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

\$173.41
\$647.92
\$2,594.15
\$144.97
\$36.00
\$400.00
\$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." Palm Sunday St. Thomas aquinas Weekday Mass Schedule: Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a Pray for our Seminarians Adoration: Monday 9:30a Weekend Schedule: Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment 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 Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p 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 .92 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 I Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schauber, 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. Monte Schnur Pop Quiz: Holy Cross recommends What are the three parts of the Rite of Conthat the following be respected: firmation?

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?

made with the funeral director. Social Hall:

Christian Burial: Notice should be made

with the priest before

arrangements are

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.



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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.

Scripture Readings Mondau Tuesda Wednes Easter Sunday 3-31-2024 Thursd Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Reading I: 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Friday Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:66-8 saturd John 20:1-9 sunday

Psalm:

Gospel



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

Fr. Cody

Mass	schedule	
Nonday	Mass 9a	
March 25	Adoration 9:30a	
	No Catholicism 101	
vesday	NO MASS	
March 26		
vednesday	NO MASS	
March 27	stations of the cross 6:30p	
hursday	Mass 6:30p	
March 28		
riday	stations of the Cross 3p	
March 29	Mass 6:30p	
aturday	Mass 9p	
March 30		
undauj	Confession 3:30p	
Jardo 3	Mass 4:30p	
March 31	Parish Family	
Easter Sunday	NO RE	
	Easter Egg Hunt after Mass	

Ministry Schedule		
<u>Sunday April 7, 2024</u>	- 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 frewilliams@holycrossmt.org

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.

Alessings



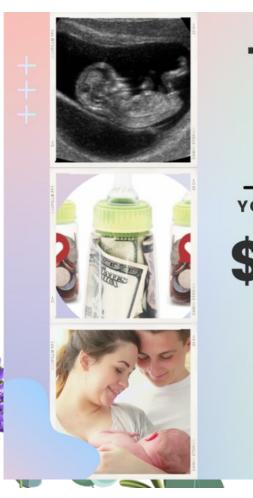
Listery 4th Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much 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.

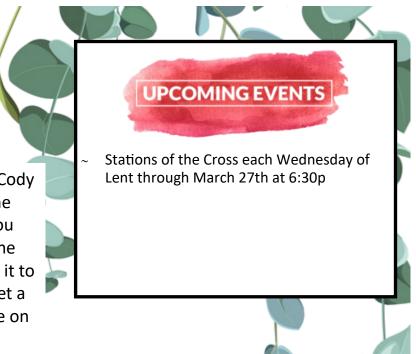
Next Holy Hour April 27th

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.

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





Did you know?





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.