

Stewardship

5/6-7/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,866.00
Loose	\$81.00
Holy Day	\$25.00
Reimbursement	\$823.47
Other	\$1,020.00
Total	\$3,815.47

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

"Mary adored Jesus as the Bridegroom of souls. Union is the final purpose of love. Jesus by the gift of His substance in the Eucharist unites Himself with our souls as with His dear spouses. As a Bridegroom, He gives them all His possessions, His name, His heart, His whole Self, but on the condition that the soul reciprocates. The soul, His spouse, shall live for Him only,"

- 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!

The St. Michael the Archangel prayer was given to Pope Leo XIII in a vision. During this vision he saw the next 100 years as a particular time of trial and dominion by Satan. Pope Leo XIII required this prayer as well as three Hail Marys and one Our Father to be said after each Mass in order to quell the horrors that would befall the 20th century. This prayer is one of the few exorcism prayers that the laity can use to help ward against demons, protect against temptation, and to aid in spiritual trials. The inclusion of these prayers ended with the reforms of the Mass in 1965

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Cross Parish

May 14, 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



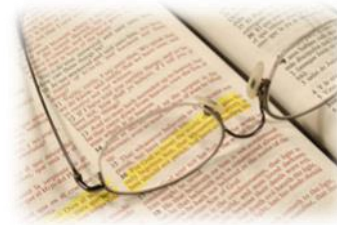
The media presents freedom of speech as one of the most challenged rights of our current era. Any of us can name a series of people who all challenged the nation with the question about our freedom of speech. The Church also holds the value and importance of the freedom of speech. Many argue that the Church prefers to silence and suppress than to give freedoms. This is not true. If you were to research the history of the Church and the many times that controversies arose, a pattern would emerge. The first part of the pattern is that the Church listens to this new voice with a critical ear. Second, the new viewpoint is debated and discussed. Third, the Church then presents the findings and the truth of our beliefs. After all these steps, the false teaching is then suppressed to favor the truth.

This simple example of the way the church deals with dissenting or differing voices isolates the true value of the freedom of speech. Often we think of the freedom of speech as the ability to say whatever we want whenever we want. This idea degrades our human dignity. Following through with this idea means that I can say whatever mean thoughts come to mind, whatever degrading ideas I feel, preach whatever false statements I want. Basically, an unbounded freedom of speech degrades our society and causes a great disruption in the quest for truth. The good of the freedom of speech is that it allows all people to seek the truth. It gives us the freedom to speak in such a way that we can dissent but ultimately work towards the good for all people. With the freedom of speech we should be able to call out mean speech, degrading comments, and false ideas so that all people can know the truth and work towards it.

I encourage all people to examine their own patterns of speech. In what ways do we encourage mean or hate speech through the ways we talk about people, share information, or speak about others? In what ways do we hold to ideas with no basis in facts or reason? How often do we promote false ideas and hold firm on them when corrected? How willing are we to be corrected and shown the truth? The answers to these questions will show the value of the freedom of speech in our own lives.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Ascension of the Lord

5-21-2023

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm: 47:2-3,6-7,8-9
 Reading 2: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



MASS	Schedule
Monday May 15	NO MASS
Tuesday May 16	NO MASS Divine Mercy group 7p
Wednesday May 17	NO MASS RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday May 18	Mass 9a Homebound
Friday May 19	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday May 20	Confession 4-4:45p Rosary 4:45p Mass 5p First Responders Graduation reception after mass
Sunday May 21	Confession 7:30-7:45a Rosary 7:45a Mass 8a 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

Saturday May 20, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Ryan Racht and Jesus Garcia
 Lector: Gay Ann Masolo
 Gifts: Dan and Bernadette Swenson
 EM: Missy Cox and Karen Simonich

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 21, 2023

8:00am

Greet: Martin and Doris Mingay
 Lector: Mary Ellen Schnur
 Gifts: Tom and Julie Lethert
 EM: Buffy Woodring and Megan Bleile
 Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

HAPPY
Mother's Day

Blessing for Mother's Day Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers

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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.

Announcements

Congratulations to WOF Scholarship Winners

The 2023 recipients of the Holy Cross Women of Faith Scholarships are Ryan Racht and Jesus Garcia. We congratulate these young men on achieving success in the classroom, in athletics and activities, but most importantly in their Catholic Faith. They are examples of excellent character and humility and are candidates for Confirmation this coming June.

The \$500 dollar awards to each graduate will help to defray some college expenses this coming fall. Ryan is planning to attend Dickinson State University in North Dakota where he will study Communications and play football for the Blue Hawks. Jesus has also committed to Dickinson State. Our sincere best wishes go out to these two young men. The prayers of our parish family will be with you in your upcoming endeavors in the classroom, on the field, and in your faith formation. God Bless!



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.



You're invited!

Divine Mercy Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
7p In the Social Hall

Movie: Love and Mercy

A docudrama about the Life of St. Faustina Kowalska



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



Mark your calendars for vacation bible school. Kids age preschool - 5th grade are invited to attend Holy Cross's Stellar VBS program on June 12th, 13th & 14th. Time schedule and more details to come. As always there are a variety of things that need to be done in planning and executing a successful program. If you are willing to help with VBS in any way please contact Shawna Wickens at the parish office, via email at re@holycrossmt.org or calling or texting 406-594-3714.

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





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).

The Last day of RE is Wednesday, May 17th. Stay tuned for summer activities.



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!