

# Stewardship

9-3-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,595.00
Loose	\$159.03
Stipend	\$46.00
Restricted	\$218.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,018.03</b>

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-August

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$357.06
Geisser Services	\$845.00

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
<b>Total</b>

### Cemetery Expenses-August

NorthWestern Energy	\$21.86
TruValue	\$51.99
Lite Electric	\$684.00
Geisser Services	\$785.00
Townsend Hardware	\$36.45

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

*THANK YOU!*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Every time we come before the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus He touches the heart of all humanity! The Blessed Sacrament is the heartbeat of evangelization."

- Excerpts from "The Sacred Eucharistic Heart of Jesus" audio tape

### 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, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, Tom Grewell and family

## Did You Know!

Since the 12<sup>th</sup> century the Church has used the image of the pelican to depict Jesus. For centuries people noticed that when a parent pelican is starving and need to feed their young, the parents feed them with a red substance that looks like blood. They thought that the pelican pecked its breast until it bled and then fed their young with their blood. Turns out that when the chicks are hungry, they peck at their mother's chest to get to the fish. The imagery is still beautiful even if inaccurate: the mother feeding her chicks with her own blood is like Christ feeding us with his own blood.

**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

Twenty-Third 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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Basics of Catholicism part 7

Attributes of God

All-knowing

The attribute of God that often gets the most attention is God as all-knowing. As the attribute implies, God knows everything. Does this mean that God knows everything that we are going to do? Yes. Does that mean that we have no free-will or choice? No. I get that this may seem strange and complicated. The reason why I can answer yes that God knows everything and still affirm that we have free-choice is because of the challenge with temporality. We exist in time. As temporal beings our lives are directed by time. I know what actions I have done but not which actions I am going to do. God knows all of our actions - past, present, and future - as one event. Imagine that you are watching a movie. Instead of seeing each consecutive scene as independent images that build upon each other to make the movie, we see all the individual images as one image superimposed over each other. Now we have one image that is all of the scenes of the movie combined into one. Looking into this image we would see the beginning, middle and end of the movie as one. We would be watching the beginning as the movie concludes. This begins to describe how God being in eternity knows all things as past, present, and future. Another way to describe this idea is that God knows our past as the tendencies we have to make certain decisions, he also sees our present where we make the decision, he also sees our future when we have made the decision, yet each of these are independent and connected. Although we like to simplify this concept and say that God's knows everything, which he does, the implications for our lives makes this attribute quite confusing.

All-powerful

We often say that God can do anything, He can move the sun and the stars at his will. He can create something new should he want to. We want to say that everything is within God's power. A few exceptions exist. Since God has to be both all-powerful, all-good, and without change, he cannot do something that would contradict himself. For instance, can God make a boulder so heavy that he cannot lift it? The question is stupid. How can God do something that he cannot do? It's a contradiction. This action is impossible. The same thing applies to Scripture and theology. God cannot make commandments for the Israelites and then a different set of commands that contradict them for the Christians. If God makes laws, they are eternal laws. So although we say that God is all-powerful, it comes with a few exceptions that make him truly powerful. These restrictions make God even more powerful because he obeys his own rules and creates laws that persist for eternity.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9-17-2023

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Psalm: 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12  
Reading 2: Romans 14:7-9  
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to [office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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 September 11	Mass 9a Linda Ulmer RB Joyce Ulmer Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday September 12	Mass 9a Ulmer family living + deceased RB Joyce Ulmer
Wednesday September 13	No Mass
Thursday September 14	Mass 9a
Friday September 15	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday September 16	No Mass
Sunday September 17	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p

Ministry Schedule

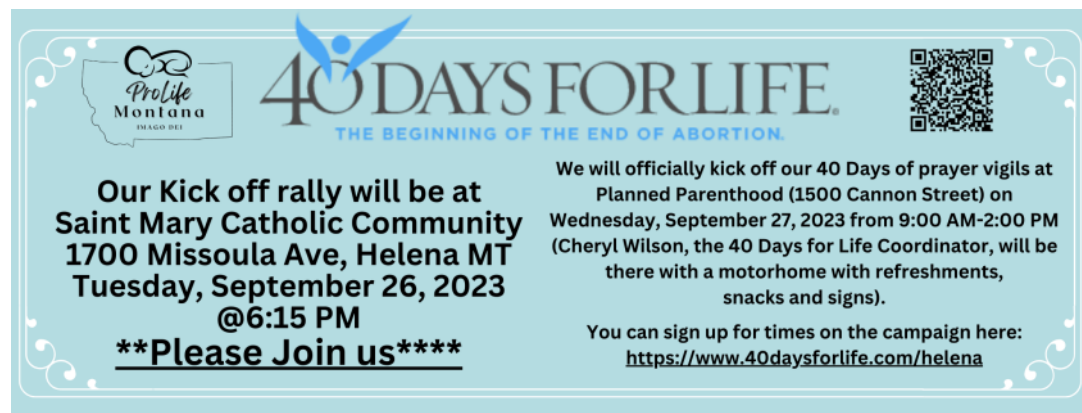
Sunday September 17, 2023

4:30pm

Greet: Martin and Doris Mingay  
Lector: Karen Simonich  
Gifts: Tom and Julie Lethert  
EM: Megan Bleile and Tom Aced  
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch



It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. If you would like to renew your subscription or sign up for a new one please contact the parish office. The price for a one year subscription is \$39.00 for regular print and \$59 for large print. Please pay when you sign up. Subscriptions are due at the end of September



**ProLife Montana**  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
 THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

**Our Kick off rally will be at Saint Mary Catholic Community 1700 Missoula Ave, Helena MT Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @6:15 PM**  
**\*\*Please Join us\*\*\*\***

We will officially kick off our 40 Days of prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood (1500 Cannon Street) on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (Cheryl Wilson, the 40 Days for Life Coordinator, will be there with a motorhome with refreshments, snacks and signs).

You can sign up for times on the campaign here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/helena>

### 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 raised a total of \$52,492. We have raised \$23,437 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$36,563. 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.

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.



September 14<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Holy Cross, our parish feast day. A special Mass will be celebrated at 9 am for our parish feast day.



### Holy Hour at a new time and more time for Confessions

With all my schedule changes and other responsibilities, I moved the Holy Hour to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to come to the church, pray, and spend some time with our Lord. Also, I will be hearing confessions during these hours. The first Holy Hour time will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are beginning the process of applying for a Low Power FM license for a Catholic radio station in Townsend, to be an affiliate of KNEH Relevant Radio. Please pray for the success of this process.

Service forms are available in the pews and on the information table. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve your parish. We need lots of help in many ways

## We're Hiring!



Catholic Social Services of Montana (CSSM) is seeking a Montana licensed mental health counselor/therapist to join us in our mission to serve our neighbors. This position can be based anywhere in Montana and will provide counseling, therapy, and educational services across the state as a part of the new mental health services program at CSSM. This is a full-time position and benefits include—

- 29 paid leave days in the first year.
- A flexible work schedule.
- Employer paid medical, dental, and vision benefits.
- A retirement account with up to a 3% employer match.
- Paid time off to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation.
- The opportunity to practice in a faith-centered workplace.
- A competitive starting salary.

A complete position description can be viewed by visiting [www.cssmt.org/staff-board/](http://www.cssmt.org/staff-board/). Applications must be received by September 27 to be included in the initial candidate review.

# Catholicism 101

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about Catholicism? Would you like to know your faith a little better? Then, this series is for you!

Mondays 7-8:30

Starting Monday September 11th

Schedule of the topics on the bench in the entryway.

A livestream option for Catholicism 101 will be available on Mondays from 7-8:30 and on Thursdays from 6:30-8. Please invite your friends and family members who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

We are looking for volunteers to either provide dinner or help cook dinner for the RE youth, their families and other members of the parish who wish to attend. RE dinner time is on Sundays following mass from 5:30 – 6:00pm. Meals need to be ones that can be either cooked in a crockpot or cooked ahead of time and can be kept warm. Because dinners include all ages of the youth and their families this year plus a few extras from the parish, we should plan on feeding around 100 people every Sunday. Please prayerfully consider either providing a meal (planning, purchasing food and cooking) or simply just preparing/cooking the meal (parish supplies the food). We encourage you to partner up with another member/family of the parish to help ease the burden of feeding that many people. The following dates are needed:

9/17/23, 10/15/23, 10/29/23, 11/12/23, 11/19/23, 12/10/23, 12/17/23

You can sign up by scanning the QR code, visiting the sign up genius website at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ABAB2AA4FBCF8-refamily>, by writing your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthax or by contacting Shawna Wickens at the parish office.



## Volunteers Needed



The Bazaar needs some help. Each year our greatest challenge in successfully hosting the Bazaar is leadership. If you are interested and have some passion for the Bazaar and would be willing to organize the Bazaar for this year, please contact Fr. Cody. If no one is interested in organizing the Bazaar, it might go on a year break.

### Family Night

This year our goal is to invite the entire Townsend community to our family night, which means that EVERYONE IS INVITED! The focus of this year is coming to know our goodness as created in God's image. We will spend the year exploring our humanity and its intrinsic goodness through activities and events. I encourage you to invite your friends and family members. Family Night is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month following Mass (from 5:30-7). Free Food!

### A change to RE nights that affect all!

With RE on Sundays after Mass, this gives a few new opportunities for everyone. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month we are going to have a parish potluck after Mass. I encourage everyone to bring a dish or side and join us for some community time and good food. Similarly, while the kids are in their various classes, parents and adults will have the option to gather for a series similar to the one for the high schoolers. I encourage all adults to come to this series.



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for the Diocese of Helena

Since the Foundation's  
Faith-in-Action Grant Program  
began in 2007,

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**  
has received a total of

**\$18,949<sup>65</sup>**

including . . .

**\$4,600 awarded in August**

*to create a monthly, family-based faith program.*

The Foundation gave  
**29 grants**  
for a total of  
**\$103,379**  
in this grant cycle.

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