

Save the Date

Bishop Vetter will be here to celebrate Mass on Sunday, September 20th at 9:00 am for the formal installation of Father Joe Paddock as the pastor for Holy Cross Parish, St. Bartholomew Parish in White Sulphur Springs, and St. Joseph Parish in Harlowton.

Reception downstairs hosted by the Knights to follow.

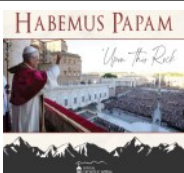
Looking for a volunteer to decorate the dining room for the reception. Please contact parish office if interested.

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We have started an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series. 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 the church office.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:

\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 55% of our parish goal, with \$9,925 to go! Only two months left to reach goal!



Go on Pilgrimage with the Montana Catholic Pilgrims!

World Youth Day

July 25 - August 10, 2027

Price includes airfare, hotels, transportation in Seoul and all meals during the week of World Youth Day!

<https://versoministries.com/departures/wyd-seoul-2027-montana-catholic-pilgrims/>

Sign up by September 30 before prices increase!

Some financial assistance will be available thanks to the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena + Fundraising help is available!

Seoul, South Korea

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BISHOP'S GALA

2026

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LEGENDARY NEEDS LOGIC

WITH TOWNSEND COWBOY CLASSIC

Holy Cross is sponsoring a basket for the Gala's silent auction.

Basket theme: Local Townsend

The basket will feature local Townsend products, such as Hamilton Honey, Goose bay glass and gift certificates or products from local Townsend stores and businesses.

Please help fill our basket and bring items you would like to contribute to the church office by Sept. 17th.

Parish potlucks

With the change of mass times to Sunday mornings we would still like to continue our parish potlucks every 4th Sunday of the month. Now it will be a breakfast potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. We will continue to have each circle rotate and be responsible for facilitating the potluck including set-up and clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food.

September 27: Hope

October 25: Love

November 22: Peace



The Holy Cross music ministry team is in need of more members, especially those who can play the piano and provide accompaniment. All individuals with any musical talent to share are welcome. Training is available. Please contact Father Joe or the church office if you are interested.



Holy Cross Parish

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 12:00p

Adoration & Confession: Wednesday 12:45p-1:45p

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Sunday 8:00-8:45a or by appointment

Mass: Sunday Mass 9:00a

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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Matthew 18:21-35

Faith Formation

Religious Education classes for all age groups Preschool through high school will be held on the 1st (first) and 3rd (third) Sundays of the month immediately following 9:00am mass beginning Oct. 4th PreK-6th grade will meet until 11:30am and 7th grade-high school will meet until 12:00pm. A light breakfast will be served prior to starting RE class. We strongly encourage youth and families to participate in our monthly potluck on the 4th (fourth) Sundays after mass as well for community and fellowship time. There will be small activities related to the liturgical season that all parishioners can partake in on these days. Cost is \$50/child with a family max of \$150. Scholarships available if unable to pay the registration fee, contact Shawna Wickens with questions. Scan the QR codes below to register your child/children. In order to register online you will be prompted to create a Camino Life account , which connects you to the Holy Cross parish Software database.

To Register:



To pay Registration fee:



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS 8:30AM
SEPT 6 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
SEPT 13 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
SEPT 20 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
SEPT 27 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



HELP US KEEP A SACRED TRADITION ALIVE:
ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED!

Do you have a devotion to the Blessed Mother? Our parish is in urgent need of volunteers to lead the 8:30 AM Rosary before the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. Due to recent member departures, we currently only have one leader remaining.

Whether you can commit to one Sunday a month or serve as a backup, your help is greatly needed to keep this beautiful devotion going. If you feel called to help, please contact our Rosary Coordinator, Karen Simonich, by text message at (406) 410-7347 (Text only)



Broadwater Food Pantry is located at
315 Broadway, Townsend, MT.

Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable)
September 5 & 19, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Donations of food items are accepted Fridays
September 4 and 18, from 9:00 to 11:00am
This month donation suggestions: Coffee, tea, Ramen noodles, crackers, cereal, canned or fresh fruit and vegetables.

Monetary donation can be mailed to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644.

Donation boxes are available at Bob's Market at check stands.

Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers from local churches. September is Holy Cross Parish.

For questions, donations appointments and emergency food supplies call (406) 916-0034.

Volunteers needed to help at the food pantry for the month of September. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer.

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending September 6th	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$2,147.97
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,642.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$2,147.97
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$2,147.97
August's Monthly Budget Variance	103.6%
Total Year to Date	\$27,375.97
% Year to Date Goal	102%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday September 14	
Tuesday September 15	
Wednesday September 16	Mass 12:00p Lauren Stone rb Heather Higgs Adoration and Confession 12:45p Marian Consecration Group 6:00p
Thursday September 17	Mass 12:00p Janita Bray rb Laura Gibbs
Friday September 18	Moms + Littles group 10:00a (parish center)
saturday September 19	
sunday September 20	Confession 8:00a Mass 9:00a -Bishop Vetter her for installation Parish Family Reception with Bishop Vetter + Fr. Joe 10:00a

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.

Riley Helgoe, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, Peter Fiocchi, Nathan Olmes, and John Cooney

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, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Franklin Silifka, Jim, Kim and Teddy Woodring, Anthony Van Houdt

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09-20-2025

Reading 1:	Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm:	145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Reading 2:	Philippians 1:20-24 27
Gospel:	Matthew 20:1-16



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Lord, I shall see you no more with the eyes of the flesh..."

- St. John of the Cross (to the Host which had been brought to him)

Ministry Schedule

Sunday September 20, 2026 4:30pm

Greet:	Tony and Paula Van Houdt
Altar Servers:	Lucas Bleile, Alex Estrada, and Brendon Estrada
Lector:	Megan Bleile
Gifts:	Mike Gagen
EM:	Alex Estrada and John Bleile
Money Counters:	Fox and Monica Benton