

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

NOTES

- There are light bulbs free for the taking in the Narthex.
- All guides from Father Cody's "A Year with the Church's Fathers" series are printed on the table in the Narthex. Please take them for your reference.
- **There will be no daily Mass or Adoration on Monday, May 25th or Tuesday, May 26th**





The Ascension of the Lord


May 17, 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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Canceled



Billings Catholic Radio
 Presents
FULTON SHEEN
Declaration of Dependence
 June 26-27, 2026
 Register by May 15 and save!

This event has been canceled. Any tickets that were purchased will be fully refunded, and additional details will be provided directly to ticket holders.

Parish potlucks

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

Please join us for a reception after mass on **Sunday, June 7th** to celebrate our parish youth graduates!

High School Graduates: Emmalin Fischer, Kaden Richtmyer and Aspen Slyker

Eighth Grade Graduates: Lucas Bleile, Emmalyn Estrada, Kathryn Six, Anders Bakken, Trigg Boylan, Declan Toney, and Rigo Delgado

Matthew Redeagle has been elected as the newest member of our pastoral council. Welcome and we look forward to your service in this position!


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

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


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.



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!

Basics of Catholicism part 135

Anointing of the Sick: Symbols of the Sacrament


The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has two primary symbols: oil and the Laying on of Hands. Both of these symbols have strong historical and theological roots.

Oil: the primary symbol of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is oil. This shouldn't surprise anyone since the word "anointing" is part of the name of the Sacrament. In the early church, oil had many functions. They would use oil for cooking and medicine as well as preparing for combat and athletic events. Oil functioned as a protective layer that both rejuvenated the skin but also created a barrier against dirt and germs. We still use oil in the same way today but as an ingredient in more complex concoctions. Lotions, creams, and salves are all oil based for the same reason that the earliest Christians used oil: they lubricate the skin, protect against infection, and bring healing. The same idea applies to the Anointing of the Sick. The priest applies oil to the person for the sake of bringing healing both physically as well as ritually. The application of the oil acts like a salve for the body and soul soothing over the affected wounds, even though it only covers a small part of the body. Generally, we only anoint the forehead and the palms of the hands. But the priest can also anoint the affected part of the body. In most cases, the affected part of the body would be inappropriate to anoint.

Laying on of Hands: one of the most ancient gestures in the church is the laying on of hands. The priest or bishop would either put his hands over the person's head or on the person's head. This gesture was used to anoint kings, prophets, and priests. The earliest Christians saw this gesture in a different context. Instead of the gesture passing on authority or power, it gave the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the laying on of hands is used for Confirmation as well as Holy Orders as a sign that the Holy Spirit is coming down upon the person and making them something new. The same idea applies to the Anointing of the Sick. The priest is asking for the Holy Spirit to come down upon the person and bring them healing. We can extend this line of thought to include images like priests, kings, and prophets as well as the power of the Holy Spirit from the beginning of creation. The Holy Spirit also gives new life and a new identity. The person whom the Holy Spirit has come down upon is now made into a new creation through God's healing and brought to new life through the Sacrament. So often we confuse the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with a Sacrament of death. It is not meant to be just for the dying. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is meant for the living.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Pentecost
05-24-2025

Reading 1: Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm: 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30
Reading 2: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel: John 7:37-39

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending May 10th

Envelopes	\$2,686.00
Loose	\$134.00
Online	\$311.00
Total Weekly Contribution	\$3,131.04
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$1,772.70
Week 2	\$3,131.04
Week 3	
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$4,903.74
Total Year to Date	\$149,581.54
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday May 18	Mass 9:00a seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday May 19	Mass 9:00a Vera McElrath rb Gibbs Family
Wednesday May 20	
Thursday May 21	Imitation of Christ book study 9:00a
Friday May 22	
Saturday May 23	Judy Slifka funeral 10:00a
Sunday May 24	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, Franklin Slifka, Dennis, Repose of the soul of Arnold Woodring, Repose of the soul of Judy Slifka

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 24, 2026 4:30pm

Greet: Fisetbe Family
Altar Servers: Lucas Bleile, Alex Weiss, and Brenon Estrada
Lector: Julie Lethert
Gifts: Mike Gagen
EM: Joy Haggard and Buffy Woodring
Ministry Counters: Tom and Julie Lethert