

Stewardship

3/11-12/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,880.00
Loose	\$60.00
Votive Candles	\$114.18
Total	\$2,054.18

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
MT Energy Alliance	\$2,216.82
NorthWestern Energy	\$770.52
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$4,628.38

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-February

Big Sky Sprinklers	\$205.00
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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

If the Word of God is living and powerful, and if the Lord does all things whatsoever he wills; if he said, "Let there be light", and it happened; if he said, "let there be a firmament", and it happened; ...if finally the Word of God himself willingly became man and made flesh for himself out of the most pure and undefiled blood of the holy and ever Virgin, why should he not be capable of making bread his Body and wine and water his Blood?.. God said, "This is my Body", and "This is my Blood"

- St. John of Damascus

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

Did You Know ?

Do you know the difference between a bishop, an archbishop, a cardinal, and the pope.

A bishop and archbishop are almost the same. A bishop lead a diocese where as an archbishop leads an archdiocese. The difference between an archdiocese and a diocese are population and prestige. Archdiocese tend to be historically significant or the first diocese in a region. Cardinals are advisors to the Pope. Cardinals can be bishops, archbishops, priests, laymen, and laywomen. The church still allows for a woman to be a cardinal. Only cardinal bishops who are under 80 years old can enter conclave and be elected pope. The Pope is the bishop of Rome and the highest authority of the temporal Catholic church. He acts as Christ's delegate to lead the Church.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Holy Cross Parish

March 19, 2023

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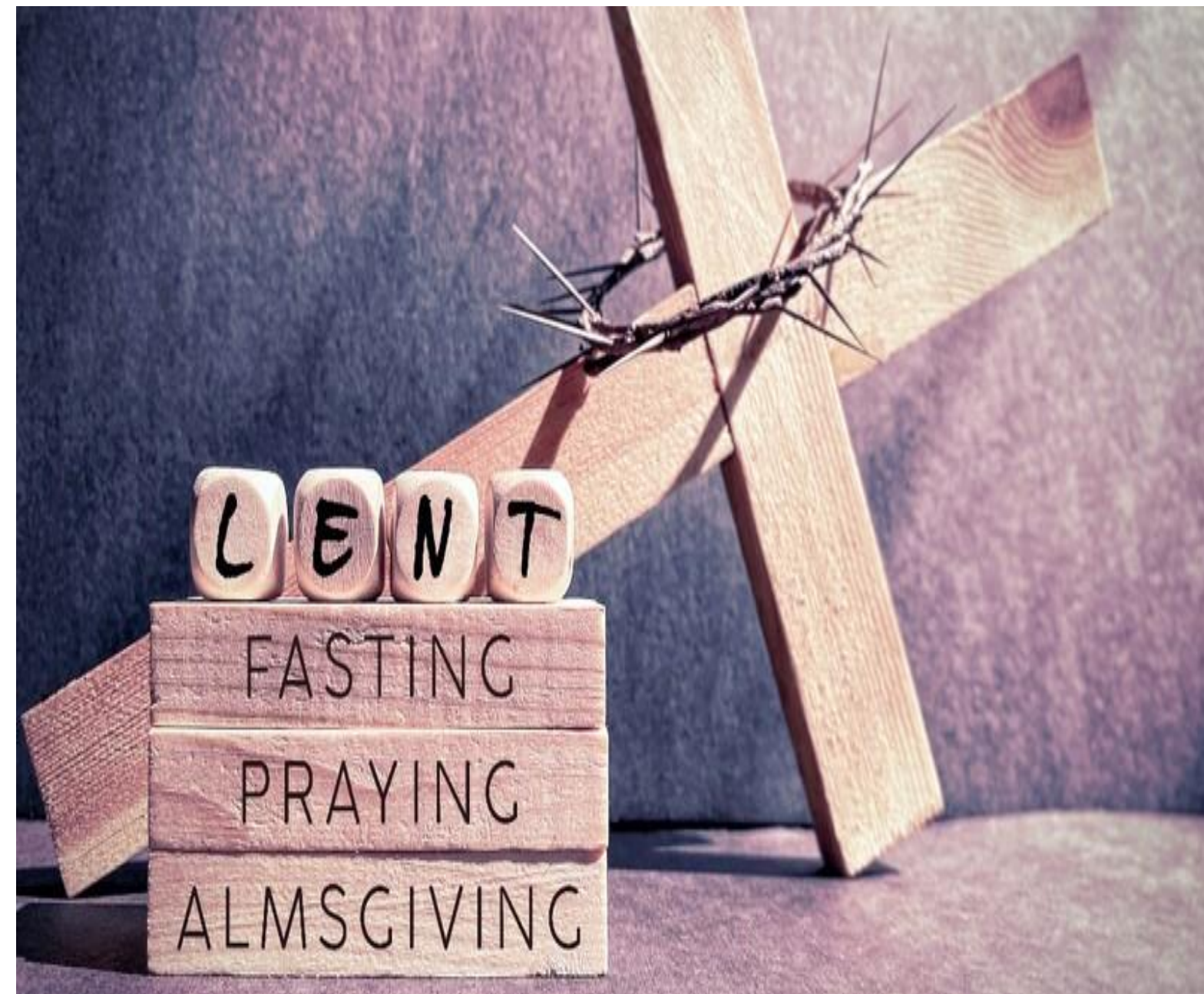
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Morality part 70

Education part 2

Formal Education

Often formal education becomes synonymous with higher education. Consequently, higher education is coming under scrutiny by our society due to the high costs with low return rates. Regardless of your view on higher education and education in general, formal education is a critical part of our society and a good that all human beings should have access. The goal of formalized education is to teach the basic skills to function well in society. Additionally, the goal of education is to allow us to learn enough information that we may make good judgements about the things of our world and evaluate properly the issues with which we are presented. St. Albert the Great, one of the greatest teachers in the history of the Catholic Church, wrote an entire book on the value of memory. Memory, he said, is the foundation of the virtue of prudence. The better our faculty to memorize and recall information, the greater our ability to use the virtue of prudence and apply it.

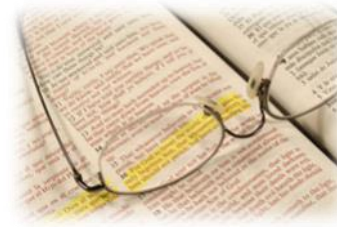
Primary education was meant to be a basic good for all people. School systems developed curricula for the basic skills all people needed to succeed at basic jobs. These skills included reading, writing, math, rhetoric, and logic. The final two have been eliminated in the last 50 years. Rhetoric and logic, both standards since the 12th century, were the basic skills for forming good arguments and being able to reason through a conversation. These skills were necessary for listening well and evaluating the arguments given by the speaker. Without such skills, a person couldn't evaluate a conversation nor present their thoughts well. From these origins, primary school was the basic foundation for a well-ordered society. Everyone had the basic skills to enter society and live virtuous lives.

Higher education came from a different foundation and has largely lost its importance in today's society. The original schools were designed like trade schools. Within 100 years of their inception, the focus changed drastically to focus on the fields of academia: theology, biology, math, medicine, logic, and rhetoric. Scholars at the university level knew their role was to seek the principles of life and seek after greater knowledge. Universities were designed to be melting pots of ideas where students and professors debated the intricacies of knowable things and fought for the truth. Modern university have take the place of primary education and see themselves as places for learning the basic skills to be part of society. This shift is the cause of the discontentment with university education. Professors largely understand their role as deliverers of information not instigators of questing for the truth.

Nevertheless, formalized education is the main route through which we learn the basic skills necessary to become productive members of society. Schools should strive to help students learn basic skills, learn to discuss and dialogue, and learn to evaluate the world around them. These basic skills are necessary for being truly human; for being able to live upright and moral lives.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday of Lent

3-26-2023

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm: 130:1-2,3-4,5-6ab and 7a,7b-8
Reading 2: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

The Season of Lent



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

MASS	Schedule
Monday March 20	No Mass
Tuesday March 21	No Mass Divine Mercy group 6:30p
Wednesday March 22	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday March 23	Mass 9a Homebound Stations of the Cross 6p History Series 7p
Friday March 24	OFFICE CLOSED KOC fish fry 5p
Saturday March 25	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday March 26	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family Coffee Hour

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 25, 2023

5:00pm

Greet:

Fisette Family

Lector:

Karen Simonich

Gifts:

Harold and Laura Gibbs

EM:

Shari Toney and Marilyn Vandersloot

Ministry Schedule

Sunday March 26, 2023

8:00am

Greet:

John and Missy Rauser

Lector:

Claudette Hohn

Gifts:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

EM:

John Bleile and Alex Estrada

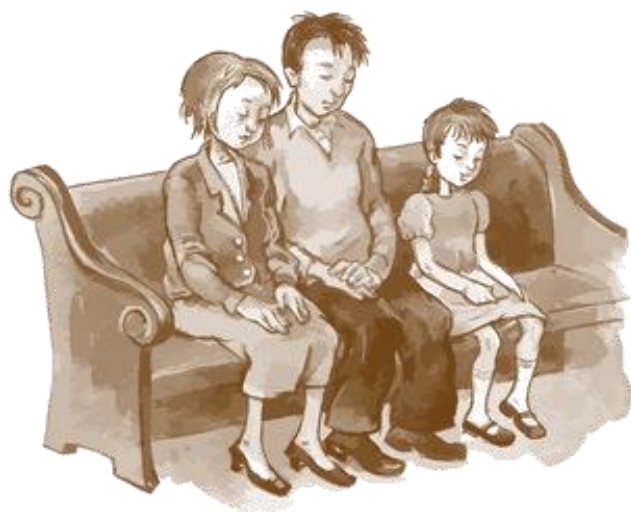
Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

Ministry Highlights

Gift Bearers:

most people think of the action of bringing forth the gifts as a practical matter: how else do the bread and wine reach the altar? The action of bringing forward the bread, the wine, and the money is symbolic of giving God ourselves. The bread is formed by grinding wheat into flour and then turning the flour into bread. The wine is formed by crushing grapes and fermenting it into wine. Both the bread and wine take our effort to create and therefore are symbolic of the way we use God's gift to continue his mission. The part that more directly relates to us is the money we offer. The money represents the work we do in the world and our belief that it promotes the Church and God's missions. We are giving our consent through the offering of money for the promotion of the Church. The act of bringing forward these gifts in the Offertory Procession shows us that they are being offered, that we have an important part of the Mass, that we are required to give ourselves to the Mass, and that we want to serve God.



flooring. This part of the project will cost \$45,000. The total amount to be raised is \$120,000. Don't let this number alarm you. Through special donations we have already raised \$35,000. I have written a few grants to help with the cost of the pews. If we get them, I will let you know. The goal is to keep working at raising money until we have enough to complete both parts of the project. If you are interested in donating to the pew project - Have A Seat! - simply write a check with "pews" in the memo line. I will

Aid to the Needy:

Most of Jesus' commands to us center on the care of the people around us. We often don't see the incredible work the Church does throughout the world to care for victims of disasters and promote the common good of humanity. Many Catholic organizations throughout the world spend billions of dollars each year to help promote the good of all people and help people in times of need. We are the greatest philanthropic organization in the world and spend more than any other organization on the common good. In our community we should have a similar focus. We are participants in the Food Bank and join with the other churches to provide food for those in need. We are also part of the ministerial association whose account helps support those in need and those traveling through out town. I would like to build a committee whose aim is to find ways to help promote the good of the people in Townsend and our parish.



Relevant Radio out of Helena has expressed a desire to install a tower for their radio station in Townsend. If anyone is interested in working on this project and helping to bring Relevant Radio to Townsend, please contact Fr. Cody.

Have A Seat!

After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as those who came to the parish meetings, we are moving forward with buying new pews. This project contains several parts. The first part is new pews and kneelers. In addition to the new pews, we will be adding cushioning to the pews to make them more comfortable. This part of the project will cost approximately \$75,000. As we remove the pews, the goal is remove the carpet and put in new, easier to clean

Announcements

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Coming April 9th after mass

We are needing plastic eggs either empty or filled with candy donated for the egg hunt. IF you'd like to donate please bring them to the parish office by March 31st.



Chrim Mass Invitation

The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrim Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena which will take place at Noon on Tuesday, March 28th



The Chrim Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have raised \$21,900.00



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).



Come explore the interactive Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 5th

Dinner at 6 pm

Interactive stations at 6:30pm





Fish Fry



Come One Come All
Knights of Columbus
Council #2360

When: March 24th
starting at 5p and ending at 7p

What: Fish, tater tots, clam chowder,
mac & cheese and coleslaw

Where: Holy Cross in the parish center
101 S Walnut
Townsend, MT

Please RSVP to Richard at 406-980-1447
or Mike at 406-438-5534



Stations of the Cross will be every
Thursday of Lent starting at 6p



Thank YOU for your participation in our
Baby Bottle Campaign.



Your church raised

\$993.34!

Your generosity is

Offering Hope & Building Families.

On behalf of all of us at Options Clinic, especially
our moms, dads, and their babies,

THANK YOU!

*Many bottles are still outstanding. If you still have a
bottle you can drop it off at Options at*

Visit optionshelena.org for more information about Options Clinic.



The Foundation of the Diocese of Helena is offering grant money up to \$15,000 for any parish who is working to evangelize their local community. I would like to apply for this grant and working towards evangelization. I am appealing to the parish for ideas of way we can reach out to our community and share our faith. If you have any ideas, please contact Fr. Cody. Thank you.



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena



Help for those in Turkey and Syria



In response to those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Bishop Vetter has asked us to hold a second collection to help out. Below are two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- Catholic Near East Welfare Association has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would prefer to mail a check rather than give online can mail it to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).
- Catholic Relief Services, If you would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (please indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).



March 25-26

Eucharistic Congress & CYC Convention

An all-ages event designed to ignite and inspire our faith. Families and people of all ages are invited to this inspiring, faith-filled weekend centered around the Eucharist and our theme: "Called to the Truth."

DIOCESHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS

Details

- ✓ Location: Carroll College
- ✓ Who: All-ages
- ✓ Cost: (Includes all meals and programming)
 - Adults: \$100
 - College Student: \$50
 - High School Youth (Grade 9-12): \$100
 - Children in Grades K-8: \$30

(No family pays more than \$250)