

## Stewardship

5/20-212023

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,955.00
Loose	\$111.75
Holy Day	\$202.00
Stipend	\$20.00
Restricted	\$544.00
Votive Candles	\$72.37
Total	\$2,905.12

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-April

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$1,012.99
Geisser Services	\$720.00
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,179.15
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,470.50
Diocese of Helena	\$1,159.00
Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	\$100.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

#### Cemetery Expenses-April

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

THANK YOU!



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

### 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, Matt Keck, and Dcn. Kyle Tannehill.

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, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield



### Did You Know!

After completing the history of the Catholic Church series, I want to make a point about church history we often don't realize. The 20<sup>th</sup> century was the bloodiest century in church history with over 2/3 of all martyrdoms within the 20<sup>th</sup> century totaling between 20 and 50 million martyrs. These martyrs came from almost all the countries of the world including: Mexico, Peru, Germany, Italy, Vietnam, Lithuania, Poland, Albania, Ukraine under Soviet rule, North Korea, Spain during the Spanish Civil War, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan, Russia, China, East Timor, and even the U.S. We need to realize the incredible amount of persecution against the Church from throughout the world and the many women, men, and children who stood up valiantly against these forces to prove the value of the Christian faith and belief in the power of Christ. I encourage everyone to spend some time researching the persecutions on the church and coming to understand and realize the strength of our brothers and sisters who paved the way for our faith and died for the sake of Christ.

**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.**



Pentecost Sunday

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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May 28, 2023

# New Schedule starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

## Masses

### Sundays

Confessions at 3:30 pm

Mass at 4:30 pm

### Weekdays

Monday: Mass at 9 am

Tuesday: Mass at 9 am

and Adoration at 9:30 am



## The Holy Spirit

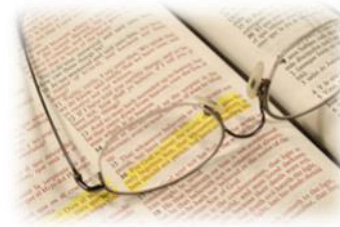
Inspired by the Feast of Pentecost and with hope for the good of this parish, the church, and all of you, I want to take the next several weeks to reflect on the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. I feel the Holy Spirit is often ignored or little emphasis is placed on the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We know of God the Father as the Almighty, the Father of Jesus, and sometimes refer to him simply as "God." Jesus is the most relatable of the three persons of the Trinity as the one who became human, the one who took away our sins, and the one who has eyes and ears like us. But who is the Holy Spirit? Is he a ghost like so many from ages past seemed to assume? Is he just another aspect of God? How do we relate to the Spirit?

We must be clear on one point: the Spirit is God just like the Father and the Son. He is one of the three persons of the Trinity and the one who links the relationship of the Father and Son together often referred to as the "bond of love shared by the Father and the Son." I don't want to reduce the Spirit to simply an idea or a theological point. The Spirit is profoundly important in our daily lives. God sent his Spirit into each human being that through our souls, the part of the Spirit that lives within us, we can approach God, talk with him, feel his inspiration, and come to know of God's presence in our lives. The Spirit is our closest and most direct connection to the Father. He inspires, encourages, and protects us. His providence imbues us with many gifts that help promote the good of the Church and the mission of God.

How do we come to know the Holy Spirit? The answer is simple: pray. How often do we pray for the inspiration of the Spirit? How often do we ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Now is our chance to come to develop a more personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and spend time in prayer and praise of the Spirit. Another way to reflect on the nature of the Holy Spirit is to reflect on passages like Jesus' Baptism, the Transfiguration, and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Coming to know the Spirit can be challenging. Unlike the Father and the Son who show themselves in human forms, what does the Spirit look like? Does he take a human form like us? What does he feel like? What ways does he show himself? If you take time to reflect on these questions, you will come to appreciate the power of the Spirit and also the ways he works in your life.

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



The Most Holy Trinity

6-4-2023

Reading 1: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9  
 Psalm: Daniel 3:52,53,54,55  
 Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 Gospel: John 3:16-18



MASS	Schedule
Monday May 29	No Mass
Tuesday May 30	No Mass
Wednesday May 31	No Mass No Adoration
Thursday June 1	No Mass
Friday June 2	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday June 3	No Mass Holy Hour 12-4p
Sunday June 4	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



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

### Ministry Schedule

Saturday June 4, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

Lector:

Debbie Miller

Gifts:

Bleile Family

EM:

Martin and Doris Mingay

Money Counters:

Tom and Julie Lethert

# W E L C O M E

We will be hosting two seminarians for the summer: Dillon Armstrong and Anthony Olmes. They will be with us from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please welcome them to our parish.

## 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).

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



## FOOD PANTRY

Holy Cross is responsible for staffing the Food Bank in June. Doris Mingay, who lead our efforts to find people to help serve, has stepped down as our coordinator. We thank her for her work in helping the Food Bank and coordinating with our parish. We are still looking for someone who would like to be our liaison with the Food Bank and help to coordinate our efforts to support those in need. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cody.

A reception for those who received Confirmation will be on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after Mass



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## Divine Mercy Group

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

@ 7PM

Where: Classroom downstairs

### Topic: Dangers of the Tongue

Read selected entries from the Diary of St. Faustina that are discussed with this particular issue. Reflection & Meditation

Book review: *Secrets from Heaven* by Fr. Sebastian Walshe

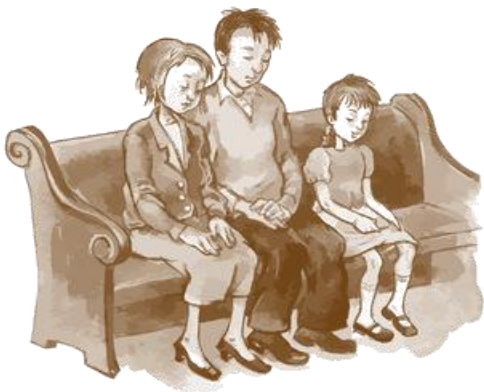
Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Dcn. Kyle Tannehill will be ordained a priest on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3p at the cathedral in Helena. Everyone is encouraged to go and support him especially if you've never been to a priestly ordination



## 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 \$18,750 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.

## APPETIZERS FOR

# DADS!

SUNDAY

JUNE 18, 2023

AFTER MASS DOWNSTAIRS

Hosting by

Woman of Faith

Appetizer includes:

Meatballs, Deviled Eggs, Veggie Platter, Crackers & Cheese

Drinks:

Iced Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee



Please pray for those who will be confirmed on June 6<sup>th</sup>:

- Ryan Racht
- Jesus Garcia
- Riley Richtmyer

BEYOND 227  
PRESENTS

Beyond 227, an organization dedicated to continuing  
Fr. Stuart Long's mission, is pleased to offer you this opportunity

# MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE

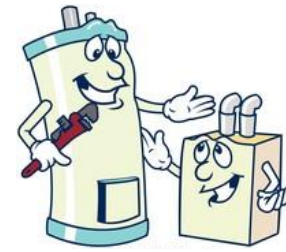
A Murder Mystery Dinner

"Focus on the mission."  
-Father Stu

SUPPORT THE MISSION

Helena Civic Center  
06.9.2023  
5:30 pm - 10:00pm

REGISTER NOW



We got a new on-demand hot water heater last week. This new hot water heater is more efficient than the last two, produces twice as much hot water, and should solve the issue with the water for the sanitizer not getting hot enough to sanitize the dishes.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HOLY CROSS PARISH

Ages Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade welcome

**June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 4:00pm (lunch provided)** Doors open at 9:00am for registration and check-in.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm – 5:30pm** Dinner provided for all participants and families following the conclusion of VBS. Come explore all the Stellar activities!

Cost: \$20 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family

To register visit <https://vbspro.events/p/a655fe>, scan the QR code or contact Shawna Wickens at the parish office via email at [re@holycrossmt.org](mailto:re@holycrossmt.org) or phone at 406-266-4811.



HOLY CROSS PARISH

## MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for films that are focused on  
fatherhood and masculinity.

JUNE 3, 10, 24, & JULY 1

5 PM TO 9 PM

APPETIZERS PROVIDED

June 3: October Sky

June 10: Becket

June 24: On the Waterfront

July 1: Cinderella Man



2023



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefitting Catholic Social Services of Montana

### Catholic Social Services of Montana

will host its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual charity golf tournament on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course in Helena. All funds raised benefit CSSM's adoption and family support ministries across Montana. Teams of 4 can register before July 7<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee includes 9 or 18 holes of golf, lunch, player gifts, a small donation to CSSM, and a fun day at the course with opportunities to win great prizes! For more details, including online registration, visit <https://cssm-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.

**Come have fun playing a round of golf and support a wonderful Catholic charity serving Montana!**