a

**Weekend Schedule:**

**Confession:** Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

**Mass:** Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

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

# Holy Cross Parish

April 9, 2023

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Easter Sunday

Happy Easter!

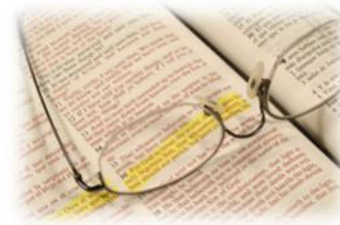
The lack of information regarding Jesus rising from the dead struck me. No one was at the tomb when he came back to life and rose from the bonds of death. Yet, Mary of Magdala saw the empty tomb so did Peter, James, and John. How did Jesus untie himself? Like Lazarus who came out of the tomb bound by cloth and Jesus commanded the people to untie him, no one was there to untie Jesus but the angels. Regardless, the burial cloths were still in the tomb neatly folded and in their own places. No one was there when the tomb was opened and the huge stone rolled away. Yet, everyone saw that the stone had been rolled away. This central mystery of our faith is shrouded in unknowns. Does this mean that the Resurrection didn't happen?

Of course not. Jesus proved that the Resurrection happened through a series of events that become the core of the Easter Season. He appeared to Mary of Magdala at the tomb shrouded in his new life so that she may know that it was truly Jesus. The Resurrection changed his appearance so that we may know that he didn't wake from a coma or happened to fake his death. He was slightly different. He appeared to the disciples in the upper room and on the shore of the Sea of Galilee where he ate fish, talked with them, and allowed them to touch him so that they may know that he is a physical human being and not a ghost. Finally, he continues to inspire people throughout history by coming to each of us individually that we may know his power in our lives and believe that he truly lives.

As the Easter Season dawns, I encourage you to pray with the mystery of the Resurrection. Ponder anew its events either through reading them in the Bible or thinking through their details. God wants us to know that we can have eternal life with him, he wants us to know that we too can rise from the dead like Jesus, he wants us to know that he loves us and calls us to new life in him, and he wants us to glorify and praise him in these strange and important parts of our faith. Let God inspire a renewed faith during this Season of Joy. Let him visit you and prove to you the new life of the Resurrection. May he make your faith firmer and guide you to new life with him.

Fr. Cody

# Scripture Readings



Second Sunday of Easter

4-16-2023

Reading 1: Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel: John 20:19-31



HE IS RISEN!

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

[office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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 April 10	NO MASS
Tuesday April 11	NO MASS WOF 6:30p KOC 7p
Wednesday April 12	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday April 13	Mass 9a Renee Majszak RB Sandra Galla
Friday April 14	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday April 15	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday April 16	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family KOC breakfast after mass

## Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 15, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Tom Aced  
Lector: Debbie Miller  
Gifts: Harold and Laura Gibbs  
EM: Marilyn Vandersloot and Karen Simonich

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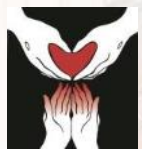
Sunday April 16, 2023

8:00am

Greet: John and Missy Rauser  
Lector: Caleb LeLacheur  
Gifts: Wickens Family  
EM: John Bleile and Alex Estrada  
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

“Come to Me”

~ Matt 11:28



Catholic Women's CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023 – 5:30 PM  
ROSARY & MASS OFFERED FOR FAMILIES  
FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

CIVIC CENTER ~ HELENA, MONTANA

[helenacwc.com](http://helenacwc.com)

SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL  
Join women from Montana  
and beyond for prayer,  
speakers, music,  
fellowship, and more!  
Our “Spa Day” includes Mass.

# Announcements

The Foundation of the Diocese of Helena is offering grant money up to \$15,000 for any parish who is working to evangelize their local community. I would like to apply for this grant and working towards evangelization. I am appealing to the parish for ideas of way we can reach out to our community and share our faith. If you have any ideas, please contact Fr. Cody. Thank you.



FOUNDATION  
for the Diocese of Helena

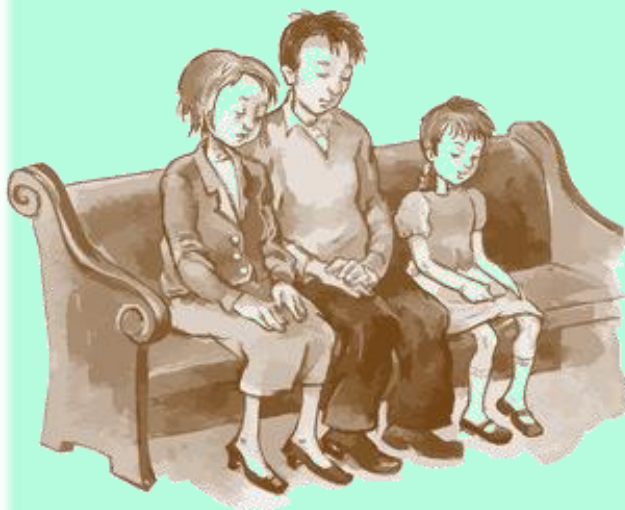


Thank you all who donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have reached our goal and even surpassed it! The more exciting news is that 40% of the parish participated this year. We have the second highest participation in the Helena Deanery. I want to thank you all for your generous contribution to the good of the church in the Diocese of Helena.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
April 9th after mass



## Have A Seat!

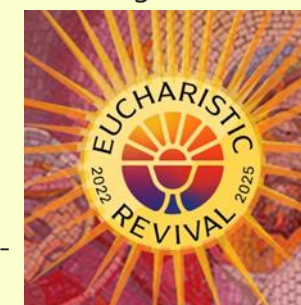


After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as those who came to the parish meetings, we are moving forward with buying new pews. This project contains several parts. The first part is new pews and kneelers. In addition to the new pews, we will be adding cushioning to the pews to make them more comfortable. This part of the project will cost approximately \$75,000. As we remove the pews, the goal is remove the carpet and put in new, easier to clean flooring. This part of the project will cost \$45,000. The total amount to be raised is \$120,000. Don't let this number alarm

you. Through special donations we have already raised \$35,000. I have written a few grants to help with the cost of the pews. If we get them, I will let you know. The goal is to keep working at raising money until we have enough to complete both parts of the project. If you are interested in donating to the pew project - Have A Seat! - simply write a check with “pews” in the memo line. I will keep you updated on our progress.



**SAVE THE DATE** for Eucharistic Revival 2023, Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement.” Join us May 5 & 6, 2023 at Billings Central Catholic H.S. with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery – The Most Holy Eucharist. We'll explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Ticket prices start at \$15. Visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](http://diocesegfb.org/revival) to learn more or register. Seating is limited!

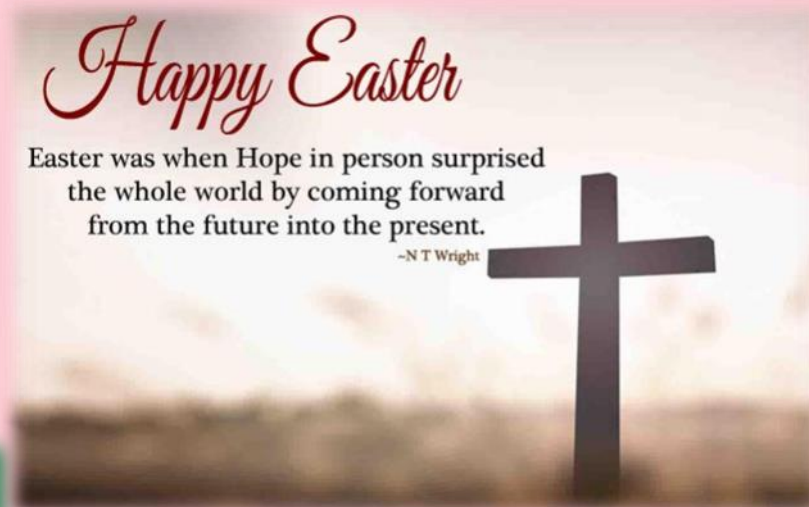


**PARISH MASSES  
LIVE STREAMING**

We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website ([holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org)).



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Women of Faith for planning and providing two fish fries during Lent. This was a great event that brought people from around our community together to have a nice meal. Thank you for all your work.



  
**Devotions on Draft**  
**April 18th**  
**@Missouri River Brewing Co**  
**7p**



Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday was established by St. Pope John Paul II to emphasize the importance of God's mercy in our lives. We often don't realize the incredible amount of mercy that God wants to shower upon us because we are not fully open to that great gift. Karen Simonich is trying to establish a group to focus on realizing that gift of God's mercy in our

lives. She has established a mini library with resources from St. Faustina, found various talks that promote the value of God's mercy, and is looking to establish a group to focus on this topic. More information about these events and opportunities are on the bulletin board.



**2023**  
 **CSSM**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
*Benefitting Catholic Social Services of Montana*

**Catholic Social Services of Montana**  
will host its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual charity golf tournament on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course in Helena. All funds raised benefit CSSM's adoption and family support ministries across Montana. Teams of 4 can register before July 7<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee includes 9 or 18 holes of golf, lunch, player gifts, a small donation to CSSM, and a fun day at the course with opportunities to win great prizes! For more details, including online registration, visit <https://cssm-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.  
**Come have fun playing a round of golf and support a wonderful Catholic charity serving Montana!**