

Bishop's Gala

The Diocese of Helena Bishop's Gala is returning this October. Holy Cross Parish will be putting a silent auction basket together for the gala.

Basket them: Catholic Christmas

Please consider donating Christ-centered items, such as nativity set, advent calendar, advent candle holder, ornaments, cards, tree topper, seasonal devotions or music, or other items that fit with the theme. We will be collecting donated items in the church office until August 8th.



YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

"Experience the Bible"

Baptism

July 8th

11:00am – 3:00pm

Open to all ages PreK through high school!

Lunch provided!

Join us for our Experiencing the Bible summer youth events where there will be fun, interactive, days this summer where the youth will participate outdoors in activities and lessons that focus on learning about specific events from the Bible and Jesus's life. For this session we will discuss the importance of baptism, how we experience baptism in the Bible, and how Jesus's baptism was the beginning of his ministry. We will be going to Hellgate campground on Canyon Ferry Lake for our discussion, play in the water, enjoy nature and have some fun. Ages 7 and younger need to be accompanied by a parent. We are asking all youth to pre-register for this event so plans for travel can be made. Scan the QR code to register or contact Shawna Wickens by July 7th.



We are hiring!

Maintenance Manager (\$20/hour, 6-10 hours/week)

We are looking for a part-time groundskeeper/building manager. This person is responsible for repairs and maintenance for our building as well as upkeep of our grounds. If you or someone you know is interested, check out the website for a complete job description and application or talk with Fr. Cody. Please remit applications by July 7th!



Commercial Cleaner (\$16/hour, 35 hours/month)

The role of the Commercial Cleaner is to maintain the cleanliness of our building. The job description is on our website and on the info table in the Narthex. If you are interested in applying, please send an application to Fr. Cody.



HELP NEEDED!

Is there anyone who has a trailer that can pick up items cleaned out during the parish clean up day and haul them to the transfer station?

These items are sitting outside near the parking lot.

Please contact Father Cody if you are able to help!

THANK YOU!



Holy Cross Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

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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THE CHURCH IS BACK IN
ORDINARY TIME, BUT EVERY DAY
IS EXTRAORDINARY,
A GIFT FROM GOD,
AND CAN BE AN OUTBURST OF
GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Basics of Catholicism part 91

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Over the next several centuries the theology of the priesthood underwent few changes but the practical side of the priesthood developed immensely. Following the Edict of Constantine in 313 and the legalization of Christianity, the number of converts to the Christian faith exploded. The bishops, who until this time were largely the sole leader of their flock, could no longer care for the large number of new Christians in their dioceses. Therefore, the priests were sent out as delegates of the bishop to preach, teach, administer the Sacraments, and care for the flock. Notice the effects of this massive change. Prior to the Edict, priests were largely a supportive role to the bishops and worked with their bishops in a single church. Now priests took care of individual churches, celebrated Sacraments on their own, and had a flock of their own to care for. This new model is very similar to our experience of the church today. Each church had a priest who cared for it and he worked under his bishop, who is the head, to care for them.

A few other massive changes came with the Council of Nicaea in 325. One of the major issues addressed at this council was the limitations on the authority of bishops. Until the Council of Nicaea, bishops were seen as equals and had authority wherever they were as bishops. Thus bishops would roam from their diocese and perform administrative and Sacramental care in many different places. The "roving bishop" mentality caused a lot of practical challenges for the church. The council fathers declared that bishops have authority in their diocese and are not allow to wander from diocese to diocese. The same practical ruling affected priests as well. Although developed several centuries later at the Council of Trent, priests were under the authority of their bishop and received the permission to celebrate the Sacraments from their bishop alone. Therefore a priest could not wander from diocese to diocese and consider himself able to celebrate Sacraments. His authority to perform priestly functions came from his bishop's permission and authority.

One of the clearest examples of a change that came during this time period and still exists today is the breaking off of a piece of the consecrated bread and putting it in the consecrated wine during the Mass. During the 4th century, to show the connection of the priest to his bishop, the priest would take bread consecrated by the bishop and put a piece of that consecrated bread into the chalice of wine consecrated at the Mass. This sign shows the connection of that Mass with the Mass of the bishop and the connection between the priest and his bishop as well as the Sacraments and the bishop.

The deacons of the 3rd through 11th centuries were largely administrative in nature. They would help as envoys to other political powers, care for the finances of the church, and help with some minor sacramental and spiritual care of the people.

Fr. Cody

There will be no week day Mass or Adoration on the following dates: 7/14, 7/15, 7/21, 7/28, and 7/29

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended June 29th

Total for the week \$1,487.90
 Budget \$2,900.00
 Variance **-\$1,412.10**

Year to Date

Total \$143,398.69
 Budget \$148,000.00
 Variance **-\$4,601.31**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Scripture Readings



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 07-13-2025

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
 Psalm: 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
 Reading 2: Colossians 1:15-20
 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The next parish potluck is Sunday, July 27th. The Circle of Understanding is responsible for set up and clean up.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass	Schedule
Monday July 7	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday July 8	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners Youth Summer Event 11:00a-3:00p
Wednesday July 9	
Thursday July 10	
Friday July 11	
Saturday July 12	Bill Kearns' funeral Mass 11:00a
Sunday July 13	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

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.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

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, Kammy Law, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced, Richard Majszak, Repose for the soul of Marilyn Gagen, Mary Garman

Ministry Schedule

Sunday July 13, 2025 4:30pm

Greet: Tacy Swanton
 Lector: Debbie Miller
 Gifts: Fisetbe Family
 EM: Tom and Julie Leibert
 Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch