

# Stewardship

9-10-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,318.25
Loose	\$35.70
Reimbursement	\$1,682.64
Pews	\$100.00
Magnificats	\$40.00
Total	\$4,177.59

## 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	\$500.00
Grave Sites	
Total	\$500.00

### 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*

"Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the Solution to our problems of declining vocations."

- Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, Archbishop of Cebu

### 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, Alex Bakken, Townsend Community

### 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-Fourth 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 8

### Attributes of God

#### God as good

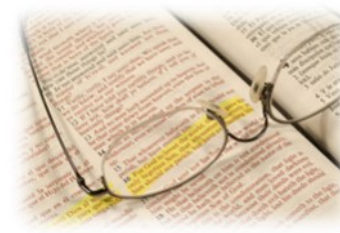
We often say that God is good, but what does that mean? Does it mean that he does good things? Does he create good or are his actions good? God is the source of all goodness. Therefore, we can understand God's goodness as a combination of many different aspects of goodness. The first aspect of goodness is that all good things tend towards unity. Since God is one, whatever he does must work towards unity with him. The second aspect of goodness is that it works toward unity, creativity, and peace. We have a sense of this aspect. Whenever something is good, we see the effects of its goodness through peace and unity. All of these aspects lead to several conclusions that often ignore God's goodness. God created the world and everything in it as good including ourselves. We cannot see the world or anything God created as evil. Also, everything God does must be good. If we comply with his will and do what he is asking of us, it will always lead to good. How often do we ignore God's will or ignore him because we think that what he is asking of us will lead to something evil or wrong? God's goodness is a valuable attribute in that it helps us understand his will and guides us to believe in him and the good things he wants to give us.

#### God as love

This attribute of God is one of the most misunderstood attributes of God. Love is a creative force. Much like goodness and oneness, love is unifying and good. Yet love is something more than unifying and good. Love is creative and self-giving. Thus, when we say that God loves the world or loves us, it means that he gave himself to us. He poured out his own being into his creation and into our lives because God is the fullness of love. Now we should turn to Genesis 1. According to Genesis, when God created the universe, he spoke and it was made. The act of him speaking created the universe. According to Babylonian and Sumerian mythology, the gods sung creation into existence. Both of these ideas paint a different picture of Genesis. When God spoke, he gave his life-breath to make the universe. He is giving himself as an act of love. The universe wasn't created out of necessity, boredom, or for service, it was created out of God's love which is creative.

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9-24-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm: 145:2-3,8-9,17-18  
Reading 2: Philippians 1:20c-4,27a  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

MASS	Schedule
Monday September 18	Mass 9a Gilbert Lumba RB Joyce Ulmer Adoration 9:30a No Catholicism 101
Tuesday September 19	No Mass
Wednesday September 20	No Mass
Thursday September 21	No Mass
Friday September 22	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday September 23	No Mass Holy hour 9a-12p Confession 9a-12p
Sunday September 24	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p



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

Sunday September 24, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Eichinger Family

Lector:

Mary Duede

Gifts:

Martin and Doris Mingay

EM:

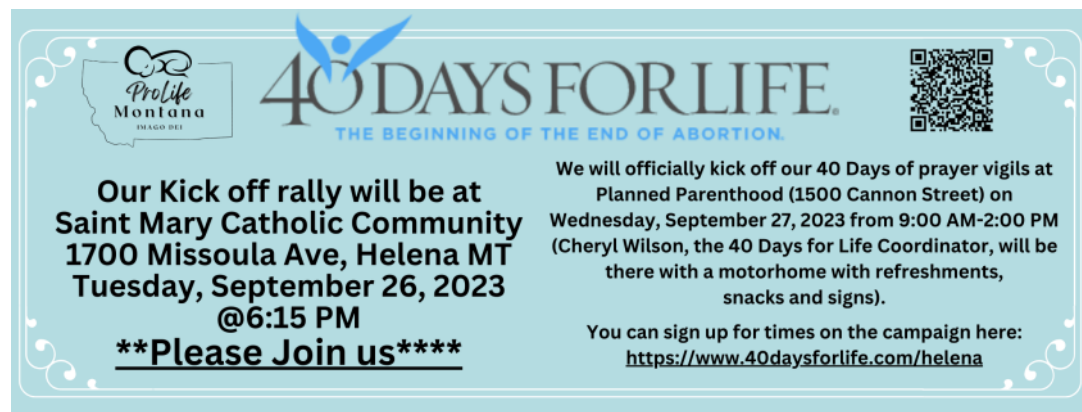
Alex Estrada and Buffy Woodring

Money Counters:

Tom and Julie Lethert



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.

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.



### 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>.

Parish Service forms are available. Lots of help is needed! Please prayerfully consider how you will help you parish this years. Some opportunities are available in the new form so read it carefully. This parish needs a lot of support from all of you to continue functioning. Please be generous in your service of this parish.

### A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Austin Vetter and Bishop Jeffrey Fleming will be celebrating a **Red Mass** in Helena at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Wednesday, October 4 at 12:00 noon. Following Mass, there will be a luncheon in the Brondel Center of the cathedral.

A special invitation is extended to all judges, lawyers, legislators, government officials and law school students.

**Registration is required for the luncheon** and the deadline is Monday, September 25th. To register, please contact Matt at the Montana Catholic Conference at 406-442-5761 or [director@montanacc.org](mailto:director@montanacc.org). Please register with your name, phone number, email address and number attending.



# 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!

No Catholicism 101 series this week. The next topic is "Who is God?" on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The notes are posted on the website and a livestream version is available. If you would like to join the livestream version, send an email to [frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org](mailto:frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org).

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.



Bishop's  
*Gala*

2023 Bishop's Gala Canceled

The Bishop's Gala planned for 2023 has been canceled but will be back in 2024. Bishop Vetter wants to thank those who generously attended last year's gala. He is looking forward to seeing everyone as he makes his third round of deanery and parish visits and adds Capital Campaign events to his calendar.

## 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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