

# Stewardship

7-9-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,170.00
Loose	\$171.00
Pews	\$181.00
Total	\$1,522.00

## 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

"O how unspeakable is this Sacrament which sets our affections ablaze with charity. It is the fulfillment of Christ's Mystical Body."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

### 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, Graveley family

## 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

Fifteenth 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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## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### The Gift of Piety

Often we connect the gift of piety to the action of piety. Hence we see a person being reverent in the church, dutiful in prayer, or acting in a manner that we think matches holiness and assume the person is pious or has the gift of piety. This may not be the case. A person can act pious without expressing the virtue of piety. Namely, they live the actions of piety without the interior disposition towards piety, i.e. put on a show of piety. In the same way a person can be pious without the gift of piety. Through our own actions we can learn and choose to love God and show that through our actions. We can determine that certain actions are more suitable for a church, for prayer, or for Mass through our own reasoning. This is not the spiritual gift of piety. The gift of piety is an infused sense by the Holy Spirit of a reverence for holy things. A person with the gift of piety will automatically understand the proper disposition in a sacred place, for sacred actions, or the proper reverence due to God.

The gift of piety bestows upon the person certain gifts. First, filial respect for God as a loving Father. Second, a generous and childlike love, so that a person wants to please God, even if it means making sacrifices. Third, a loving obedience toward the teachings of God and his Church and commandments, respecting them as expressions of God's love for us. A person with the gift of piety recognizes the many different aspects of God's relationship and revelation to us as expressions of his love and cherishes them in his/her heart. Piety builds a reverence for all things of God.

Fr. Cody

Holy Spirit, through whom we have received the right to call God by the sweet name of Father and to be truly his children, help us in our endeavor to become ever less unworthy of having so good and merciful a Father. May we, after loving him with all our hearts in this world, through you, glorify him eternally in his only Son.

## Scripture Readings



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7-23-2023

Reading 1: Wisdom 12:13,16-19  
Psalm: 86:5-6,9-10,15-16  
Reading 2: Romans 8:26-27  
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



MASS	Schedule
Monday July 17	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Ellen McGonigal RB Mary Dvede
Tuesday July 18	Mass 9a RE Fun Day 5-7p
Wednesday July 19	No Mass
Thursday July 20	No Mass
Friday July 21	OFFICE CLOSED
saturday July 22	No Mass
sunday July 23	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Coffee Hour after mass

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 23, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Martin and Doris Mingay

Lector:

Mary Ellen Schnur

Gifts:

Wickens Family

EM:

Alex Estrada and Karen Simonich

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

# 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



**RETROUVAILLE**  
*A Lifeline for Marriages*

**August 4-6, 2023**

**Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana**

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

RE Fun Day 5-7p July 18th  
No Mass or Adoration July 25th,  
July 31st, August 1st, August 7th,  
and August 8th

## PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



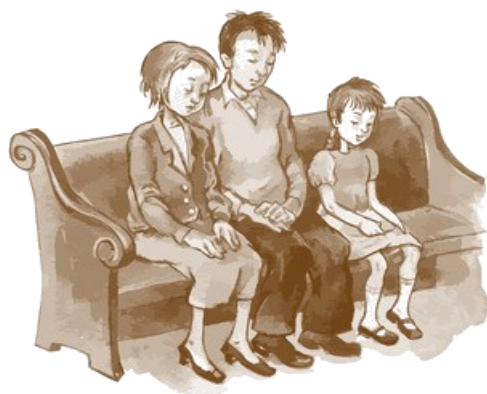
We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website ([holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org)).

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



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.



## 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.