

Stewardship

2-18-2024

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,375.00
Reimbursement	\$1,086.99
Loose	\$203.65
Total	\$3,665.64

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-January

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$745.22
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,946.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Wix	\$324.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$1,356.93

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites	
Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Open & Close Gravesite	
Memorial	
Total	\$100.00

Cemetery Expenses-January

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, 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:



Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder

Did You Know!

The color purple with signifies the Seasons of Lent and Advent was a very expensive color. The color purple was made from harvesting a specific type of sea snail. The glands from 1000's of snails were extracted, dried, crushed into powder, and then made into a dye. Since this process is incredibly labor intensive and difficult to make, only the rich could afford dyes of this color. Thus the color purple was associated with royalty giving the Seasons of Advent and Lent a royal character. A group of Italians are trying to recreate the process of creating this dye. You can watch a video about the process on YouTube.

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.



The Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Cross Parish

February 25, 2024

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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Office: 406-266-4811

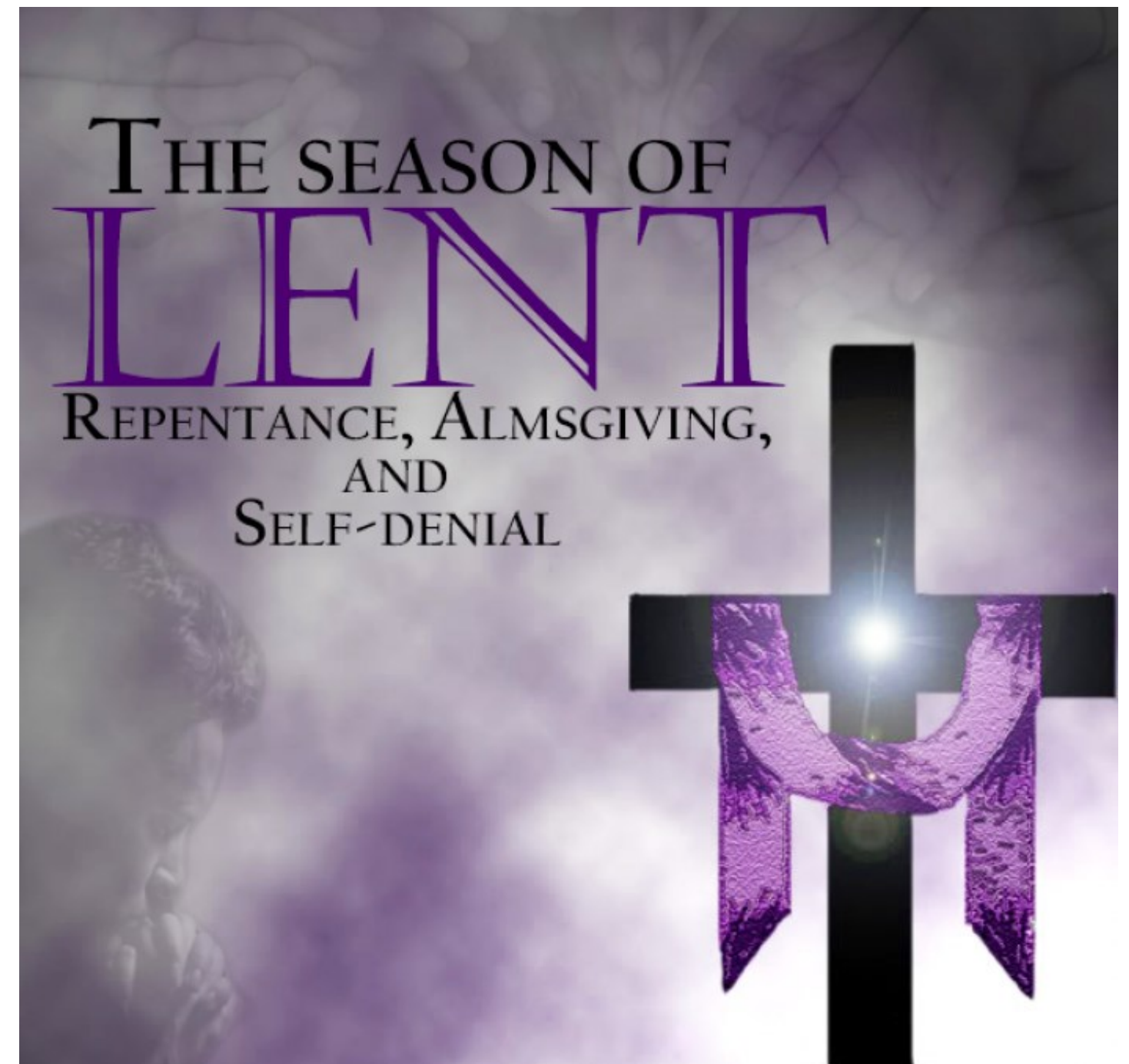
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The Season of Lent

The church year begins with the season of Advent. Since we are past three of the seasons of the year and are now progressing through the season of Lent, I am going to start with the season of Lent to help you understand its character.

The Season of Lent was added to the church year around the 4th century. As the number of people wanted to enter the Christian church skyrocketed following the legalization of Christianity by Emperor Constantine in 313, the Church needed a way to prepare these people for entry into the Church. Prior to the legalization of Christianity, entry into the Church could take 2 to 10 years depending on the level of preparation and the person. This lengthy process was no longer possible with the incredible swell of interest. So, the church reduced the time of preparation to 40 days mirroring the many different preparatory periods of the Bible which were 40 (days/years). For these 40 days, those preparing for entry and the rest of the church would pray and fast for those about to enter the church so that they may complete their journey. Thus, Lent was formed.

The Season of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, which is always the Wednesday before six Sundays before Easter, and ends the evening before Easter. Most people are confused by the number of days within the Season of Lent. The days of Lent are calculated as the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter minus the Sundays (6 weeks x 6 days per week + 4 days = 40 days). The Sundays are not considered part of Lent because every Sunday is a feast of the joy of the Resurrection and should therefore be days of rest and feasting.

Lent is one of the two penitential seasons of the year along with Advent. Penitential seasons are preparatory seasons that tone things down so that the celebratory seasons which follow them can be celebrated with even greater joy. For this reason, during Lent we do not sing the Gloria on Sundays. However, we continue to sing the Gloria for major feasts and other solemnities like St. Joseph and the Annunciation. Days of great joy always trump penance for fasting without feasting makes life dull and sad. We also fast from using the phrase "Alleluia." Again, by removing it from our Masses for the 40 days, it comes back with even greater joy at Easter. The color for all days of penance, including the penitential seasons, is purple. Purple was an expensive color to make and therefore only the royalty could afford it. By using the color purple, the church teaches us about the nature of this season. Lent has a royal dignity to it. Lent is a season of great importance. The darker nature of purple contrasts to the bright colors of red, green, and white that mark the other seasons. Thus, Lent takes on a somber tone with the color purple.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Third Sunday of Lent

3-3-2024

Reading 1: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17
 Psalm: 19:8,9,10,11
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

MASS	Schedule
Monday February 26	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday February 27	Mass 9a
Wednesday February 28	No Mass Stations of the Cross 6:30p
Thursday February 29	No Mass
Friday March 1	No Mass Knights Fish Fry 5p
Saturday March 2	Mass 9:20a
Sunday March 3	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Family Night



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 March 3, 2024 4:30pm

Greet: Eichinger Family

Lector: Marilyn Vandersloot

Gifts: Dan and Bernadette Swenson

EM: Megan Bleile and Buffy Woodring

Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "Conversation, Salvation, and Resurrection" on Monday, February 26th. 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

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

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!

Out of a desire to use our faith and our parish to help the world, I would like to start a program to support needs throughout the world. These acts of support will come from the parish resources and will not be a second collection or another appeal. If you have causes or people throughout the world that you would like to support, send an email to frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org.



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.

Blessings

Every 4th Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you wish. Resources will be available to help you pray and make the most of the time you have. I encourage everyone to come and use this opportunity.

Next Holy Hour April 27th



FAMILY CAMP
JUNE 30-JULY 2

Registration opens
March 1, 2024



LEGENDARY ADVENTURE CAMP

Session #1
JULY 14-19

Session #2
JULY 21-26

Registration details coming soon

legendarylodge.org | Find Us on Facebook

Thank you to the Knights for hosting the Super Bowl party



Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~ Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent through March 27th at 6:30p
- ~ Knights Fish Fry Friday March 1st at 5p
- ~ Mass on Saturday March 2nd at 9:20a
- ~ Lenten Penance Service March 5th at 6:30p



Knights of Columbus



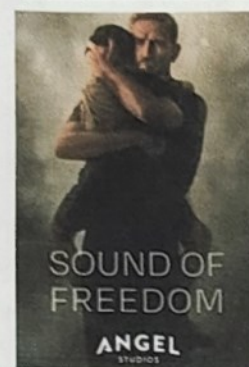
When: March 1st and 15th

Time: 5-7p

Menu: Fish, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese. Potatoes, and Coleslaw

Prices: \$15 per plate and \$40 for families of four or more. \$6 for just Clam Chowder. \$4 for just Mac & Cheese

Please reach out to Richard Majszak 406-980-1447 for any questions



40 Days for Life Spring Mid Rally

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Prolife Montana is hosting a showing of "Sound of Freedom" at Big Sky Fellowship (7610 Roughsawn Dr, Helena, MT 59602) on March 2nd.

Concessions will be available for your enjoyment; doors open at 6pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. Donations are gladly accepted and will benefit Pro-life Montana as we continue to provide quality events, education and resources to promote the value of life from conception to natural death.

CREATED GOOD

Townsend Community Family Night

DINNER PROVIDED



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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

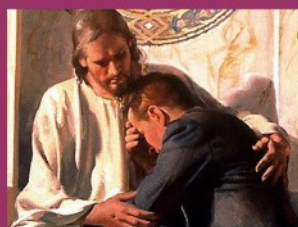
When: 1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm
Where: Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S. Walnut St.

~~Jan. 7th: Christmas Party~~
~~Feb. 4th: What do I do with my life?~~
March 3rd: What does it mean to be forgiven?
April 7th: Easter Party
May 5th: How do I make strong relationships?

FREE EVENT

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 5th
6:30 pm



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1st Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.



Thank YOU!

We are so grateful for all who participated in our Change for Life Campaign.

Together we stand for
LIFE, HOPE, & FAMILIES



If you forgot to return your baby bottle, please swing it by Options Clinic, or bring it to the church as soon as possible.



Offering Hope. Building Families.
1005 Partridge Pl., Ste. 1, Helena, MT 59602
406-422-1011

If you have not returned your baby bottles for the Options clinic baby bottle drive, please do so soon.

Following God's Pedagogy



An Introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP
author & catechetical consultant

March 4th	Holy Rosary Parish Bozeman	7:00 - 8:30pm
March 5th	Cathedral of St. Helena	6:00 - 7:30pm
March 6th	St. Anthony Parish Life Center Missoula	6:15 - 7:00m



The Annual Catholic Appeal is in full swing. Our goal is to raise \$21,100 for the purpose of the Diocese, the parishes of the Diocese, and the mission of the Diocese. Please consider and make a donation to the ACA. We are currently at 78% of our goal with only \$5,100 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

DIOCESE OF HELENA EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



MARCH 22-24, 2024
CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

ENCOUNTER THE LORD | ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK |
PROCLAIM HIS LOVE

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

DR. JOHN BERGSMA | CHIKA ANYANWU | CHRIS MUELLER |
SR. FAUSTINA MARIA PIA, SV | SR. ANTONIANA MARIA, SV

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