



Holy Cross Parish

The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

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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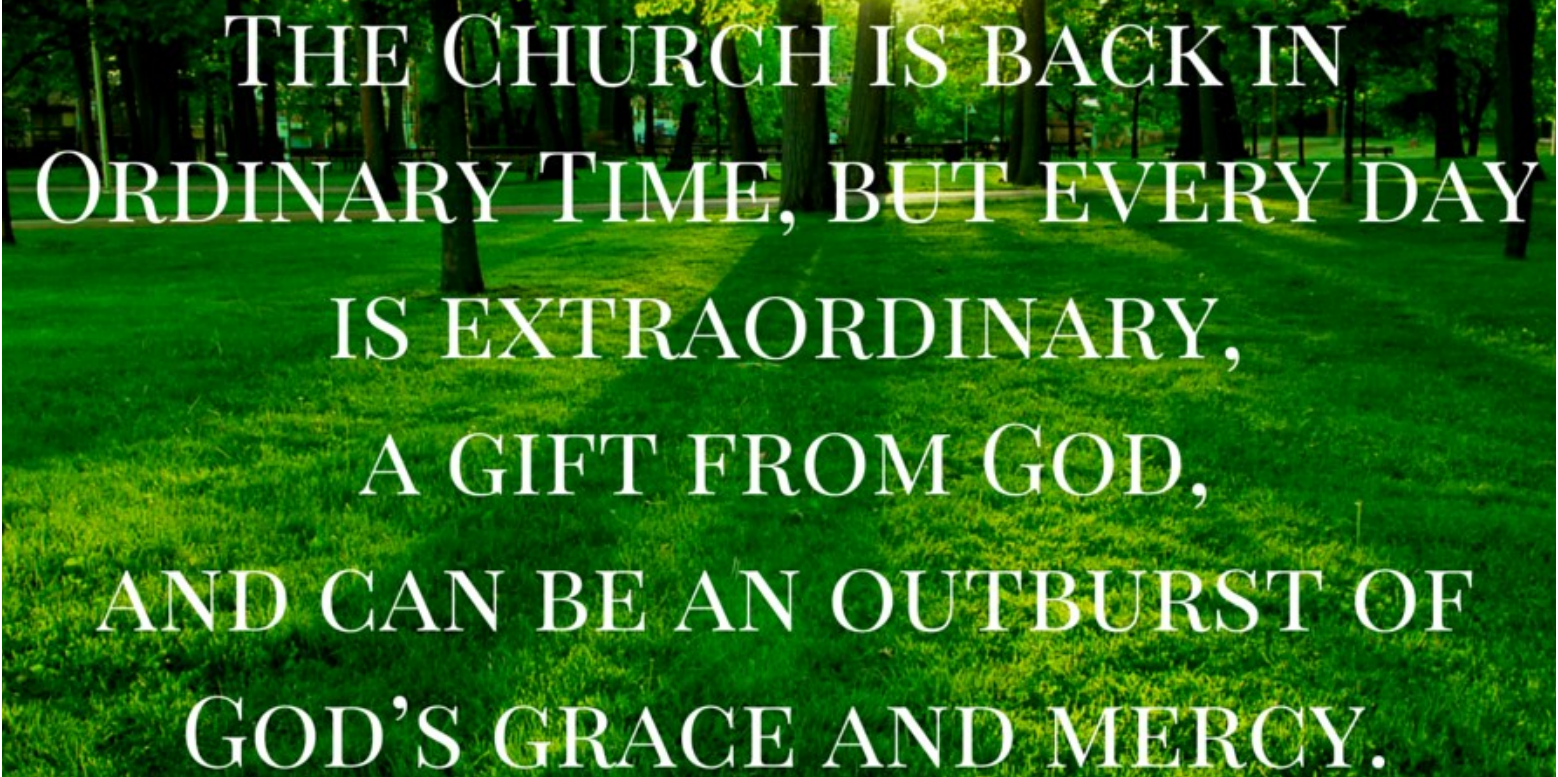
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THE CHURCH IS BACK IN
ORDINARY TIME, BUT EVERY DAY
IS EXTRAORDINARY,
A GIFT FROM GOD,
AND CAN BE AN OUTBURST OF
GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

How do we get a bishop?

What is the difference between ordination and installation of a bishop? If a bishop transfers from one diocese to another, he is not ordained but installed. The installation of a bishop is the process through which we ceremoniously give the bishop his rights and responsibilities for his new diocese. This rite for installing a bishop in a diocese is unique. It begins with the bishop knocking on the Cathedral door to request entrance into the diocese. Although this might seem strange, let's take a moment and ponder this moment. When a new boss takes over at a company, he or she merely starts. They might give him a party or allow her to give a speech before the employees. Do the employees have a say in this? Most likely, no. When a bishop enters a new diocese, although it may look like the people have no say, the act of knocking on the cathedral doors is his request to come and be the bishop for the people. We hope for a mutuality between Rome calling the man to be their bishop and the people responding in affirmation. Stories from the early church paint a picture in which the bishop was not accepted by the people and they barred the doors of the cathedral so that he could not enter. The polite act of knocking is a sign for the hope of a relationship formed between the people and the bishop. The second action of the rite is for the bishop to be announced by the Papal Nuncio, the delegate of Rome who handles the communications between Rome and the local conference of bishops. Once he is announced and confirmed by the Papal Nuncio, the bishop is then required to say the Nicene Creed to affirm his belief and make his promises as a bishop before the people. Finally, he sits in the cathedra, or the bishop's seat, in the cathedral as a sign of his authority in the diocese.

The installation of a bishop is the same rite for a bishop entering a new diocese as well as a bishop becoming an archbishop or cardinal. Once a bishop, always a bishop. The difference between a bishop and an archbishop is the type of diocese that he heads. A bishop is head of a diocese whereas an archbishop is head of an archdiocese. Archdioceses usually have a higher population, greater historical importance, or greater weight in the church. The Pope chooses which dioceses become archdioceses. Cardinals are advisors to the Pope. They are given their authority and title by a special rite celebrated only in the Vatican.

Even though the pope is the head of the church, he would still go through all these rites. The Lateran Basilica, which we will celebrate the dedication of this building on Sunday, November 9th, is considered the Pope's cathedral, not St. Peter's Basilica. When a new pope is elected, since he is already a bishop and doesn't need to be ordained, he also celebrates the rite of installing a bishop in a new diocese. He would knock on the doors of the Lateran Basilica asking for entrance to lead the entire church. Remember: he also has the title of Bishop of Rome and therefore is the bishop of Rome. Then they would give him his authority as supreme pontiff, bishop of Rome, and the leader of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Cody

Journey Gathering

October 21, 2025

7 PM St. Mary's Social Center

Schedule change!!!!

Presentation by David Casey, Youth minister, Musician, and Deaconate Candidate

David will be speaking about how he is reaching the youth in our parishes through CYC, bible studies, and noon day chats at Capital High School.

David is a faith filled man who is lighting spiritual fires in our young people. Come see what he does and how we can help get our young people involved!!

Please Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7 PM, St. Mary's Social Center

All are welcome, bring your friends!!

*****We will also be collecting candy for **TRUNK OR TREAT** to be held Oct.31, in the Cathedral parking lot, 4-6 PM.

Please bring a bag of treats for us to hand out on Halloween!*****



Helena Catholic
Women's Conference

Save the date for the next Helena Catholic
Women's Conference

April 10-11, 2026

Helena Civic Center

Theme: "There Is No Place Like Home"

Visit helenacwc.org for more information



A **Legendary Ride**
for **LEGENDARY LODGE**

This **LEGENDARY** ride could be yours! A generous donor gifted this truck to the Diocese of Helena for the benefit Legendary Lodge. It's been fully restored and is a classic vehicle to make your own!

All proceeds will benefit
Legendary Lodge.

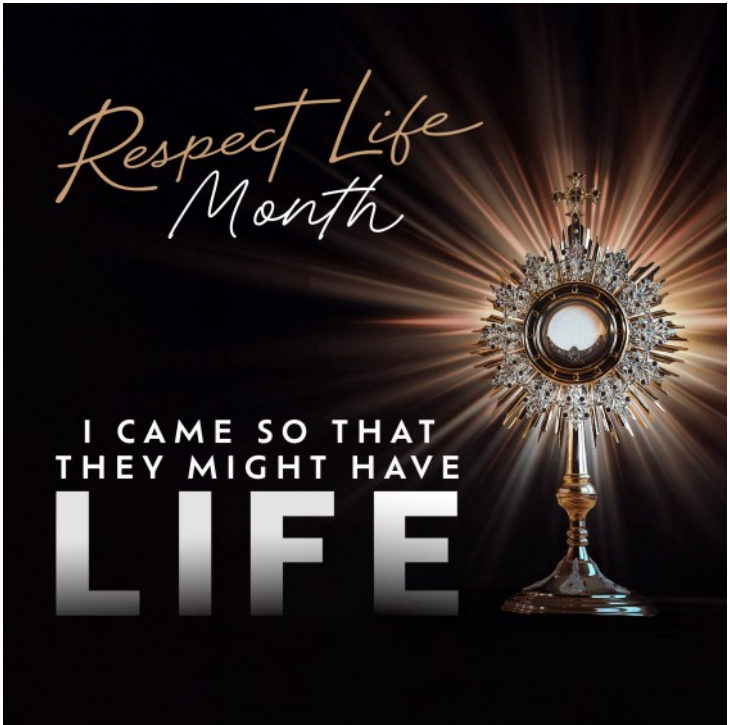
Scan this QR code or
call/text 406-449-6658
for more information and a closer look.



Parish potlucks

Every 4th Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They're responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

- October 26: Peace
- November 23: Hope
- December 28: Love



Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered at the Broadwater Food Pantry in September. Your kindness to our community is such a blessing!

Town Pump is matching monetary donations given to the food pantry from September thru November.

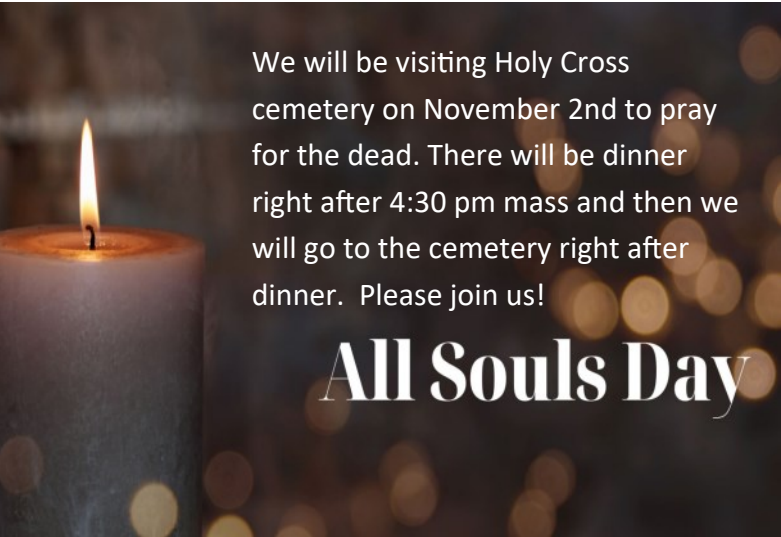
Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

Broadwater Food Pantry
PO Box 1164
Townsend, MT 59644



Magnificats

It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. They offer regular print and large print. Regular print is \$39 each and large print is \$69 each. Please order and pay at the parish office. Orders are due by October 31st.



We will be visiting Holy Cross cemetery on November 2nd to pray for the dead. There will be dinner right after 4:30 pm mass and then we will go to the cemetery right after dinner. Please join us!



Divine Mercy Academy is excited announce that we are hosting our very first Ignatius Book Fair! The Book Fair will offer a thoughtful selection of Catholic and curated secular works and we would like to invite the public to come! Tuesday, October 21st, from 6 to 8 PM, will be a Parents Only shopping night with wine, cheese, and other goodies. We would also like to welcome you from 4-6 PM on October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Please contact Carolyn Nealen (carolyn.nealen@dmamt.org) with any questions and/or with your RSVP for the Parents Only night.

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted by email to

bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Monday at 10a

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending October 12th	
Envelopes	\$1172.00
Loose	\$68.00
Online	\$383.38
Total Weekly Contribution	\$1623.38
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$1927.22
Week 2	\$1623.38
Week 3	
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$3550.60
Total Year to Date	\$52897.71
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Scripture Readings



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10-26-2025

Reading 1:	Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18
Psalm:	34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
Reading 2:	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel:	Luke 18:9-14



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. He has been tutoring me from my most tender years."

- from St. Faustina Kowlaska of the Blessed Sacrament's Diary *Divine Mercy in My Soul*

Mass	Schedule
Monday October 20	Mass 9:00a Irene rb Micese Gagen Adoration 9:30a *Ask a Priest* 6:00-7:30p
Tuesday October 21	Mass 9:00a Homebound
Wednesday October 22	
Thursday	
Friday October 24	
Saturday October 25	
Sunday October 26	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30p – 7:30p Parish Potluck (hosted by Circle of Peace)

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.

Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Prayer Chain

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

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Kammy Law, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Slifka, Mike McGonigal, Bob Moodry

Ministry Schedule

Sunday October 26, 2025 4:30pm

Greet:	Fisette Family
Lector:	Megan Bleile
Gifts:	Tom and Julie Lethert
EM:	Shawna Wickens and Niki Weiss
Money Counters:	Tom and Julie Lethert

Ask A Priest



Monday, October 20th—dinner at 6 pm and presentation at 6:30

101 S. Walnut St. Townsend

Everyone welcome with science Experiments for the kids

Got Questions? This is the night for you.

"The Rosary is a weapon for these times."

- Saint Padre Pio



**LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS @ 4:00**

OCT. 5 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

OCT. 12 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

OCT. 19 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

OCT. 26 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

A Year with the Church Fathers

Mondays from 6:30-8 pm

Starting Monday, Oct. 27th

Explore the lives of the fathers.

Read their theology and writing.

Come to understand their value in the Church.

See flyer for more information.



Bishop Austin Vetter
will be joining us for
mass at Holy Cross
Parish!



Sunday,
October 26th
4:30 pm

Faith Formation

Youth Schedule

10/19/25: RE Class (Holy Orders)

**10/26/2025: RE Class (Feasts/Season Liturgical Year) -
Bishop Austin Vetter here for Mass**

**10/29/2025: Possible Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat
Night (Middle school and High school youth only)**

**11/2/25: RE Class (Rite of visiting a cemetery on All
Souls day)**

11/9/25: RE Class (Praying with the Liturgy)

Attention Adults

Join us for an adult group that will meet after mass on
Sundays during RE class times. The adult group will
discuss and explore the same topics as the youth. This
year's focus is on Sacraments, the Mass, and prayer.
Parents that join can continue the discussion and
learning at home with their children.

JUNIOR HIGH RALLY

"EXALTED IN HUMILITY"

October 25



A day of faith and fun for young people in
grades 6-8. The day will move between
prayer, talks, music, games, liturgy, and more.

Grades 6-8 | 10am-9pm
at Butte Central High School

COST:
\$55
(FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE)

Information and Registration at:
diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally



If your 6th, 7th or 8th grade youth would like to attend the
Junior High youth Rally, please contact Shawna Wickens for
more information and registration!

We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner after mass on some Sundays prior to RE.
If you are interested in helping please contact Shawna Wickens or scan the sign up
genius QR code. Thank you for supporting our parish youth!



Catholic Mental Health Counseling

CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20
communities in Montana and is ready to serve you!

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone.
- We specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and perinatal concerns.
- You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in-person with a counselor.
- We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available.

**To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2'
or send us a message at www.cssmt.org.**



Fun Fact: Religious orders wear long
rosaries hanging down their side from
their belts. Why? Because it is a
weapon! This is the way that knights
once carried their swords. And it is so
much more powerful than a sword.