

HOLY CROSS PARISH BOOK STUDY
IMITATION OF CHRIST
 by Thomas a Kempis
WE'LL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS AT 9AM - 11AM

March 5	April 23
March 19	May 7
April 9	May 21

Open to men and women
Drop-ins are welcome
Meet downstairs in the quilting room..
For more info: Please contact Marge Kroeger 406-293-0514

Sweet as can Bee **Mother's Day Tea**
Saturday, May 9th
 3:30 pm @ Big Sky Fellowship
 7610 Roughsawn Dr. Helena 59602

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY to CELEBRATE MOM!

Get your tickets at prolifemontana.com
\$15/Person OR **\$75**/Table for 6

Photo Booth • Tea Games • Tea & Honey Samples • Pollinator Information
 Sweet and Savory Edibles served with unique blends of tea and honey
 Proceeds Benefit Prolife Montana 



Holy Cross Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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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Billings Catholic Radio
 Presents
FULTON SHEEN
Declaration of Dependence

June 26-27, 2026
 Register by May 15 and save! 

In honor of America's 250th year, Billings Catholic Radio and the Fulton Sheen Institute invite you to a dynamic live event on the life and message of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Through engaging storytelling and rich insight, Dr. Peter Howard—one of the world's leading Sheen scholars—will show how Sheen's timeless witness can help us renew our "declaration of dependence" on Christ.

Parish potlucks

May 24: **No Potluck** (Memorial Day Weekend)
 June 28: Hope (10th anniversary of Ordination celebration and going away party for Father Cody)

Women's Tea Party




A brunch will be offered, which would include tea-delicious delicacies. And tea, of course!
 We strongly encourage you to invite your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and friends.

May Holy Cross Parish
 Friday 15th 101 S Walnut St,
 9:00-11:00 Townsend, MT 59644
 RSVP by May 10th
 Marge (406) 293-0514

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?


We will start an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series soon. This process is for anyone who is not baptized but can also include those who are baptized and need the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are interested in joining the church but would like more information are welcome to attend. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, contact Fr. Cody.



Please pick up a new parish directory from the Narthex for your household!

HABEMUS PAPAM *Upon the Rock*



Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:
\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 50% of our parish goal, with \$10,925 to go!

All bulletin information and mass announcements requests need to be submitted by email to bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10a



Basics of Catholicism part 133

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the most misunderstood Sacraments in the Church. I want to spend the next two parts of the series making some clarifications before we move into the theology and practice of this Sacrament.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is deeply rooted in Jesus' ministry. Too often today people fall into two camps that make them dismiss this Sacrament. On one side they dismiss the healings which encompassed a great deal of Jesus' ministry. They claim that we as Christians have the power to heal rooted in our baptism. This critique has some truth. As followers of Christ who believe in his power to heal, we can pray for a person and ask God to bring them healing. Yes, anyone can do this. Yet, Jesus' ministry was something quite different from simply healing a person's body. Jesus brought healing to mind, body, and soul. His healings affected the entire human person. More importantly, his healings were proclamations of the coming of the Kingdom of God. When he healed a person, he helped everyone to realize that he is the Messiah and that the coming of God's Kingdom is now. Jesus healing people carried a much stronger weight than simply bringing health to the person. Those who make the claim that Jesus healing people is given to all people claim that we don't need a Sacrament for something that everyone can do.

On the other side, those who dismiss the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick claim that only God heals and we do not need intermediaries for healing. They claim that if God wants to heal a person, then he will. We do not need priests or even people to act as intermediaries. Clearly we can all see the errors in this logic. Jesus came to bring healing through his ministry and he healed many hundreds of people. His first followers, the disciples, were given power to heal even before Jesus rose from the dead. Therefore we can be certain that part of the Christian life should both recognize the effects and importance of sicknesses as well as God's desire to bring healing.

We all know enough about the life and ministry of Jesus to understand the importance of healing in his ministry. Almost every other passage of the Gospels is another healing event either from a physical ailment or a demon. Jesus was constantly healing people. Why? Because healing people both showed that he is the Messiah and the fulfillment of the prophecies and also that through the healings they would come to know the Kingdom of God. The same elements apply to the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Although we usually hope that by giving someone the Anointing of the Sick that the person will recover, we also realize that this Sacrament does far more. It helps open the person to the mysteries of God so, that by the healing of their soul, they may more accept God. It makes present the reality of God's love for the sick. Finally, it prepares people for the next life by giving their souls healing and the assurance that we all seek. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is far greater than simply bodily healing.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Sixth Sunday of Easter
05-10-2025

Reading 1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm: 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16, 20
Reading 2: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending April 26th

Envelopes	\$1191.00
Loose	\$257.00
Online	\$662.44
Total Weekly Contribution	\$2110.44
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$4,284.64
Week 2	\$2631.09
Week 3	\$3,006.55
Week 4	\$211
Total Monthly Contribution	\$12,032.72
Total Year to Date	\$144,677.80
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday May 4	Mass 9:00a seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday May 5	Mass 9:00a Vera McElrath rb Gibbs Family
Wednesday May 6	
Thursday May 7	Imitation of Christ book study 9:00a
Friday May 8	
Saturday May 9	
Sunday May 10	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS @ 4PM

MAY 3 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
MAY 10 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
MAY 17 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
MAY 24 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
MAY 31 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES



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, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Slifka, Repose of the soul of Mary Garman, Stover family, Daylene Hanson, Arnold Woodring, Dennis

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"I no longer take pleasure in perishable food or in the delights of this world. I want only God's bread, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ, formed of the seed of David, and for drink I crave His Blood which is love that cannot perish."

- St. Ignatius of Antioch

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 10, 2026 4:30pm

Greet: Tom and Julie Lethert
Altar Servers: Lucas Bleile, Malikai Fisetbe, and Mathyas Fisetbe
Lector: Alex Estrada
Gifts: John and Missy Rauser
EM: Tom and Julie Lethert
Money Counters: Marge Kroeger and Joy Haggard