

Stewardship

7-30-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,425.00
Loose	\$168.62
Pews	\$50.00
Total	\$1,643.62

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-July

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$339.15
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$275.23

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-July

NorthWestern Energy	\$30.28
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Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems,"

- Pope John XXIII

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 family, LaReissa Swenson

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

Transfiguration of the Lord

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 2

Who is God?

No topic is more fundamental than God. Yet, the nature of God is one of the most complex topics I can discuss. The best starting point for the nature of God is God's existence. Does God exist? Obviously most of us who are reading this will say "yes, of course he exists." Yet, how do we explain this to others? How do we defend the existence of God or encourage others to believe that he exists? We must remember an essential starting point: faith in God is a gift from God. Faith guides us to see the world as more than a series of experiences linked to concrete objects. Faith helps us look beyond the material world to something greater. Faith as a gift helps us know with a certainty that God exists. If faith is a gift, then how do we convert people? How do we help them to come to know God if they must be inspired in order to know him? Although faith is a gift, it is a gift that all people already have. Every person has faith. Faith that their favorite team will win the championship; faith that the sun will rise tomorrow; faith that their spouse, family, friends love them. We believe a great numbers of things that we often take for granted that are expressions of faith. Our challenge is to come to see faith not just as a way of understanding the world and coming to accept certain realities but as a way of accepting God as the greatest of realities, as the one and only God.

Over the course of the next two parts of this series, I am going to cover several proofs for the existence of God. You may enjoy or appreciate some of these, others you will find confusing, and some will be weird or not seem to work. Each of these proofs have worked for some people and not others. The reason for this discrepancy is the topic I just addressed: faith. For those who have faith, not amount of proof is necessary. For those who do not believe, no amount of proof is sufficient. Each proof will have strong points and weak points as they guide us to understand God, his actions in the world, and the limitations of any proof devoid of the inspiration of faith. Let's not be overwhelmed by these proofs but instead explore the variety of ways that we come to know that God exists and be able to understand other peoples' objections and guide them to faith.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8-13-2023

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm: 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Reading 2: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



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

MASS	Schedule
Monday August 7	Mass 9a No Adoration
Tuesday August 8	No Mass KOC 7p
Wednesday August 9	No Mass
Thursday August 10	No Mass
Friday August 11	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday August 12	No Mass
Sunday August 13	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday August 13, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Gene and Bev Determan

Lector:

Marilyn Vandersloot

Gifts:

Tom and Julie Lethert

EM:

Buffy Woodring and Alex Estrada

Money Counters:

Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



Registration Information

Please return your parishioner information forms. We would like to update our system and create a new parish directory this fall.



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.

There is a lost and found table in the narthex. Please collect your belongings. Anything not claimed in the next couple weeks will be donated.

Your stuff misses YOU too.



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.



Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children



Sundays
4:10pm

Aug. 6 - Joyful Mysteries

Aug. 13 - Luminous Mysteries

Aug. 20 - Sorrowful Mysteries

Aug. 27 - Glorious Mysteries



The new RE year will formally begin on Sunday, September 10th with all ages meeting after Mass on Sunday. Dinner for everyone from 5:30-6p and then programming from 6-7:15p. Parents are encouraged to stay for a program similar to the high school program.

We are looking for a few more people who may be interested in helping teach as well as anyone interested in filling in from time to time when needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Mass or Adoration August 8th

RE teachers planning meeting August 13th after mass

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass August 14th at 6:30p

RE fun night August 15th 5-7p



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.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday August 27th after mass

All are encouraged and welcome to attend

Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism 101 begins September 11th. This new series is designed to allow anyone to join and learn about the Catholic faith. If you know of a friend, a neighbor, or a family member who is interested in learning more about the Catholic

faith, encourage them to come. When we get back to the basics, we make the beauty of our faith shine. I encourage everyone to come to this series.