

Stewardship

8-20-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,825.00
Loose	\$55.80
Reimbursement	\$921.12
Pews	\$181.00
Holy Day	\$482.00
Magnificats	\$39.00
Total	\$4,503.92

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-July

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$339.15
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$275.23

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-July

NorthWestern Energy	\$30.28
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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

"This Sacrament really contains You, O my God, You whom the Angels adore, in whose presence the Spirits and mighty Powers tremble. Oh! if we could only see You clearly as they do, with what reverence would we approach this Sacrament, with what humility would we receive You."

- St. Angela of Foligno

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, 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, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns

Did You Know!

Since the 12th century the Church has used the image of the pelican to depict Jesus. For centuries people noticed that when a parent pelican is starving and need to feed their young, the parents feed them with a red substance that looks like blood. They thought that the pelican pecked its breast until it bled and then fed their young with their blood. Turns out that when the chicks are hungry, they peck at their mother's chest to get to the fish. The imagery is still beautiful even if inaccurate: the mother feeding her chicks with her own blood is like Christ feeding us with his own blood.

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 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 5

Proof for the existence of God

Beauty

One of the most compelling, yet complicated, arguments for the existence of God is beauty. Since the world is beautiful, or a wonder to behold, and so is the vast majority of the universe, something or someone had to make it beautiful. The beauty of the world is based on its symmetry, its varied colors, the elegance of the universe, and the sights, sounds, and feelings that bring us awe. The universe is not simply a collection parts that fit together like Legos but a combination of rhythm and form that supersedes a mere mechanical model of the universe. The great challenge with an argument like beauty is that we cannot clearly define beauty in such a way that all people agree on something as beautiful. Similarly, is the universe beautiful because we defined it as beautiful or is it beautiful in-and-of-itself? Although we may want to denounce a universal understanding of beauty in our modern world, the vast majority of people would agree that certain types of art, the wonder of nature, or the smile of a person is considered beautiful. Beauty is something transcendent, something beyond us, something we didn't choose but experience. Therefore, even if we cannot define it, we can still argue that beauty is greater than ourselves and one of the most prominent ways through which we experience God.

Goodness

Oddly, this argument is usually used in the reverse to prove that God doesn't exist: if there is an all-good God, then why is there evil in world? The answer is the proof for God's existence not the opposite. If there is evil in the world, then there must be good. If there is good in the world, then there must be a God who is good and created goodness. Although we like to focus on evil and the horrors in our world, the focus on evil usually distracts us from the world, as the Devil wants, and we ignore the goodness in the world. The real proof for God's existence is the prevalence of good amidst the overwhelming sense of evil in the world. The question we ought to ponder is that why doesn't evil conquer the good and leave the world in ruins? How do we continue to survive amidst the evils of the world? The answer is simple: since God is good and goodness exists whereas evil cannot, good must always triumph because without goodness, evil cannot be. God's goodness and the prevalence of goodness in the world is the strongest argument of God's existence.

Fr. Cody

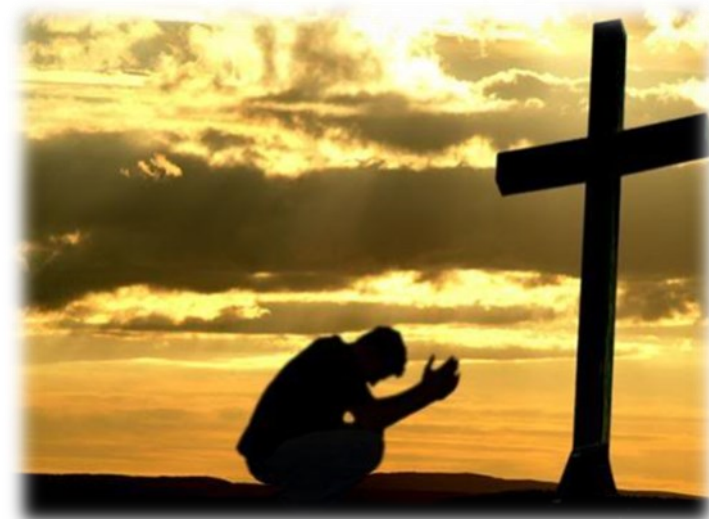
Scripture Readings



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9-3-2023

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm: 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9
Reading 2: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

MASS	Schedule
Monday August 28	Mass 9a First Responders Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday August 29	Mass 9a Youth
Wednesday August 30	No Mass
Thursday August 31	No Mass
Friday September 1	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday September 2	No Mass
Sunday September 3	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



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

Sunday September 3, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Fisette Family

Lector:

Mary Ellen Schnur

Gifts:

Bleile Family

EM:

Martin and Doris Mingay

Money Counters:

Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes



It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. If you would like to renew your subscription or sign up for a new one please contact the parish office. The price for a one year subscription is \$39.00 for regular print and \$59 for large print. Please pay when you sign up. Subscriptions are due at the end of September

Relevant Radio out of Helena has extended an offer to us here in Townsend to help us put in our own radio transmitter to broadcast their station in Townsend. In order for this to proceed, I need to know who is interested in extending their FM station to Townsend and who would be willing to be part of a board of trustees to oversee this project. 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 raised a total of \$52,492. We have raised \$23,437 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$36,563. 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.

In the parish dining area are a series of posters that explain various Eucharistic Miracles. They are on loan to us for the next month. I encourage everyone to go downstairs and explore these posters about Eucharistic Miracles.



Let's pray the Rosary

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



Sundays
4:10pm

Aug. 6 - Joyful Mysteries

Aug. 13 - Luminous Mysteries

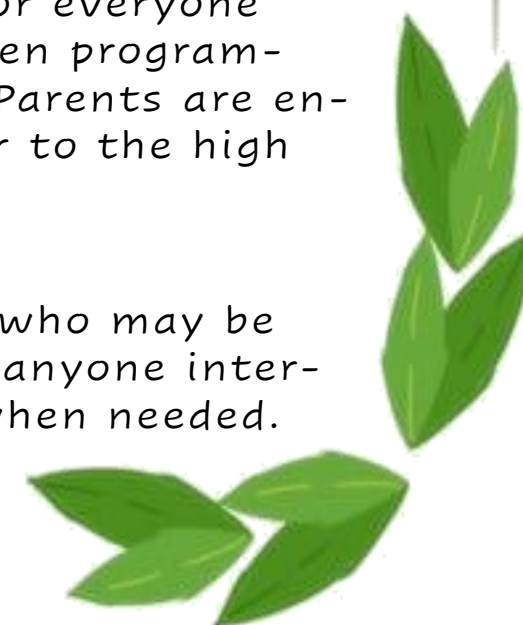
Aug. 20 - Sorrowful Mysteries

Aug. 27 - Glorious Mysteries



The new RE year will formally begin on Sunday, September 10th with all ages meeting after Mass on Sunday. Dinner for everyone from 5:30-6p and then programming from 6-7:15p. Parents are encouraged to stay for a program similar to the high school program.

We are looking for a few more people who may be interested in helping teach as well as anyone interested in filling in from time to time when needed.



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!

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FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program

CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System: An Authentic Language of a Woman's Health & Fertility

HELENA, MONTANA

Education Phase I:
October 21-28, 2023
Education Phase II:
May 17-22, 2024

For information & an application:
Contact: Margaret Howard, MAM, CFCE
Program Director
mphoward.cfce@gmail.com or 402.320.9268

Accredited through American Academy of Fertility Care Practitioners (AAFPCP)

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Application deadline **September 25, 2023**

Hosted by: Helena FertilityCare
Location: Options Clinic
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-Work to create a Culture of Life, according to the teachings of St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

-Assist couples to manage all of their family planning, & gynecologic health with a highly effective system, completely consistent with Catholic teaching.

-Help couples with fertility issues to achieve pregnancy through the FertilityCare™ System in cooperation with Medical Consultants practicing the reproductive science of NaProTECHNOLOGY, a natural, restorative, cooperative approach.

Scholarships available from the Diocese of Helena, contact the Family Life Office @ akautzky@diocesehelena.org for an application.

The Bazaar needs some help. Each year our greatest challenge in successfully hosting the Bazaar is leadership. If you are interested and have some passion for the Bazaar and would be willing to organize the Bazaar for this year, please contact Fr. Cody. If no one is interested in organizing the Bazaar, it might go on a year break.

Volunteers NEEDED



*Not to us, Lord, not to us
but to your name give glory
because of your
mercy and faithfulness*

Psalm 115:1



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for the Diocese of Helena

has awarded

\$103,379

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within our Diocese
through our

2024 **Faith in Action**
Grants Program