

Stewardship

4/29-30/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,093.00
Loose	\$67.45
Stipend	\$10.00
Restricted	\$130.00
Total	\$2,300.45

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

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

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

"I adore and venerate you as much as ever I can, though my love is so cold, my devotion so poor. Thank you for the good gift of this your holy Body and Blood, which I desire to receive...,"

- St. Anselm (Archbishop and Doctor of the Church)

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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed 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!

The St. Michael the Archangel prayer was given to Pope Leo XIII in a vision. During this vision he saw the next 100 years as a particular time of trial and dominion by Satan. Pope Leo XIII required this prayer as well as three Hail Marys and one Our Father to be said after each Mass in order to quell the horrors that would befall the 20th century. This prayer is one of the few exorcism prayers that the laity can use to help ward against demons, protect against temptation, and to aid in spiritual trials. The inclusion of these prayers ended with the reforms of the Mass in 1965

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Fr. Cody Williams, Pastor Email: frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org

Office: 406-266-4811

Email: office@holycrossmt.org

Shawna: RE@holycrossmt.org

Website: holycrossmt.org

Mailing address: P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)

Townsend, Montana 59644

May 7, 2023

New Schedule starting June 3rd, 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



What is a proper environmental ethic as taught by the Catholic Church? Many think that the Catholic Church entered late into the dialogue regarding environmentalism. They are wrong. The idea of stewardship of our planet dates back to the Book of Genesis. Many of the theological and spiritual masters of the Middle Ages awed the world by their concern for the created world as a way of knowing God. Pope Leo XIII, writing in 1890, spent considerable time focusing on the evils of an industrialized society and its challenges for the environment and the social order. The Catholic Church has always taught that a necessary connection between our faith and the environment exists.

The first point in this ethic is the God gave us stewardship over this planet. The gift of the place we are given to live was meant to be cared for and respected. This is our home and we were commanded to care for and protect it. Eventually we will need to account before God for our actions to the gifts he has given us. In this way, our environmental ethic must examine the ways in which we used these gifts, these resources, and the gift of creation.

The second point is recognizing that creation teaches us about God and guides us to understand him. I find it fascinating that in every dystopian novel or movie the common factor is the environment is gone. God created everything and therefore everything shows God's creativity, his power, and his intellect. Without creation or by ignoring the created world and its beauty, we ignore the creator. The goal of any environmental ethic should center on the perseveration of the good of creation not simply creation on its own. We are part of creation and therefore need to see our role and the greater good of creation.

The third point is that creation is meant for our good and the progression of humanity. As Pope Leo XIII points out, the industrialization of the world is not in line with a proper environmental ethic. Using the planet for our economic gain and as a thing to be discarded once exhausted degrades that good that God created creation with and degrades our good. The created order itself is good for humanity and a good beyond economic gain. We need the planet for recreation and for our livelihood. Therefore the planet has greater worth than simply to progress humanity along the industrial track.

All three of these points must come together if we are to find a proper environmental ethic.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Sixth Sunday of Easter

5-14-2023

Reading 1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 Psalm: 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16 and 20
 Reading 2: 1 Peter 3:15-18
 Gospel: John 14:15-21



MASS	Schedule
Monday May 8	NO MASS
Tuesday May 9	NO MASS WOF 6:30p KOC 7p
Wednesday May 10	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday May 11	Mass 9a Homebound
Friday May 12	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday May 13	Confession 4-4:45p Rosary 4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday May 14 Mother's Day	Confession 7:30-7:45a Rosary 7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family KOC breakfast 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 May 13, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Tom Aced
 Lector: Debbie Miller
 Gifts: Eichinger Family
 EM: Karen Simonich and Monte Montonario

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 14, 2023

8:00am

Greet: John and Missy Rauser
 Lector: Mary Ellen Schnur
 Gifts: Wickens Family
 EM: Buffy Woodring and Megan Bleile
 Money Counters: Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

The Last day of RE is Wednesday, May 17th. Stay tuned for summer activities.



**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.

The Month of Mary

In celebration of the month of Mary we will be praying the rosary every week-end during May starting 15 minutes prior to mass.

Saturdays starting at 4:45p

Sundays starting at 7:45a



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 \$15,000 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.



Announcements

Congratulations to WOF Scholarship Winners

The 2023 recipients of the Holy Cross Women of Faith Scholarships are Ryan Racht and Jesus Garcia. We congratulate these young men on achieving success in the classroom, in athletics and activities, but most importantly in their Catholic Faith. They are examples of excellent character and humility and are candidates for Confirmation this coming June.

The \$500 dollar awards to each graduate will help to defray some college expenses this coming fall. Ryan is planning to attend Dickinson State University in North Dakota where he will study Communications and play football for the Blue Hawks. Jesus has also committed to Dickinson State. Our sincere best wishes go out to these two young men. The prayers of our parish family will be with you in your upcoming endeavors in the classroom, on the field, and in your faith formation. God Bless!



You're invited!

Divine Mercy Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
7p In the Social Hall

Movie: Love and Mercy

A docudrama about the
Life of St. Faustina Kowalska



Mark your calendars for vacation bible school. Kids age preschool - 5th grade are invited to attend Holy Cross's Stellar VBS program on June 12th, 13th & 14th. Time schedule and more details to come. As always there are a variety of things that need to be done in planning and executing a successful program. If you are willing to help with VBS in any way please contact Shawna Wickens at the parish office, via email at re@holycrossmt.org or calling or texting 406-594-3714.



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena

Did Taxes Hurt This Year?

If your taxes were painful this year, the Foundation for the Diocese may be able to help.



We offer annuities that can help you give a gift to your favorite parish or ministry AND receive a 40% TAX CREDIT on your Montana taxes.

You can donate stock or cash and the Foundation can provide you an illustration to show how it may help your tax situation.

If you would like to learn more, contact Daniel Thies, at the Foundation, (406)389-7051 dthies@dohmt.org.

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).



Catholic Social Services of Montana

will host its 24th Annual charity golf tournament on July 14th, 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 7th. 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!