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Father Alfred Lopez, from Food for the Poor, will be visiting our parish on June 14, 2026

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

○ God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, AMEN.

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Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

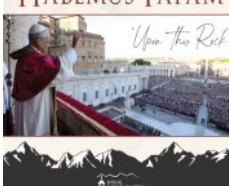
We will start an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series soon. This process is for anyone who is not baptized but can also include those who are baptized and need the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are interested in joining the church but would like more information are welcome to attend.

If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, contact Fr. Cody.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:

\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 50% of our parish goal, with \$10,825 to go!

NOTES

- There are light bulbs free for the taking in the Narthex.
- All guides from Father Cody's "A Year with the Church's Fathers" series are printed on the table in the Narthex. Please take them for your reference.
- **There will be no daily Mass or Adoration on Monday, May 25th or Tuesday, May 26th**

Parish potlucks

May 24: **No Potluck** (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 28: Hope (10th anniversary of Ordination celebration and going away party for Father Cody)

Please join us for a reception after mass on **Sunday, June 7th** to celebrate our parish youth graduates!



High School Graduates: Emmalin

Fischer, Kaden Richtmyer and Aspen Slyker

Eighth Grade Graduates: Lucas Bleile, Emmalyn

Estrada, Kathryn Six, Anders Bakken, Trigg Boylan, Declan Toney, and Rigo Delgado

Matthew Redeagle has been elected as the newest member of our pastoral council. Welcome and we look forward to your service in this position!

Please pick up a new parish directory from the Narthex for your household!

All bulletin information and mass announcements requests need to be submitted by email to

bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10a



Holy Cross Parish

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

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 136

The Rite of the Anointing of the Sick

The rite for this Sacrament has many parts that all direct the recipient and those present to understand and appreciate the effects of this Sacrament. Most people think that this Sacrament is meant to be a private encounter between the sick person and the priest. Not so! All Sacraments in the Church are public celebrations. Albeit some people prefer more privacy when being anointed so that others don't ask questions or cause additional problems for them (an incredibly sad reflection on the status of the church today).


The rite begins with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Yes, the rite implies that the person is going to confess their sins before the Sacrament begins. Most people do not realize the importance and value of this moment. Since the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confers the forgiveness of sins on the person, the act of confessing sins gives greater healing to the person. If the person is not contrite or willing to be free from their sins, their own choices have greatly limited the amount of healing and grace that can come from the Sacrament. The Church strongly encourages anyone who receives the Anointing of the Sick to go to Confession before receiving the Sacrament. Obviously this is not a necessary qualification for being anointed. Those who are comatose or unable to confess their sins can still be anointed. Priests are not allowed to deny someone the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick simply because the person didn't go to Confession. These two Sacraments, when celebrated together, show the incredible levels of healing that can come through the Sacraments.

The first part of the rite follows a normal set pattern that is very similar to the Mass: Sign of the Cross, greeting, acknowledgment of sin, and a prayer. The opening prayer along with the Gospel reading both emphasize the biblical foundation of the Sacrament but also clarify the power of Jesus to heal. In the new rite, which came out in 2026, the Gospel passage was changed to the Centurion who believed that Jesus would heal simply by hearing Jesus' ascent. We too are encouraged to have the same faith as this centurion. By hearing Jesus say that he will heal us, we believe that he will heal us. The proclamation of the Gospel is a necessary and important part of every rite. We aren't magicians who perform some magical arts. We are people of faith who are converted by the Word of God and his Spirit. The proclamation of the Gospel is the context for the Sacrament. Through the power of Jesus' word the rite makes sense and gets its strength.

Following the proclamation of the Gospel is the Litany of the Anointing. This part functions like a response to the Gospel and encourages the people to understand and pray for the healing of the persons to be anointed. We can think of it like a Prayers of the Faithful. The Laying on of Hands follows the Litany. Now that we have made our act of faith and prayed for this person, we call down the Holy Spirit upon them.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



The Most Holy Trinity
05-31-2025

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

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending May 17th

Envelopes	1678.00
Loose	159.50
Online	\$169.19
Total Weekly Contribution	2006.69
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$1,772.70
Week 2	\$3,131.04
Week 3	\$2,006.69
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	
Total Year to Date	\$151,588.23
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday May 25	No Mass or Adoration
Tuesday May 26	No Mass
Wednesday May 27	
Thursday May 28	
Friday May 29	
Saturday May 30	
Sunday May 31	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4PM

MAY 3 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
MAY 10 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
MAY 17 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
MAY 24 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
MAY 31 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES



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, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Franklin Slifka, Repose of the soul of Arnold Woodring, Repose of the soul of Judy Slifka

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



"When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open his. We will go to him, and he will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God!"

- St. John Vianney

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 31, 2026 4:30pm

Greet: *Tacy Swanton*
Altar Servers: *Lucas Bleile, Alex Weiss, and Brenon Estrada*
Lector: *Karen Simonich*
Gifts: *Joy Haggard and Karen Susag*
EM: *Tom and Julie Lethert*
Ministry Counters: *Karee Reiman and Kristi Gersch*