

Stewardship

11-5-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,210.00
Loose	\$67.00
All Souls/All Saints	\$275.00
Restricted	\$1,126.58
Youth	\$10.00
Total	\$3,688.58

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-October

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$419.78
Geisser Services	\$725.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,715.05
Edith Mountain Sprinklers	\$120.00
Special K Plumbing & Heating	\$520.00
Diocese of Helena	\$220.00
Broadwater County News	\$76.50

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	

Cemetery Expenses-October

Geisser Services	\$1,425.00
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Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth,"

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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:



Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones

Did You Know!

The name Jesus is Yeshua in Hebrew. "Ya" is a derivative of Yahweh and "shua" means saves. The name Jesus means "God saves." The name Jesus was very common in the Jewish world of the 2nd century BC through the 2nd century AD. The people of Israel desperately wanted a savior who would remove Roman rule and bring the Judaism back, hence, they named their kids Yeshua. On another note, the name Mary was also a very common name. The name Mary means either, drop or star of the sea, bitterness, or beloved.

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.



Holy Cross Parish

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

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 Case for Jesus

Many of us do not have an issue with the existence of Jesus or proving that he did exist at some point in human history. Many others, many of whom we have probably talked to, believe that Jesus never existed and everything we know about him was made up. Over the course of the last 2000 years, Christians have worked to explain and prove the existence of the “historical Jesus,” the man Jesus who existed in the 1st century. I want to take this part of the series to address some of the evidence and some of the criticisms of that evidence.

One of the greatest criticisms regarding the existence of Jesus is the idea that the Gospels are the only accounts we have of Jesus’ life. This type of evidence suggests that the Church could have made up the person of Jesus to suit their interests. Several lines of evidence easily discredit these ideas. The first, and most valuable, source of evidence are the Roman writers of the 1st century. Josephus was a historian of the 1st century who wrote an extensive history of the Roman Empire. His detailed accounts include the glory of the Roman Empire and many of its defeats and problems. In his account of the land of Judah, Josephus includes an account of a man named Jesus who was tried by the Roman government and executed by crucifixion. He includes details of Jesus’ life such as a miracle worker and prophet. Why would a Roman writer include details about an obscure Jewish man who was executed unless this man had a profound effect on the Roman Empire? Josephus is not the only writer of the 1st century who wrote about Jesus. Tacitus, another Roman historian, Mara bar Sarapion, a stoic philosopher, and Suetonius, another Roman historian all include Jesus in their writings. For a rather obscure man – not a king, ruler, or general – to be written about by so many Roman historians and other writers is quite strange if he didn’t exist.

The second line of evidence comes from the Church. Although many dismiss the accounts of Jesus’ life written by the Church as fabricated, the writings are not the most valuable source of information. The two main sources of evidence from the Church are martyrdoms and the theological controversy around Jesus. Over the course of the first two centuries of church history thousands of Christians would die at the hands of the Roman authorities. Why would so many people, so close to the time of Jesus, choose to die if he was fabricated? They must have experienced or felt something that tied them to a living person who gave them strength to give their lives for his sake. The second source is the controversies in the church. Many thought of Jesus as merely human and others that he is human and divine. Calling Jesus divine broke the 1st Commandment and created a religion of two gods out of a monotheistic religion. Even Jesus’ own words became a source of controversy. If they made him up, why would there be controversy even to the extent of breaking an ancient and proud religion like Judaism?

We have significant information from the first century to prove the existence of Jesus as a historical figure. We need to realize that our belief is not founded on stories or myths but on a real person.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11-19-2023

Reading 1: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
 Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



MASS	Schedule
Monday November 13	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday November 14	Mass 9a
Wednesday November 15	NO MASS
Thursday November 16	NO MASS
Friday November 17	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 18	NO MASS Blessing table in the narthex
Sunday November 19	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p

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 November 19, 2023

Greet:	4:30pm Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector:	Karen Simonich
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Alex Estrada and Buffy Woodring
Money Counters:	Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

Mark Your Calendars!

Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1st Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2nd Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3rd Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4th Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5th Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.

Medjugorje is coming to Resurrection Parish!



Fr. Leon Pereira O.P., chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, will be speaking here at Resurrection Parish on November 15th and 16th, 2023.

Help Wanted:

- Building a cabinet for the sacristy
- Pounding down the nails on the parking blocks in the parking lot
- Installing a white board
- Installing base molding

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Fr. Cody

CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: ALL ARE WELCOME!

This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

Men's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius, East Helena: January 11-14th 2024

Contact: Helenacursillorector@gmail.com

Women's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius: February 15-18th, 2024

Contact: helenacatholicjourney.wome@gmail.com



We could still use some help in the following ministries:

- Prayers of the Faithful
- Newcomers welcome group
- Livestream Group



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 November 25th

Have A Seat!



Our match for the Pews has been met. Due to a few generous donations, we have reached the goal meaning that we have gained an extra \$30,000 for our pews. Once I have signed some contracts, I will give you exact numbers for the remainder of the cost. We will have new pews next summer!

Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

FREE DINNER

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

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

~~Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?~~

~~Nov. 5th: Who am I?~~

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

DECEMBER 2, 2023
Cathedral of St. Helena
 Adult : \$35
 Student : \$25
 Supported by Knights of Columbus Insurance

MONTANA CATHOLIC MEN'S Conference

REGISTER THROUGH THE QR CODE OR AT: **MONTANA CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE GROUP ON FACEBOOK**

SCAN ME





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!

The next topic is "Bible Part 3: The Gospels and the New Testament" on Monday, November 13th. 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.

Blessings 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA
 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 58% of our goal. We need to raise \$8,850 to go to reach our goal

A Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be on Thursday, November 23rd, at 11 am. One of the customs of the church is to bring the bread that will be eaten at the Thanksgiving Day meal to be blessed at the Mass.



Let's pray the Rosary
for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children
Sundays 4:10pm



~~Nov. 5 Luminous Mysteries~~
~~Nov. 12 Sorrowful Mysteries~~
 Nov 19 -Glorious Mysteries
 Nov 26 - Joyful Mysteries

We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281