

Save the Date

Bishop Vetter will be here to celebrate Mass on Sunday, September 20th at 9:00 am for the formal installation of Father Joe Paddock as the pastor for Holy Cross Parish, St. Bartholomew Parish in White Sulphur Springs, and St. Joseph Parish in Harlowton.

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We have started an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series. 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 the church office.

OCIA

HABEMUS PAPAM



Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:

\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 52% of our parish goal, with \$10,450 to go!



Are you interested in hearing the homily again? Father Joe has a podcast where his homilies can be heard. You can access his homilies on the Holy Cross Church website at holycrossmt.org/podcast or by clicking on the "Fr. Joe's Homilies" tab at the top of the home page.

All bulletin information and mass announcement 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

Travel to Our

Guatemala Mission



Fall 2026
October 1-8

The Diocese of Helena invites adults (30+) to participate on a journey to the Mission, Clinic, and La Asunción School in Guatemala. The cost is \$2,500 and includes airfare, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation. Sign Up Now! Limited slots available.

Contact
Maggie Phelan:
406.389.7053
mpheleand@dohtmt.org

Information and Signup:
diocesehelena.org/guatemala



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

SUNDAYS 8:30AM

AUG. 16 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

AUG. 23 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

AUG. 30 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

SEPT. 6 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



The Holy Cross music ministry team is in need of more members, especially those who can play the piano and provide accompaniment. All individuals with any musical talent to share are welcome. Please contact Father Joe or the church office if you are interested.

Faith Formation

Seeking individuals who are willing to share their faith with the young people of our parish and join our religious education teaching team. If God is calling you to this important ministry or to learn more about it please contact Shawna Wickens.

There will be an RE teachers meeting at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 30th following mass.



Holy Cross Parish

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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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JOIN US FOR A

33 Days to Morning Glory

Small-Group Retreat

Join us for a 6 week small-group retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Gain new insights into Marian Consecration, learn how key saints and blessed lived it out, and how you can live it out as well.

Easy As 1-2-3!

- 1. Read**
Read the select readings in the retreat book.
- 2. Ponder**
Ponder the daily reading and questions in the *Retreat Companion*.
- 3. Meet**
Meet regularly with your group.

“I’m so glad I was asked to do this program. It has been a beautiful and powerful moment of grace for me.”
— Fr. Steven, MN

Holy Cross Parish
Sept. 4th - Oct. 7th
Weekly meetings in the parish center on Wednesdays @ 6:00pm beginning Sept. 2nd!
Contact parish office to sign up!

The 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat is brought to you by Hearts AFire: Parish-based Programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (HAPP).

Marian Consecration Book Cost is \$20
Contact parish office for scholarship availability if unable to pay for the book.
To ensure timely delivery of books please sign up by August 27th.
A few extra books will be ordered to have on hand.

The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Holy Cross will be helping out during the month of September. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, there are sign up sheets available on the table in the Narthex or you can contact Paul VanHoudt.

Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:
Broadwater Food Pantry
PO Box 1164
Townsend, MT 59644
Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Cross Parish Contributions	
Week ending August 16th	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$3,957.82
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,642.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$2,268.12
Week 2	\$2,195.89
Week 3	\$3,957.82
Week 4	
Week 5	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$8,421.83
July's Monthly Budget Variance	105%
Total Year to Date	\$19,705.44
% Year to Date Goal	104.5%
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

Scripture Readings

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

08-30-2025

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms: 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Reading 2: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

“O Jesus, You are always with us, "yesterday and today, and the same forever!" (Heb 13, 8). Always the same in eternity by the immutability of Your divine Person; always the same in time, by the Sacrament of the Eucharist.”

- from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Mass	Schedule
Monday August 24	
Tuesday August 25	
Wednesday August 26	Mass 12:00p Kelli Gibbs rb Heather Higgs Adoration and Confession 12:45p
Thursday August 27	Funeral Mass for David Welch 10:00a NO NOON MASS
Friday August 28	
Saturday	OCIA meeting 11:00a
Sunday August 30	Confession 8:00a Mass 9:00a Parish Family RE teachers meeting 10:00a

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.

Riley Helgoe, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, Peter Fiocchi, Nathan Olmes, and John Cooney

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, Don and Jenny Schauber, Franklin Silfka, Jim, Kim and Teddy Woodring, Repose of the soul of Kammy Law, Repose of the soul of Mark Suta

Ministry Schedule

Sunday August 30, 2026

4:30pm

Greet: Reiman Family

Altar Servers: Alex Weiss, Malikai Fisetbe, Mathyas Fisetbe

Lector: Mary Duede

Gifts: Estrada Family

EM: Alex Estrada and Lucas Bleile

Money Counters: Karee Reiman and Kristi Gersch