



Holy Cross Parish

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 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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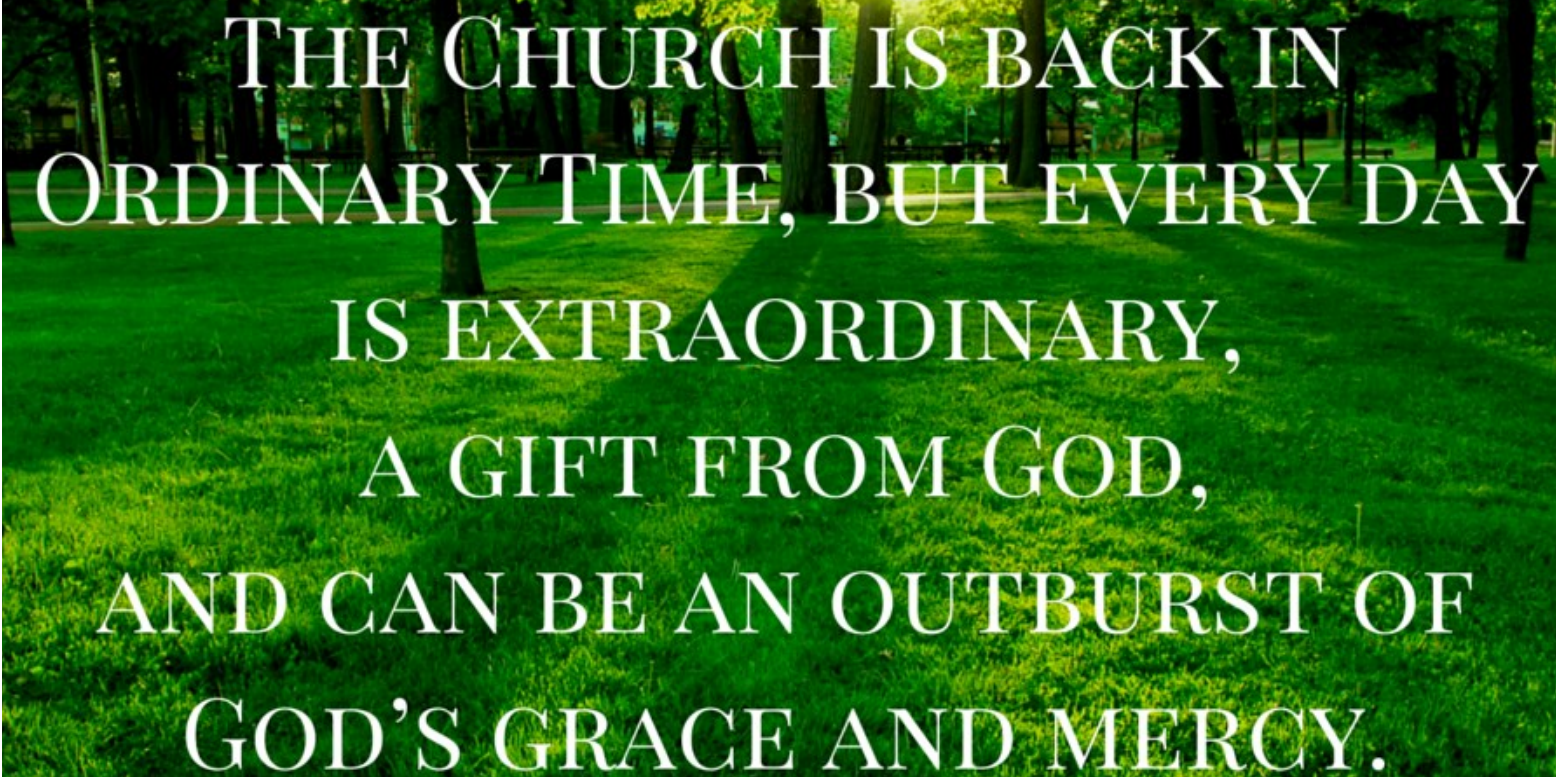
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THE CHURCH IS BACK IN
ORDINARY TIME, BUT EVERY DAY
IS EXTRAORDINARY,
A GIFT FROM GOD,
AND CAN BE AN OUTBURST OF
GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Basics of Catholicism part 105

How do we get a bishop?

Before I venture into the Rite of the Ordination of a Bishop, I want to take some time to explain the process through which bishops are chosen and the difference between ordination and installation. In a nut shell, bishops are chosen by the Pope. The process is quite involved.

Before a man can be considered for the episcopate (being part of the group of bishops) he must be an ordained priest in the Catholic Church. Throughout the year, the Congregation for the Clergy, the part of the Vatican which oversees clergy issues and the nomination of bishops, sends out questionnaires to the bishops of a region asking for nominations of priests to be chosen as bishops. The bishops will send their replies back to the congregation who will review the names. From these names, they will select some from the list and conduct an evaluation of the candidates. This process involves sending out questionnaires to those people who know the man including both clergy and lay people. They look for specific qualities in this candidate. Does he have strong administrative skills? Is he faithful to the teachings of the church? Does he show concern for the people he serves, the poor, and the people outside the church? Does he have a good decorum? They have many other questions that assess the viability of this candidate trying to ensure that he will be a good candidate for the episcopate and a given diocese.

The process of evaluating candidates to become a bishop is a constant process. Naming bishops, however, is not. Once a diocese is vacant, either the bishop is moved, dies, or retires, then the process of selecting a bishop begins. The Congregation for the Clergy will pick three men from the lists they have created whom they think will be a good fit for that diocese and send those names to the Pope. The Pope has three options. He can either: select one of the candidates, reject all the candidates, or name someone of his choice. It is extremely rare that the Pope will select his own candidate of someone who is not on the list. It was more common in the Middle Ages than today. If he rejects all the candidates, then the Congregation begins the process of selecting three more candidates and sending them to the Pope. Once a candidate is selected by the Pope, the Pope has the Apostolic Nuncio, the delegate who is responsible for communication between Rome and a given area, call the man. He is given 24 hours to respond with a yes or no answer to being called to become a bishop. He is not allowed to speak with anyone about this nomination until it the Vatican gives approval. If he responds with a "yes," we have a new bishop. If he responds with a "no," then process begins anew. Over the past 20 years, it has become increasingly common for men to say no, more likely than at any other time in church history.

Once the candidate has said yes, they begin scheduling his meeting with his new diocese, his meeting with the current bishop or administrator of that diocese, the press release, ordination date, and eventual installation in that diocese. All of this is kept secret until the public announcement.

Fr. Cody



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*black lab not included

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.

- October 26: Peace
- November 23: Hope
- December 28: Love

On the third Sunday of each month a blessing table will be set up in the entrance of the church. You are welcome to bring any objects of devotion that you would like blessed and Fr. Cody will bless them after Mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

Blessings

Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered at the Broadwater Food Pantry in September. Your kindness to our community is such a blessing!

Town Pump is matching monetary donations given to the food pantry from September thru November.

Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

Broadwater Food Pantry
PO Box 1164
Townsend, MT 59644



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. To learn more or if you are interested in becoming Virtus certified please contact Shawna Wickens.



Divine Mercy Academy is excited announce that we are hosting our very first Ignatius Book Fair! The Book Fair will offer a thoughtful selection of Catholic and curated secular works and we would like to invite the public to come! Tuesday, October 21st, from 6 to 8 PM, will be a Parents Only shopping night with wine, cheese, and other goodies. We would also like to welcome you from 4-6 PM on October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Please contact Carolyn Nealen (carolyn.nealen@dmamt.org) with any questions and/or with your RSVP for the Parents Only night.

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted by email to

bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Monday at 10a

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending October 5th

Envelopes	\$1517.00
Loose	\$57.64
Online	\$352.58
Total Weekly Contribution	\$1,927.22
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$1927.22
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$1927.77
Total Year to Date	\$51274.33
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Scripture Readings



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10-19-2025

Reading 1:	Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm:	121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Reading 2:	2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel:	Luke 18:1-8



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

Mass	Schedule
Monday October 13	No Mass or Adoration
Tuesday October 14	No Mass
Wednesday October 15	
Thursday October 16	
Friday October 17	
Saturday October 18	
Sunday October 19	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30p – 7:30p Dinner provided by the Knights

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.

Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, 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 October 19, 2025 4:30pm

Greet:	Anthony and Paula VanHoudt
Lector:	Karen Simonich
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Buffy Woodring and Tacy Swanton
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

Ask A Priest



Monday, October 20th—dinner at 6 pm and presentation at 6:30

101 S. Walnut St. Townsend

Everyone welcome with science Experiments for the kids

Got Questions? This is the night for you.

**There will be no Mass or
Adoration on Monday (10/13) or
Tuesday (10/14)**

A Year with the Church Fathers

Mondays from 6:30-8 pm

Starting Monday, Oct. 27th

Explore the lives of the fathers.

Read their theology and writing.

Come to understand their value in the Church.

See flyer for more information.



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4:00

OCT. 5 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

OCT. 12 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

OCT. 19 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

OCT. 26 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



"When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer."

St. Louis de Montfort



Faith Formation

Youth Schedule

10/12/25: RE Class (Marriage)

10/19/25: RE Class (Holy Orders)

10/26/2025: RE Class (Feasts/Season Liturgical Year)

10/29/2025: Possible Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat Night (Middle school and High school youth only)

11/2/25: RE Class (Rite of visiting a cemetery on All Souls day)

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.

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



Catholic Mental Health Counseling

CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20 communities in Montana and is ready to serve you!

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone.
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- You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in-person with a counselor.
- We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available.

To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2' or send us a message at www.cssmt.org.



Fun Fact: Religious orders wear long rosaries hanging down their side from their belts. Why? Because it is a weapon! This is the way that knights once carried their swords. And it is so much more powerful than a sword.

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. Thank you for supporting our parish youth!

