

Stewardship

5/13-14/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$3,050.00
Loose	\$89.00
Holy Day	\$25.00
Reimbursement	\$547.36
Other	\$66.00
Total	\$3,777.36

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-April

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$1,012.99
Geisser Services	\$720.00
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,179.15
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,470.50
Diocese of Helena	\$1,159.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	\$100.00

Cemetery Expenses-April

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 never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

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, 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 20th century was the bloodiest century in church history with over 2/3 of all martyrdoms within the 20th 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 Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

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

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New Schedule starting June 3rd, 2023

Masses

Sundays

Confessions at 3:30 pm

Mass at 4:30 pm

Weekdays

Monday: Mass at 9 am

Tuesday: Mass at 9 am and Adoration at 9:30 am



Morality

Conclusion

Over the past 78 sessions, I have uncovered the basics of moral reasoning and applied them to many different situations. As this series comes to a conclusion, I want to end with a few thoughts. Many people today dismiss the value of moral reasoning. Instead we default to the morality of our upbringing or to a self-centered attitude toward the world. Although the vast majority of our parents tried to raise us to be moral and upright people, their morality was shaped by the world they lived in. Their sense of morality worked for their time and many moral principles and actions remain true throughout the generations. Yet, each generation must ponder anew the questions on what is right and wrong. If we ignore the questions of morality or refuse to change a moral stance, then we degrade who we are. We are humans endowed with the ability to reason. We need to use these skills for our own good and the good of society. When we choose against using these rational faculties to seek the good, we are promoting evil. The same applies to the opposite stance. If we choose to act out of our own self-interests, then entire society delves into moral relativism and decays. Therefore, nothing is moral and all things are permissible. No, morality is a law that governs the universe like the Law of Gravity or the Conservation of Energy. Learning and applying these principles will show the existence of a moral law and the joy of acting rightly.

We as Christians must take a difference stance than the rest of the world. Where the world says that all people can choose for themselves, we state that we must choose the good for ourselves and everyone. Where the world dismisses truth, justice, and goodness, we must stand for these goods. Where the world tells us that God has no place in society and our world, we must show them that God's laws bring us a greater joy than anything else. Seeking the truth and living the truth is the cause of a Christian's joy. I encourage everyone to continue to reflect on the moral principles and moral teachings of the Church as a way to encourage a freedom and joy that only come through following God's laws.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Pentecost Sunday

5-28-2023

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11
 Psalm: 104:1ab & 24ac, 29bc-30, 31 & 34
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Gospel: John 20:19-23



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 May 22	NO MASS
Tuesday May 23	NO MASS
Wednesday May 24	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Neil Obrigewitch
Thursday May 25	Mass 9a Homebound
Friday May 26	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday May 27	Confession 4-4:45p Rosary 4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday May 28	Confession 7:30-7:45a Rosary 7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family Coffee Hour after mass

Ministry Schedule

Saturday May 27, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Harold and Laura Gibbs
 Lector: Karen Simonich
 Gifts: Tom Aced and Cathy Armstrong
 EM: Monte Montonario and Marilyn Vandersloot

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 28, 2023

8:00am

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

W E L C O M E


We will be hosting two seminarians for the summer: Dillon Armstrong and Anthony Olmes. They will be with us from June 3rd to July 2nd. Please welcome them to our parish.

The Month of Mary

In celebration of the month of Mary we will be praying the rosary every week-end during May starting 15 minutes prior to mass.

Saturdays starting at 4:45p

Sundays starting at 7:45a



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.

Have A Seat!



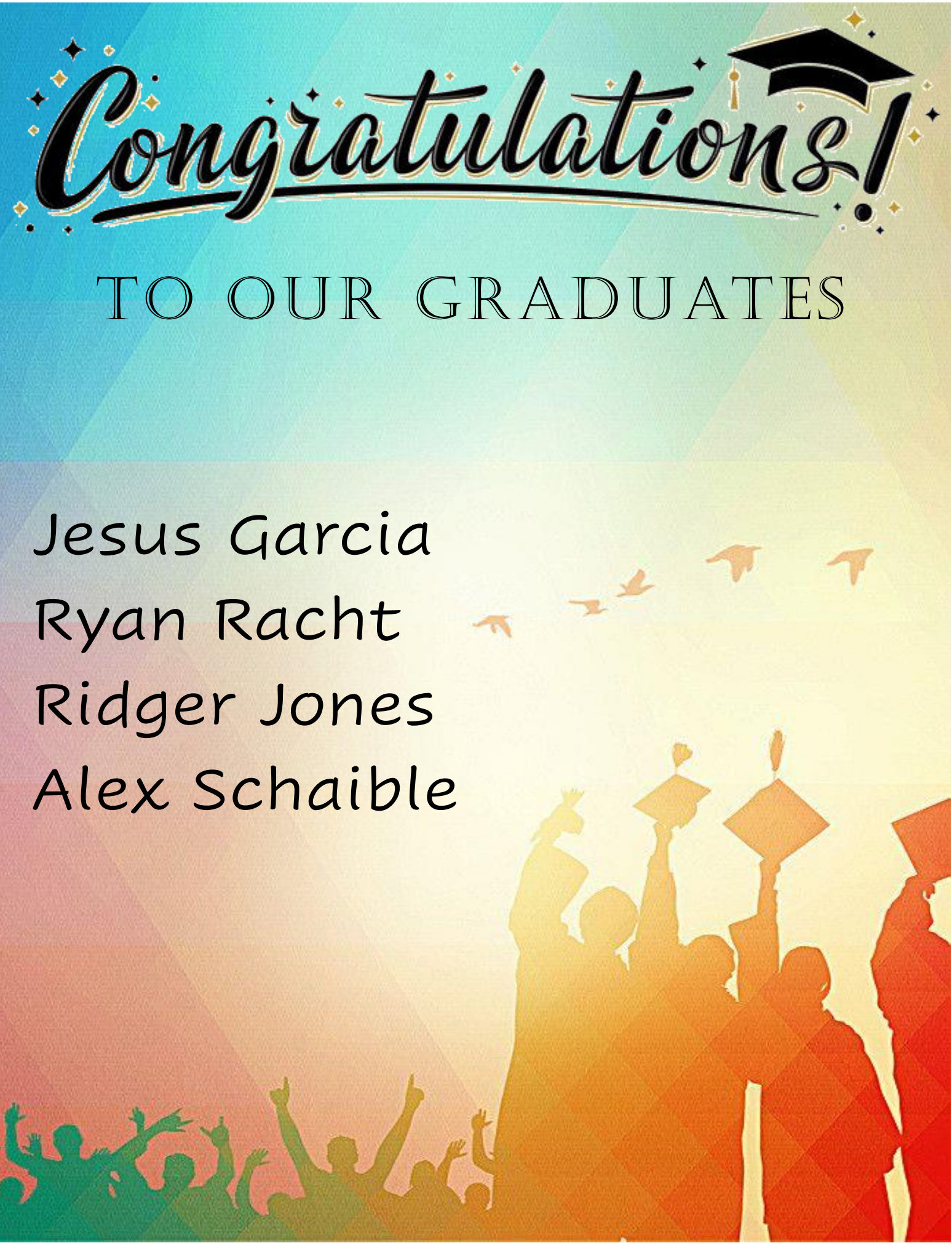
Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have already raised \$15,000 of it through donations 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.

Congratulations!

TO OUR GRADUATES

Jesus Garcia
Ryan Racht
Ridger Jones
Alex Schaible



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



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).



Catholic Social Services of Montana

will host its 24th Annual charity golf tournament on July 14th, 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 7th. 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!

Dcn. Kyle Tannehill will be ordained a priest on June 23rd at 5p at the cathedral in Helena. Everyone is encouraged to go and support him especially if you've never been to a priestly ordination



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HOLY CROSS PARISH

Ages Preschool - 5th grade welcome

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

June 14th 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 or phone at 406-266-4811.

