



Holy Cross Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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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A mother's Day blessing

Heavenly Father,

*I lift up to you today my
mother and all mothers.
Bless them with strength to
continue to care for their
children, with the same
bold, selflessness Mary
showed Jesus. Help my
mother and all mothers feel
our gratitude and truly
know their impact. May we
honor them today and on
all days as vessels of Your
love. In Your name I pray.*

Amen

Happy Mother's Day

Conclave: selecting the next pope – part 3

Conclave is the process through which the church selects the next pope. Following the period of mourning the death of the pope, the Cardinals of the Church gather in Rome to begin this process. They start with a day for prayer and then are ceremoniously locked into the Sistine Chapel. In times past they were actually locked in. During this time, they are sworn to silence and secrecy about the election process so that outside forces like political powers and media sources cannot influence their decision. Many people like to compare conclave to the election of a president or the processes involved with congress. I would argue these examples are largely misguided. Conclave is a spiritual process through which these men debate, discuss, and work to determine who would be the best candidate to lead the church. Yes, many come with agendas because the concerns of the church are important.

Conclave has many parts to it. The first day begins with prayer and each Cardinal reciting a long prayer stating their promise before God that this process will be to best of their conscience. Then they take 2 votes in the afternoon. For the next three days, they take four votes per day and in order for a candidate to win, he must receive 2/3 of the votes. A cardinal may choose himself, although it is rare at the beginning. Only cardinals present at Conclave are eligible to be nominated and voted on. If after the first four days of voting there is not a conclusive vote, the cardinals take a day for prayer and reflection before beginning the process again. After the first period of voting, they continue the process of four days of voting following by a day for prayer until the next pope is elected.

The voting process follows a very specific pattern. Each cardinal is given a slip of paper on which he writes his vote. Then he gets up in front of the rest of the cardinals, says a statement in Latin attesting that he is acting in good conscience and before God, drops his ballot in the chalice, and returns to his seat. Then one of the cardinals will collect and count all the votes. If the number doesn't match the number of cardinals, all the ballots are thrown out and a new round of voting begins immediately. After all the ballots have been counted, they are read and recorded in the book of votes, then all the ballots are burned. If the vote is inconclusive, the cardinal who presides over the Conclave will put a substance on the ballots that cause the smoke from the burning ballots to turn black. Black smoke means no pope. If the vote is conclusive, then the presiding Cardinal puts a substance on the ballots that makes the smoke turn white. White smoke means we have a pope.

Once the new pope has been selected, he is asked to choose a new name. The pope normally picks either a name of one of the previous popes or a saint. Pope Francis was the first pope to choose the name Francis. Then he goes to a room off to the side of the Sistine Chapel called the "cry room" where he gets a moment to grapple with the incredible burden that he has accepted. After his time of preparation, he is dressed in the papal clothes. The church prepares three sizes of the white papal cassocks so that one of the sizes should fit the majority of the cardinals. After he is dressed in his white papal cassock, he is lead to the balcony where he greets the world as the pope for the first time.

Fr. Cody

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

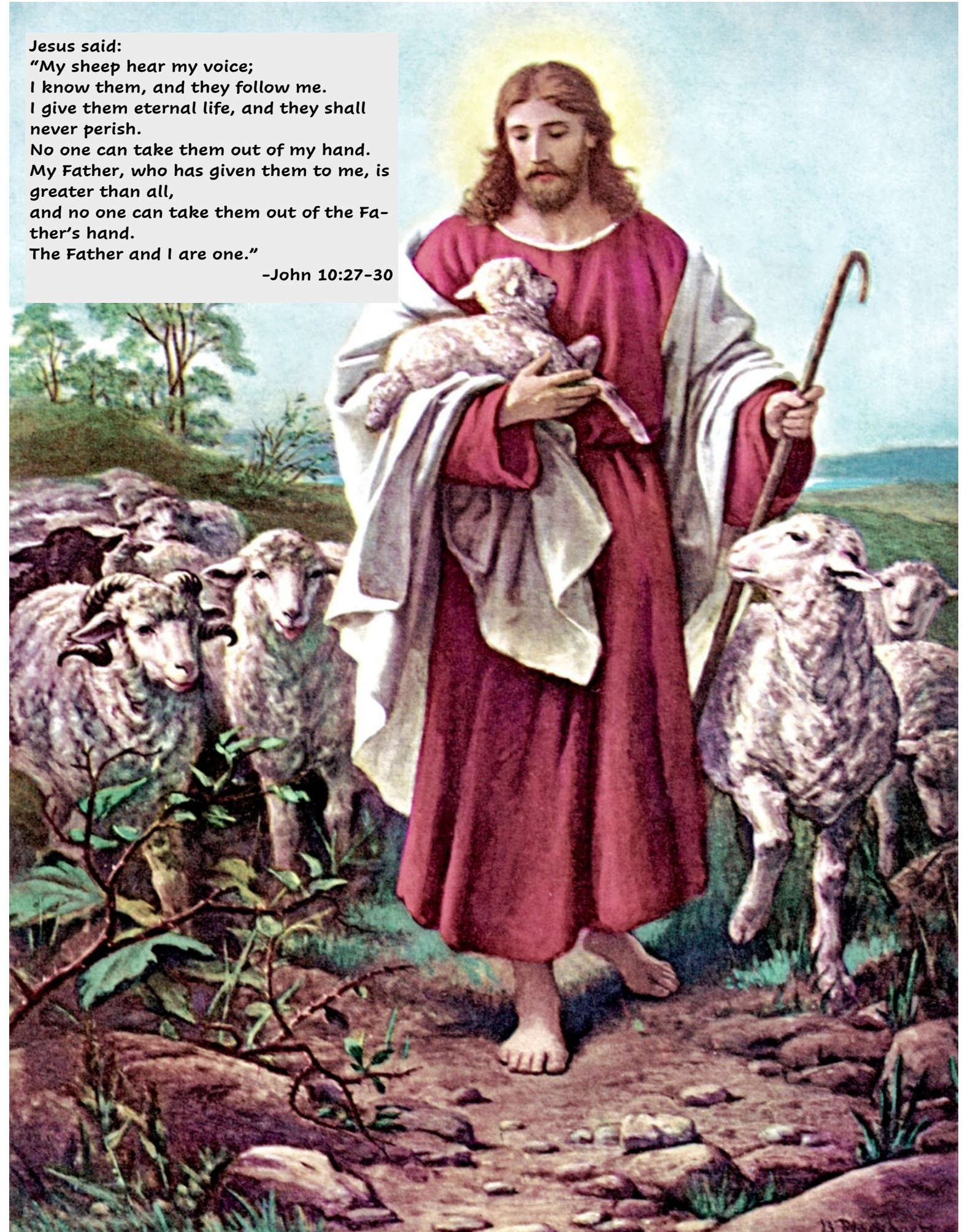
No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,

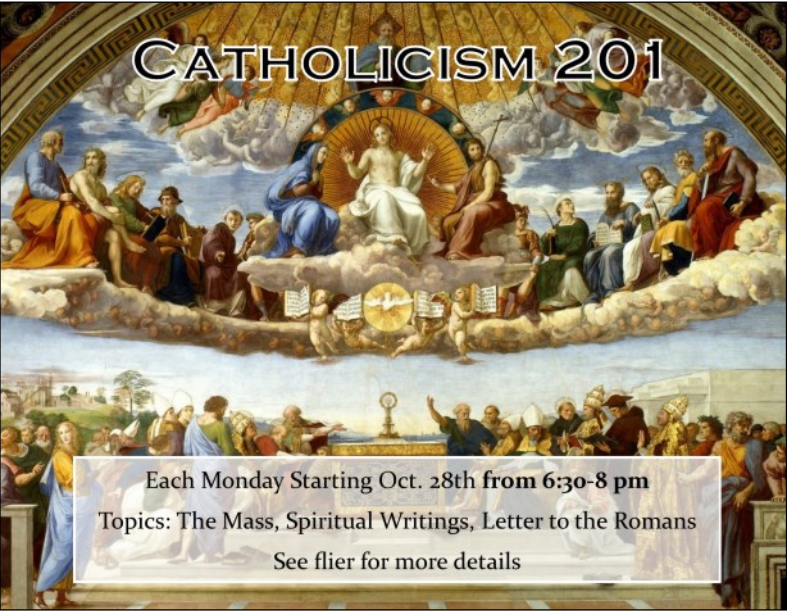
and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

-John 10:27-30



CATHOLICISM 201



Each Monday Starting Oct. 28th from 6:30-8 pm
Topics: The Mass, Spiritual Writings, Letter to the Romans
See flier for more details

The last Catholicism 201 class will be
Monday, May 12th at 6:30pm

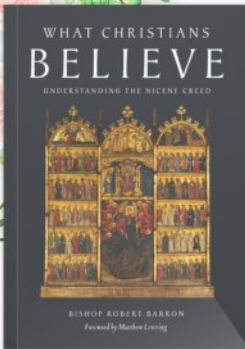
Women of Holy Cross Book Study

May 8, 15 & 22 from 4-5 pm


Meet downstairs in the sewing room
Coffee & Tea will be offered

WE'LL BE READING:
What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed
by Bishop Robert Barron

We have extra copies of this book.
Please don't order one.



Women of Holy Cross Meeting
Tuesday, May 13th
6:00-7:00 pm
Holy Cross Parish center
There will be discussion and planning of a Women's Tea Party to be held in June. All women of the parish are invited to attend and bring ideas.



Please join us in a reception for the newly confirmed members of our parish following mass on Sunday, May 18th:

Alex Bakken

Janeth Garcia

Anders Bakken

Kaden Richtmyer


Roger Reiman

Derek Weiss

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS
5/18/25: Last Day of RE party
Stayed tuned for information on Upcoming Summer Youth Events!

Faith Night

Exploring the issues of our times in the context of faith



Final Faith Night
May 19th—Poverty and Homelessness


For all ages. Free dinner

Does Homelessness have a solution?



Faith Night: Homelessness
Mon. May 19th—6:00-8:00 pm
Holy Cross Church: 101 S. Walnut St.
All are welcome

Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday of Easter
05-18-2025

Reading 1: Acts 14:21-27
Psalm: 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Reading 2: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

With the passing of Pope Francis, the church encourages many practices to pray for the repose of his soul. One of the practices is praying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be daily for his soul.

Easter Word Search

ANGELS
APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
BLOOD
CALVARY
CROSS
CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION
DARKNESS
DEATH
EARTHQUAKE
EASTER
GOLGOTHA
HIGH PRIEST
JESUS CHRIST
JOSEPH
JUDAS ISCARIOT
KING
LAMB

PIERCED
I A S L R U R P
E C S A S A T K
C N E S C I B L
E P D W O R N B
S N Q F Z V I Y
O O S L S O E F
R U V B C Y L U
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B E T R A Y A L
Q R T Q O S E F
T D V S N X N G
F O R A A H E O
N B M I K E R L
V O O B I B Y G
R P V I N W C O
Q D R T G V F T
D M J J C F O H
B L O O D E N A
C B X V L S O J
I S G P L E M E
S R M I T T I S
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P U N E A V R H
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M A L N G S I I
T A R A C C D S
C I R K M M L T
V R Z Y N B O Y
R Y O R E E S G
K I C S Y D S G
P N H N S Q E S

MARY
NAILS
PASSOVER
PIECES OF SILVER
PIERCED
PILATE
RESURRECTION
ROBE
ROMANS
SACRIFICE
SIMON OF CYRENE
SOLDIERS
SON OF GOD
SPEAR
STONE
TEMPLE
THIEVES
THREE DAYS
TOMB

Mass	Schedule
Monday May 12	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 201 6:30p
Tuesday May 13	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday May 14	
Thursday May 15	
Friday May 16	
Saturday May 17	
Sunday May 18	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p (Parish Family) Last day of RE Party 5:30p Dinner provided by the Knights

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to bulletin@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 May 18, 2025 4:30pm

Greet: Anthony & Paula VanHoudt
Lector: Alex Estrada
Gifts: Fisetbe Family
EM: Missy Cox and Buffy Woodring
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR THE POPE, CHURCH,
PRIEST, FAMILIES,
CHILDREN & FOR
THE WHOLE WORLD

"If you heed My requests,
Russia will be converted
and you will have peace;
if not, it will spread its errors
throughout the world,
promoting wars and
persecutions of the Church.
The good will be martyred, the
Holy Father will have much to suffer,
various nations will be annihilated.

In the end,
My Immaculate Heart
will triumph."
Our Lady of Fatima



SUNDAYS @ 4:00

MAY - 4 GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

MAY - 11 JOYFUL MYSTERIES

MAY - 18 LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

MAY - 25 SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

JUNE - 1 JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Parish potlucks

Every 4th Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They're responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

May 25: Memorial Day Weekend—No Potluck

June 22: Compassion

July 27: Understanding

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended May 4th

Total for the week \$2730.48

Budget \$2900.00

Variance **-\$169.52**

Year to Date

Total \$110862.14

Budget \$121800.00

Variance **-\$10937.86**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
generosity

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

THANK YOU!

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

Do you know that we have Catholic Radio in Montana? KNEH, 97.3FM in Helena is an affiliate of Relevant Radio, which has 220 radio stations broadcasting across the US. You can listen LIVE to KNEH on the My Parish app by clicking on the Radio microphone icon or listen LIVE at www.kneh.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful."

- St. Peter Chrysologus

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.

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, Bob Masolo, Marj Kohn, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced

**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.

Pastoral Council:

Jesse Swenson
Mary Ellen Schnur
Karee Eichinger
Michael Fisette
John Bleile

Finance Council:

John Rauser
Tim McAlpine
Tacy Swanton
Pat Miller
Monica Benton



Catholic Mental Health Counseling

CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20 communities in Montana and is ready to serve you!

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone.
- We specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and perinatal concerns.
- You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in-person with a counselor.
- We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available.

**To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2'
or send us a message at www.cssmt.org.**

The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Due to limited support for the weeks the Food Bank is open, Holy Cross will now help out during the months of February, June, and September. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, sign up sheets will be available on the info table in the Narthex during those months or you can contact Paul VanHoudt.

The Townsend Rotary Club will be matching funds of any monetary donations to the Food Pantry made between Mother's Day (May 11th) and Father's Day (June 15th).

Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

Broadwater Food Pantry

PO Box 1164

Townsend, MT 59644

Thank you for your
generosity!

