

Stewardship

3-17-2024

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,468.00
Youth	\$631.27
Loose	\$78.40
Online Giving	\$383.75
Total	\$2,561.42

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$647.92
Montana Energy Alliance	\$2,594.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Special K Plumbing and Heating	\$400.00
One License	\$425.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites
Short Term
Long Term
Open & Close Gravesite
Memorial
Total

Cemetery Expenses-February

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O how unspeakable is this Sacrament which sets our affections ablaze with charity. It is the fulfillment of Christ's Mystical Body."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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, 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, Mille Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder. Monte Schnur

Pop Quiz:

What are the three parts of the Rite of Confirmation?

On Palm Sunday, the priest can wear two types of vestments. What are they called?

According to the Gospels, what time of day did Jesus rise from the tomb?

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.



Palm Sunday

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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March 24, 2024

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Holy Week

On a hill overlooking the city of Jerusalem, Jesus began his walk into the city of Jerusalem amidst the cheers and excitement of the people. They assumed that he was coming to be their new king. He knew that he was coming to die. This event begins Holy Week and our journey with Jesus through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Some ask the question, why do we do this, i.e. wave palm branches and process into the church? The answer is simple. Our faith is meant to be tangible. Acting out the events and seeing them come to life as part of our worship of God is important for us to engage with the events of Jesus' life and come to experience them in our own. We don't want to simply hear that Jesus has come into our lives; we need to act it out so that we know how it feels.

Palm or Passion Sunday is one of the few days of the year with a sharp contrast to its celebration. Red is the liturgical color for only two Sundays of year with Passion/Palm Sunday being one of them to emphasize Jesus' death. The joy with the palm branches is quickly shifted to the extremely long Gospel passages that tells the entire story of Jesus' death. The four parts to the Gospel reading – Jesus, the narrator, the voice, and the crowd – give us a sense of our part in the story and help the Gospel make more sense. The voices of the people shouting to the priest "Crucify him" is always unsettling. But, we need to speak those words since we are the ones who wanted him crucified, regardless of whether we want to admit it. The Church requires all priests to keep their homilies short to allow the power of the Passion account to affect us.

The next three days of Holy Week focus on the events that lead up to Jesus' death. We can ask the question, what was Jesus doing between the time that he entered Jerusalem and his arrest? The answer is simple. He was anointed by Mary, he cleansed the Temple, he taught the people, he prepared for the Passover, and Judas worked to betray him. Lots happened in those few days. The days between Palm Sunday and the Mass of the Lord's Supper are marked with the feeling of waiting and anticipation. They are not inconsequential days.

During Holy Week, priests are forbidden from celebrating baptisms, marriages and funerals. Baptisms for adults and older children are highly discouraged during the Season of Lent to not distract from the Season of Easter being the season of baptism. Holy Week is a special time and therefore these liturgies are suppressed for the week. Some of the Sacraments are allowed as needed and requested by the faithful such as Anointing of the Sick and Penance. But these Sacraments are based on request and not as a Penance Service of Anointing of the Sick Mass.

I encourage you to celebrate Holy Week well. Part of celebrating this week well is to take time away from some of the things we would normally do so that we can devote time to prayer, to pondering the week, and preparing for Easter. Walk with Jesus. Take each day and remember what happened on each day.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Easter Sunday
3-31-2024

Reading 1: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 Gospel: John 20:1-9



MASS	Schedule
Monday March 25	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a No Catholicism 101
Tuesday March 26	No Mass
Wednesday March 27	No Mass Stations of the Cross 6:30p
Thursday March 28	Mass 6:30p
Friday March 29	Stations of the Cross 3p Mass 6:30p
Saturday March 30	Mass 9p
Sunday March 31 Easter Sunday	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family NO RE Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

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 April 7, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Bleile Family
Lector:	Karen Simonich
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Tom Aced and Monte Montonario
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "Life in the Church" on Monday, April 8th. 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!

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. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

~ Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent through March 27th at 6:30p



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.

Did you know?

We cover the images in our church starting the 5th Sunday of Lent so that we can fast from images from this point until Easter. These changes help us to notice and appreciate the things in our church

THANK YOU!

YOUR CHURCH RAISED

\$1,421.83

Options clinic

OFFERING HOPE & BUILDING FAMILIES

optionshelena.org

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



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.

Save The Date
for the Holy Cross

Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th
Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. We need everyone's help for this event to be a success

Holy Cross Parish wishes you a blessed Easter!

Join us in celebrating the joy of Jesus's resurrection

Easter Mass

Sunday, March 31, 2024

4:30 pm

Easter egg hunt to follow on the church lawn.

Easter Party

Sunday, April 7, 2024

5:45—7:00 pm

Join us for food and games!
All are welcome!

101 S. Walnut
Townsend

Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

I would like to lead a pilgrimage for any parishioners who would like to go. I would like your input. If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, let me know which location you would prefer.

1. Rome and Italy
2. The Holy Land
3. Greece and Turkey to follow the route of St. Paul
4. Spain and the way of St. James
5. Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Wisconsin and the only approved Marian apparition in the US as well as the sites of the martyrs in the northeast.
7. Ireland

Triduum Schedule:

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 pm
 Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 29th at 3:00 pm
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Friday, March 29th at 6:30 pm
 Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 pm
 Easter Sunday Mass – Sunday, March 31st at 4:30 pm



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 80% of our goal with only \$4,140 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

