

Stewardship

7-16-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,015.00
Loose	\$449.80
Pews	\$1,120.00
Stipend	\$25.00
Total	\$3,609.80

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-June

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$526.45
MT Energy Alliance	\$1,240.29
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$40.81
Geisser Services	\$1,025.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-June

NorthWestern Energy	\$24.24
Geisser Services	\$1,025.25

Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"It is happiness to be in heaven, no doubt, because it is to be with Jesus; but have we not almost the same happiness here? Do we not possess Him in the Most Holy Sacrament? Did we but know how to profit by His Divine Presence, we should in some way have no reason to envy the inhabitants of the Heavenly City."

- Marie Estelle Harpain (1814-1842)

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, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, and Matt Keck

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, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, Chad Graveley



Did You Know!

The word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means "toward the whole." Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered by Christ to all people.

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.



Holy Cross Parish

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Gift of Fear of the Lord

The final gift in our series is the one that causes the most confusion: The Fear of the Lord. Often people get stuck on the word "fear" and assume that we should fear God. Why should we fear God? Isn't he a loving and merciful God? Yes, he is loving and merciful but he is also all-powerful and the judge of the world. These two ideas together show the duality between the gifts of piety and fear of the Lord. The gift of the fear of the Lord recognizes that the grandeur and greatness of God is due our reverence. People who are given this gift will also fear to sin or to do anything displeasing to God, hence the title "fear of the Lord." They don't necessarily fear God in himself, they fear anything that would offend God or anything that would damage their relationship. On the other side of this fear are those who grow in reverence due to the awesomeness of God.

Another way to describe this fear of the Lord is to compare it to other types of fears. Worldly fears are associated with things of the world. If you are afraid of spiders, then you are afraid when you see a spider or sense one is near. Servile fear is the fear of being punished. As children, or as employees, we can be afraid that a bad job or breaking the rules will result in a punishment. Hence we are afraid of the punishment caused by a misstep. Filial fear is the desire to please the person we love and the fear of offending or causing harm. Love is the core of filial fear since it desires the good of the other. Whereas the other two types of fear are associated with ourselves and the possibility of harm, filial fear focuses on the love we have for another. The filial fear is the appropriate description for both the fear of the Lord and the gift of the fear of the Lord.

Fr. Cody

Let us pray that we might fear the Lord as His sons and daughters. Let us ask Him to give us a vision of His holiness and justice that makes us "tremble at His Word" as the prophet Isaiah admonishes us to do. Let us pray that we might "Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Amen

Scripture Readings



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7-30-2023

Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Psalm: 119:57 and 72,76-77,127-128,129-130
Reading 2: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

MASS	Schedule
Monday July 24	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a First Responders
Tuesday July 25	No Mass
Wednesday July 26	No Mass
Thursday July 27	No Mass
Friday July 28	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday July 29	No Mass
Sunday July 30	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p 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 July 30, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Don and Max Peace

Lector:

Debbie Miller

Gifts:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

EM:

Tom and Julie Lethert

Money Counters:

Tom and Julie Lethert



Please return your parishioner information forms. We would like to update our system and create a new parish directory this fall.



In the parish dining area are a series of posters that explain various Eucharistic Miracles. They are on loan to us for the next month. I encourage everyone to go downstairs and explore these posters about Eucharistic Miracles.



Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children



Sundays
4:10pm

- July 9 - Joyful Mysteries
- July 16 - Luminous Mysteries
- July 23 - Sorrowful Mysteries
- July 30 - Glorious Mysteries

The new RE year will formally begin on Sunday, September 10 with all ages meeting after Mass on Sunday. Dinner for everyone from 5:30-6 and then programming beginning at 6:00p

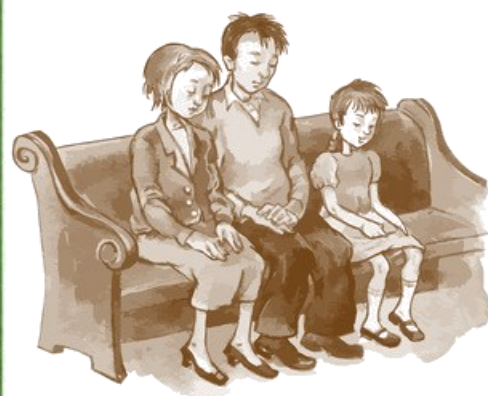


UPCOMING EVENTS

No Mass or Adoration July 25th, July 31st, August 1st, August 7th, and August 8th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass August 14th at 6:30p

Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday August 27th after mass



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 \$20,546 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.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday August 27th after mass
All are encouraged and welcome to attend



PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



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).

We could use someone to help with the livestream. If you are interested please contact Fr. Cody

