



Holy Cross Parish

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

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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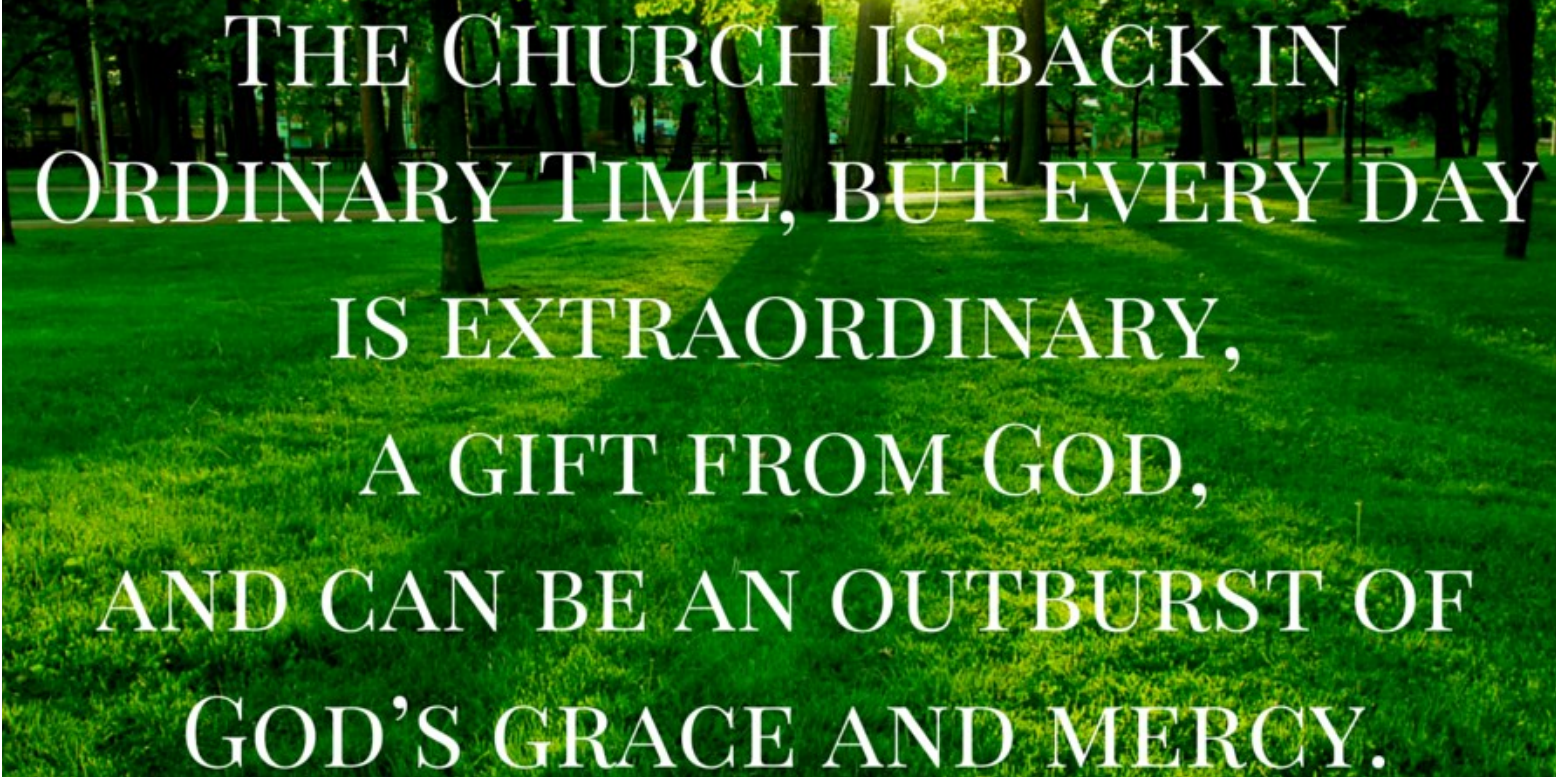
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THE CHURCH IS BACK IN
ORDINARY TIME, BUT EVERY DAY
IS EXTRAORDINARY,
A GIFT FROM GOD,
AND CAN BE AN OUTBURST OF
GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

The Rite of Ordination of a Priest

The next parts of the Rite make clear the role of the priest. After his hands are anointed, the people bring forth the gifts for the Mass: bread and wine. The gifts are brought directly to the bishop, unlike the normal way during Mass when they are brought to the base of the altar. The bishop takes these gifts and hands them to the newly ordained priest. He says to him “Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, imitate the mystery you celebrate, model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross.” The role of the priest and his life are deeply connected to the gifts offered during Mass. As the person who stands alone at the altar, with no wife or children, the offering of his body for the sake of the people of God is mirrored in both the complete offer of Jesus on the cross as well as the offering of the bread and wine. Therefore the priesthood is deeply connected with the gifts and the Mass.

After the bishop offers a sign of peace to the newly ordained priest, the other priests come and offer their sign of peace as well. Usually this is in the form of a hug. Sometimes, following older traditions, they “kiss” the priest much like Europeans use as a greeting, an air kiss on either cheek. He is now inducted into the order of the presbyter.

The newly ordained priest then takes his place amongst his brothers in the Sanctuary as the Mass continues. His now rightful place is in the Sanctuary for liturgies and especially Mass. The Mass continues as normal. The only major difference from this point through the rest of the Mass is that he will be given part of the Eucharistic Prayer to recite out loud before all the people.

A new tradition has emerged in the last 10 years: the first blessing goes to his bishop. The “first blessing” of a newly ordained priest carries unusual weight. For the first year of his ordination, whenever a priest gives a blessing to a person, it is considered an indulgence, as long as the person confesses their sins to a priest within a week of the blessing and receives Communion. In most of the ordinations that I have seen in the last 5 years, the bishop asks for the 1st blessing of the newly ordained priest at the conclusion of the Mass before the final blessing. This gesture is a sign of humility on the part of the bishop, a recognition of the value and dignity of the newly ordained priest, and a sign of fraternal care.

Fr. Cody



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the parishioners who helped with our parish community event! It was a great opportunity to reach out and be present in our community!

LEGENDARY NEEDS LOGS

FORTIFY THE LEGEND. EXPAND THE MISSION



OCTOBER 10, 2025

5:00 PM

CARROLL COLLEGE



To register for the Bishop's Gala go to
diocesehelena.org/bishopsgala



Come learn about the life of
Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk

Speaker: Deacon William J. White,
Postulator for Cause of Canonization for Nicholas Black Elk

Tuesday, September 23 @ 5:30 pm
St. Mary Catholic Community Social Center

A light dinner will be served
A free will offering would be appreciated

Sponsored by: Saint Mary's Catholic Community and Our Lady of
the Valley Church

Please call the Parish Office at (406) 442- 5268 to RSVP

Grief Support Group: **COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY**

Beginning Monday September 29, 2025 1:00pm Saint Mary
Catholic Community 1700 Missoula Ave.

A grief support group is a **SAFE** place to meet with others,
COMPANIONS who are grieving. It is a place to **SHARE YOUR STORY**, your **TEARS** and your **HOPES**. Whether your loss is recent, months or years you may benefit from the **SUPPORT** and **SACRED TIME** with others on the same journey.

ALL ARE WELCOME who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There are times after a death when we need someone to talk to...we need to know we are not alone, others share our pain, our questions our concerns.

“We need others to root for us.” Sheineele Jones

Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, LCSW

Call Saint Mary's parish office 442-5268 and register or Helen Beausoleil 406-459-0948.

“The capacity to love requires the necessity to mourn.”

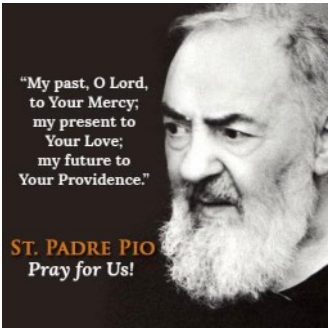
Parish potlucks

Every 4th Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They’re responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle’s responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

September 28: Love

October 26: Peace

November 23: Hope



Magnificats

It’s that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. They offer regular print and large print. Regular print is \$39 each and large print is \$69 each. Please order and pay at the parish office. Orders are due by October 31st.

Adhering to the Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policy, Holy Cross Parish requires all employees and all volunteers who work in any capacity involving young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults to have had a background check and be Virtus trained every five years. Monthly online training bulletins are completed as well. Protecting our most sacred responsibilities—the children, youth, and vulnerable adults who have been entrusted to our care is of utmost value.

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending September 14th

Envelopes \$1,972.00
Loose \$79.65

Online \$454.64

Total Weekly Contribution \$2,506.29

Total Weekly Goal \$2,629.31

Monthly Summary

Week 1 \$8376.05

Week 2 \$2,506.29

Week 3

Week 4

Total Monthly Contribution \$10,882.34

Total Year to Date \$32,645.54

Yearly Goal \$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday September 22	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a "Ask a Priest" 6:00-7:30p
Tuesday September 23	Mass 9:00a Homebound
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday September 28	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30p – 7:30p Parish potluck (hosted by Circle of Love)

Welcome the Circle of Peace

Two of our circles are rather small and would like to merge. Therefore the Circles of Compassion and Understanding are merging into the Circle of Peace. If you have concerns about this merge or would like to join this circle, please contact Fr. Cody. The current circle members are as follows:

Circle of Love

Bakken Family, Bleile Family,
Boylan Family, Bill & Mary Duede,
Estrada Family, Terri & Emmalin Fischer,
Jill Flynn, Marge & Lewayen Kroeger,
Kucinski Family, Pat & Debbie Miller,
Iwy & Sharon Obrigewitch,
John & Missy Rauser,
Rachelle Rauser Family, Karen Simonich,
Carol Taylor, Weiss Family,
Scott & Shawna Wickens Family

Circle of Hope

Eichinger/Reiman Family,
Fisette Family, Larry & Kristi Gersch,
Holmes Family, Richard Majszak,
Chuck & Carole Plymale,
Poe Family, Janet Riddle,
Dan & Bernadette Swenson,
Jess e& LaReissa Swenson Family,
Karen Susag, Swanton Family,
Montey & Mary Ellen Schnur,
Rich & Cyrilla Vetsch,
Vince & Phyllis Vogl,
Arnold & Lorraine Woodring,
Larry & Buffy Woodring

Circle of Peace

(formerly Compassion & Understanding)

Missy Cox, Mike & Miscese Gagen,
Harold & Laura Gibbs,
George & Brigid Jenkins, Steve & Jay Kitt,
Bob & Gay Ann Masolo,
Tim & Jan McAlpine, Fran & Iris Wright,
Juanita Bray, Barb DeMartin,
Jack & Mary Garman, Marilyn Lane,
Tom & Julie Lethert, Terry Love,
Julie Van Camp

If you are a parishioner not listed in a circle and would like to join one please contact Fr. Cody or the parish office.

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09-28-2025

Reading 1: Amos 6: 1, 4-7
Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Father of mercy and God of all consolation, graciously look upon me and impart to me the blessing which flows from this holy Sacrament. Overshadow me with Your loving kindness, and let this divine Mystery bear fruit in me."

- St. Blase

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.

Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, 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, Kammy Law, Mary Garman, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Silifka

Ministry Schedule

Sunday September 28, 2025

4:30pm

Greet: Tom and Julie Lethert
Lector: Michael Fisette
Gifts: Karen Susag and John Bleile
EM: Debbie Miller and Karen Simonich
Money Counters: Tom and Julie Lethert

Faith Night

All our welcome!
Activities for both kids and adults!

Ask A Priest

Got a question you would like to ask a priest?
We've got an event for you.

Dinner at 6 pm. Presentation begins at 6:30. Q&A at 7:00.
Holy Cross Church, Townsend—101 S. Walnut St.

First 2 Topics

Sept 22—Are all Saved?
Oct. 20—Faith vs. Science



Anointing of the Sick Mass
Sunday, September 28th
4:30 pm

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on this day. If you or someone you know could use the graces of this Sacrament, please contact Fr. Cody. Only those who have talked with Fr. Cody before mass will be anointed.

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4:00

SEPT 7 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

SEPT 14 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

SEPT 21 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

SEPT 28 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



Ministry Sign Ups



As a new year begins, so do we continue to need more ministers. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you can help your church. Simply, fill out the ministry sign-up sheet with your name and phone number, indicate the ministries that you are willing to commit to for the next year or the ones you would like to learn more about, and either put them in the offertory basket or drop them by the office. We will not transfer names from the previous year. If you would like to continue in your current ministry, you need to sign up again. Thank you for your service to our church.

We need more homebound ministers. If this is a ministry that you are interested in or curious about, please contact Fr. Cody.

We need more money counters. If you are willing to help count the collection, please sign up on the ministry schedule.

Faith Formation

2025-26 RE classes began after mass on Sunday, September 7th, RE will be every Sunday after mass starting with dinner at 5:30. Prayer begins at 6:00 and then everyone will be separated into family groups that will consist of youth from each age group. Guided by RE leaders each family group will participate in an activity together until 6:45 and then each grade level will separate into their individual classes for further discussion and activities. This year our focus is on the Sacraments, the Mass, and prayer. Once again, we invite parents and other parishioners to participate in the adult group at the same time to explore the same material that the youth will be learning.

To register for RE, scan the QR code below or contact Shawna Wickens. There is a registration fee of \$50 per child/\$150 per family max. There are funds available to help with registration costs if needed. Contact Father Cody or Shawna Wickens with any questions@ 406-266-4811 or

re@holycrossmt.org



We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner after mass on some Sundays prior to RE. If you are interested in helping please contact Shawna Wickens or scan the sign up genius QR code to the right. Thank you for supporting our parish youth!



Attention Adults

Join us for an adult group that will meet after mass on Sundays during RE class times. The adult group will discuss and explore the same topics as the youth. This year's focus is on Sacraments, the Mass, and prayer. Parents that join can continue the discussion and learning at home with their children.

Is there someone or something you would like to pray for?

Well, our pilgrimage group is willing to take your prayers with us to these holy sites. If you would like us to bring your prayers to Fatima, Lourdes, or Santiago de Compostela, write your prayer on a small piece of paper and put it in the appropriate envelope on the info table in the Narthex. **You have until October 5th to submit your prayers.**



Youth Highlights

9/21/25: RE Class (Confirmation)
9/28/25: RE Class (Anointing of the Sick)
10/5/25: RE Class (Penance)
10/12/25: RE Class (Marriage)

JUNIOR HIGH RALLY

"EXALTED IN HUMILITY"

October 25

A day of faith and fun for young people in grades 6-8. The day will move between prayer, talks, music, games, liturgy, and more.

Grades 6-8 | 10am-9pm
at Butte Central High School

COST: **\$55**
(FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE)

Information and Registration at:
diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally

If your 6th, 7th or 8th grade youth would like to attend the Junior High youth Rally, please contact Shawna Wickens for more information and registration!