

Stewardship

10-8-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

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| Envelopes | \$2,960.00 |
| Loose | \$88.75 |
| Stipend | \$40.00 |
| Restricted | \$6,565.00 |
| Other | \$58.05 |
| Total | \$9,711.80 |

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-September

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|---------------------|----------|
| City of Townsend | \$173.41 |
| Flocknote | \$36.00 |
| Spectrum | \$144.97 |
| NorthWestern Energy | \$281.76 |
| Geisser Services | \$975.00 |

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

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| Short Term |
| Long Term |
| Grave Sites |
| Total |

Cemetery Expenses-September

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|---------------------|----------|
| NorthWestern Energy | \$76.65 |
| Geisser Services | \$725.00 |

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy Sacrament was - that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires You!"

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri

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, Millie Sullivan

Did You Know!

Most hospitals were started by the Catholic church. For centuries hospitals were opened and run either by religious or people. About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to 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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

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 12

Faith in God

Last week I began to explore the topic of faith. Our goal this week is to focus on faith in relation to God. Often the divide between “people of faith” and “those without faith” is over the topic of God not faith. Can a person believe in God? Should a person believe in God? How does a person come to believe in God? Can we have evidence or proof of a being who is not material? Can faith give us certainty or is it just a hunch or belief?

I would not be writing this series or be a priest if no one could believe in God. So therefore, yes, people can believe in God. I don't want to leave this question with such a trite answer. Believing in God is different than coming to know God. Many people throughout the world believe that God can exist without any application of that belief. Namely they agree that understanding the universe makes more sense if God exists but they do not believe that God has any use in their lives. This shows the difference between believing in God and coming to know God.

The process of coming to know God is not a simple matter. I cannot go up to a person and show them a picture of God and they immediately come to believe. Neither are the proofs for the existence of God so compelling that they automatically lead people into a life of faith. Believing in God is a process of coming to realize his presence in the universe and allowing him to reveal himself. We come to know God not through arguments or philosophy but through encountering him. The great joy is the many ways that we can encounter him. Through healings, miracles, friends and family, personal revelation, reflection, and prayer. No one perfect way exists but everyone has one special way that God makes himself known to each person.

The greatest proof for the existence of God is that God wants us to know him. I can write pages proving the existence of God and quoting scientific evidence but nothing is more convincing than a personal encounter. Scripture makes one point abundantly clear, even if it seems contradictory: “the person who seeks God will find him.” The heart that is open to the mystery of God will come to meet him and believe in him. The greatest challenge is allowing space for our hearts to be open to him.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10-22-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Psalm: 96:1 and 3,4-5,7-8,9-10a and c
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



| MASS | Schedule |
|-------------------------|---|
| Monday October 16 | Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p |
| Tuesday October 17 | Mass 9a |
| Wednesday October 18 | No Mass |
| Thursday October 19 | No Mass |
| Friday October 20 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| Saturday October 21 | No Mass |
| Sunday October 22 | 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 October 22, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Tom and Julie Lethert

Lector:

John and Missy Rauser

Gifts:

Alex Estrada and Missy Cox

EM:

Money Counters:

Tom and Julie Lethert

Mark Your Calendars!

Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1st Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2nd Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3rd Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4th Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5th Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.

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 \$54,247. We have raised \$25,000 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$35,000. 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.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide RE dinners. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Help Wanted:

- Building a cabinet for the sacristy
- Pounding down the nails on the parking blocks in the parking lot
- Spraying the building for bugs
- Installing a white board
- Installing base molding

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Fr. Cody

Ministry training schedule:

- Saturday October 28th.
- Newcomers Group – 1 pm
- Greeters = 2pm
- Prayers of the Faithful Team – 3 pm
- Old to the Needy = 4 pm



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 4th 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.

Next Holy Hour October 28th

Blessings

There will be a Blessing Table beginning the third Sunday in October. If you would like any items blessed please place them on the table and Father Cody will bless them after mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month.

Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

~~Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?~~

Nov. 5th: Who am I?

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

Catholic Radio Station Announcement:

KNEH 97.3FM in Helena has been an affiliate of Relevant Radio for over 15 years. Relevant Radio, "Talk Radio for Catholic Life", has over 200 radio stations across the US. While there are some communities in Montana that operate Catholic radio stations, the number is still very small. We recently added a LISTEN LIVE button on our website at kneh.org. Besides streaming Relevant Radio programming, KNEH also broadcasts Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and other information of interest to parishes throughout the Diocese. We wanted to offer a way for all the parishes in western Montana to stay informed and connected to their Diocese and enjoy the benefits of quality Catholic radio programming. I have attached a program grid for Relevant Radio in Montana time zone and an announcement that I hope you will add to your parish bulletin. If you have any questions, please call me. I appreciate the opportunity to let people know about Relevant Radio. It has made a huge difference in our Helena community. Many people have returned to Sunday Mass and others have become Catholic after listening to Relevant Radio. I have heard many testimonies about these things.

"Introducing Relevant Radio, Talk Radio for Catholic Life!

Whatever you may be looking for, be it faith education, today's headlines through a Catholic lens, or a community to pray with, you can find it all on Relevant Radio. It's an entertaining and spiritual way to grow every day. The Relevant Radio network broadcasts coast-to-coast on over 200 stations in the US, including Helena, KNEH, 97.3FM and Bozeman, KOFK, 88.1FM. Programming can also be heard via streaming audio at relevantradio.com and on their free Relevant Radio app. For those of you in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, we suggest streaming audio from Helena's www.kneh.org LISTEN LIVE button. Along with all Relevant Radio's programming, you'll also hear Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and local information of interest to Montana Catholics in our Diocese. We're here to keep you informed and connected to our beautiful Catholic faith here in Montana. We hope you enjoy the national programs on Relevant Radio along with the local Montana connection at kneh.org."

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!

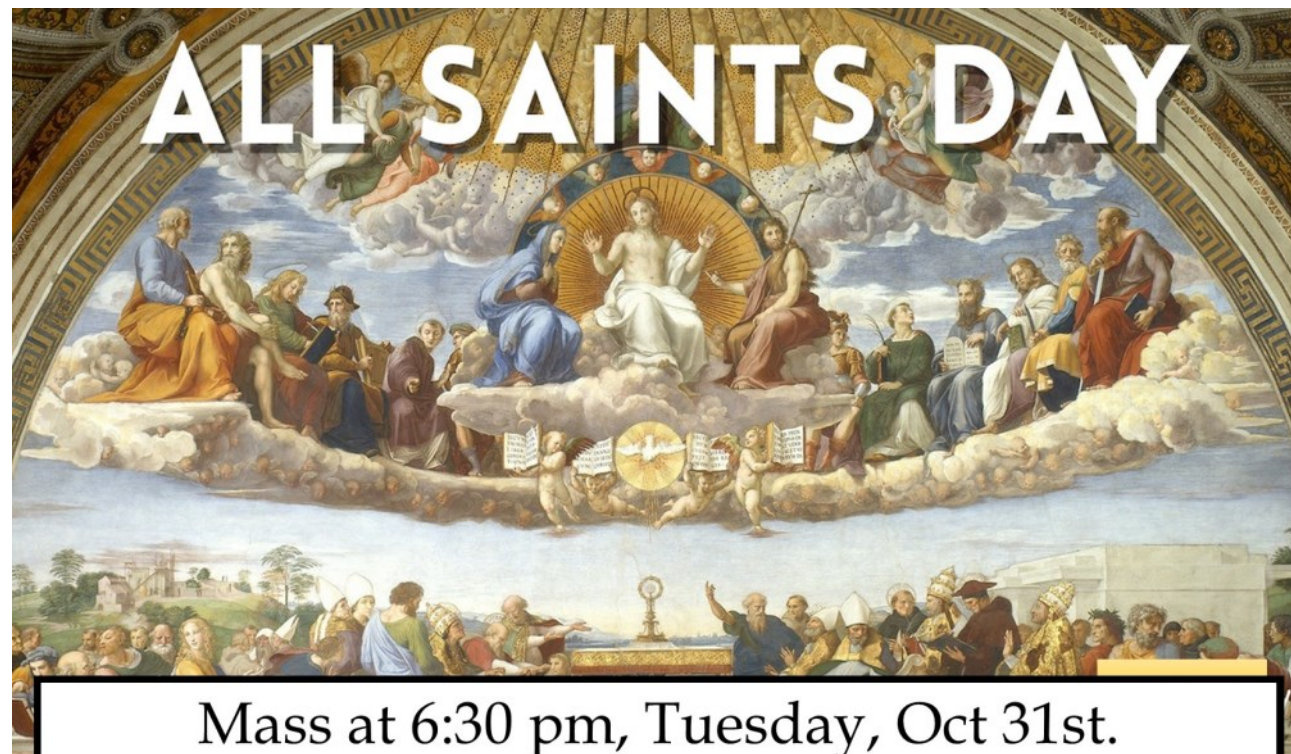
Mondays 7-8:30

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!

The next topic is "Church Part 1: Development of Doctrine" on Monday, October 16th. 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.



Mass at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct 31st.
Party After Mass.
Saints costume contest, Trivia, Bingo and more.

Let's pray the Rosary

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



Oct. 1 - Joyful Mysteries

Oct. 8 - Luminous Mysteries

Oct. 15- Sorrowful Mysteries

Oct. 22 - Glorious Mysteries

Oct. 29 - Joyful Mysteries

Sundays 4:10pm

We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281