

# Stewardship

5/27-28/2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,895.00
Loose	\$121.25
Stipend	\$20.00
Restricted	\$620.00
Total	\$3,356.25

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-May

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$615.18
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$3,415.06

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

### Cemetery Expenses-May

NorthWestern Energy	\$54.44
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Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

*THANK YOU!*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Every time we come before the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus He touches the heart of all humanity! The Blessed Sacrament is the heartbeat of evangelization."

- Excerpts from "The Sacred Eucharistic Heart of Jesus" audio tape

### 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, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, 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, Scott Scoffield



### Did You Know!

After completing the history of the Catholic Church series, I want to make a point about church history we often don't realize. The 20<sup>th</sup> century was the bloodiest century in church history with over 2/3 of all martyrdoms within the 20<sup>th</sup> century totaling between 20 and 50 million martyrs. These martyrs came from almost all the countries of the world including: Mexico, Peru, Germany, Italy, Vietnam, Lithuania, Poland, Albania, Ukraine under Soviet rule, North Korea, Spain during the Spanish Civil War, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan, Russia, China, East Timor, and even the U.S. We need to realize the incredible amount of persecution against the Church from throughout the world and the many women, men, and children who stood up valiantly against these forces to prove the value of the Christian faith and belief in the power of Christ. I encourage everyone to spend some time researching the persecutions on the church and coming to understand and realize the strength of our brothers and sisters who paved the way for our faith and died for the sake of Christ.

**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

The Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 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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## Gifts of the Spirit:

The Spirit can give a person a manifold number of gifts. Yet tradition has held two different kinds of lists of gifts imparted by the Spirit. The standard list of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord, Counsel, Fortitude, and Understanding. Additionally, another list of ministerial gifts such as teaching, administration, miracles, prophesy, tongues, healing, and discernment of spirits. The final list is called the theological virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love. I will only focus on the first list for the rest of this series.

Before we cover the various possible gifts the Spirit can provide to a person, I want to talk about inspiration and gifts. Often we think of these gifts as a quality intrinsic to the person. John has the gift of wisdom because he says things that are wise. Sally has the gift of piety because I always see her praying in church. The gifts of the Spirit can be given to a person for their entire lives or for a period of time. Remember: the gifts of the Spirit are based on the desire and will of the Spirit not on the person.

We often fall into several pitfalls when talking about the gifts of the Spirit. The first major pitfall is to assume these gifts are meant for the person with the gift. Sometimes this is the case such as in making a decision, working through a spiritual battle, or building a relationship with God. More often these gifts are meant for other people, those who do not have the gifts. For instance the gift of wisdom helps people to know God's will and see the bigger picture of everything. We must always be careful that we don't abuse God's gift by assuming they are for our good only and not for the salvation of the world. The second pitfall is to assume they are lifelong gifts that operate at our command. A person with piety can have moments when they feel distanced from God. A person with counsel can give bad advice. Some people do exhibit these gifts throughout their entire lives as a sign of God's action in their lives. Others will only experience these gifts occasionally for instance for a specific purpose or for a short period of time. This leads to the third pitfall: building an attachment to the gift. If someone has a lifelong gift or even a periodic gift, it is easy for that person to become attached to the gift and enjoy the accolades they receive from the gift. True gifts from God are always for the benefit of God's plan. Lastly, the final pitfall is that we envy those with gifts or lament our lack of gifts. This lament or envy dismisses the gifts we have. Often we don't notice the gifts that God has given us or greatly dismiss that we have any gifts reducing their potential fruitfulness. We must always work to pray and reflect on God's gifts to us that we may use them properly and for his glory and the salvation of the world.

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



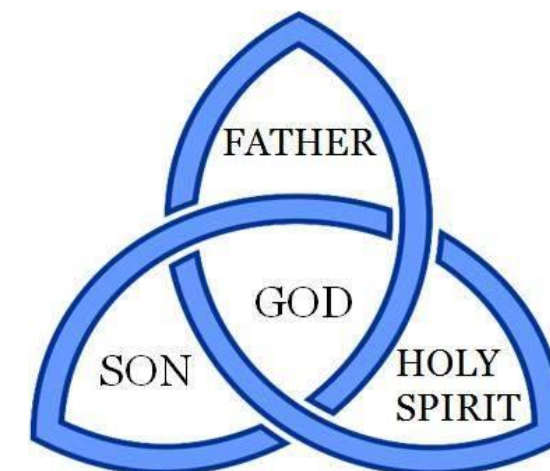
Corpus Christi

6-11-2023

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a  
 Psalm: 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
 Gospel: John 6:51-58



MASS	Schedule
Monday June 5	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Sue Long
Tuesday June 6	Mass 9a John De Young
Wednesday June 7	No Mass
Thursday June 8	No Mass
Friday June 9	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday June 10	No Mass
Sunday June 11	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Confirmation Reception



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

### Ministry Schedule

Saturday June 11, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Tom Aced

Lector:

Julie Lethert

Gifts:

Wickens Family

EM:

Missy Cox and Monte Montonario

Money Counters:

Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes





## 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)).

We could use someone to help with the livestream. If you are interested please contact Fr. Cody



## FOOD PANTRY

Holy Cross is responsible for staffing the Food Bank in June. Doris Mingay, who lead our efforts to find people to help serve, has stepped down as our coordinator. We thank her for her work in helping the Food Bank and coordinating with our parish. We are still looking for someone who would like to be our liaison with the Food Bank and help to coordinate our efforts to support those in need. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cody.

A reception for those who received Confirmation will be on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after Mass



Confirmation

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## Divine Mercy Group

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

@ 7PM

Where: Classroom downstairs

### Topic: Dangers of the Tongue

Read selected entries from the Diary of St. Faustina that are discussed with this particular issue.  
Reflection & Meditation

Book review: *Secrets from Heaven* by Fr. Sebastian Walsh

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Dcn. Kyle Tannehill will be ordained a priest on June 23rd at 3p at the cathedral in Helena. Everyone is encouraged to go and support him especially if you've never been to a priestly ordination



## 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 already raised \$18,750 of it through donations that came after the grant was submitted. We received a generous donation of \$30,000 before the grant was submitted. 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. If each household donates \$500 by Dec. 31 to the pews, then the project is set to be completed next summer. Know that I am pledging my \$500 to this project. Thank you for your generosity.



## APPETIZERS FOR

# DADS!

SUNDAY

JUNE 18, 2023

AFTER MASS DOWNSTAIRS

Hosting by

Woman of Faith

Appetizer includes:

Meatballs, Deviled Eggs, Veggie Platter, Crackers & Cheese

Drinks:

Iced Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee



Please pray for those who will be confirmed on June 6<sup>th</sup>:

Ryan Racht

Jesus Garcia

Riley Richtmyer



BEYOND 227  
PRESENTS

Beyond 227, an organization dedicated to continuing Fr. Stuart Long's mission, is pleased to offer you this opportunity

# MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE

A Murder Mystery Dinner

"Focus on the mission."  
-Father Stu

SUPPORT THE MISSION

Helena Civic Center  
06.9.2023  
5:30 pm - 10:00pm

REGISTER NOW





We got a new on-demand hot water heater last week. This new hot water heater is more efficient than the last two, produces twice as much hot water, and should solve the issue with the water for the sanitizer not getting hot enough to sanitize the dishes.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### HOLY CROSS PARISH

Ages Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade welcome

**June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 4:00pm (lunch provided)** Doors open at 9:00am for registration and check-in.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm – 5:30pm** Dinner provided for all participants and families following the conclusion of VBS. Come explore all the Stellar activities!

Cost: \$20 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family

To register visit <https://vbspro.events/p/a655fe>, scan the QR code or contact Shawna Wickens at the parish office via email at [re@holycrossmt.org](mailto:re@holycrossmt.org) or phone at 406-266-4811.



HOLY CROSS PARISH

## MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for films that are focused on fatherhood and masculinity.

JUNE 3, 10, 24, & JULY 1  
5 PM TO 9 PM  
APPETIZERS PROVIDED

June 3: October Sky  
June 10: Becket  
June 24: On the Waterfront  
July 1: Cinderella Man

