

## Stewardship

4/14

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,426.00
Easter	\$50.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Reimbursement	\$1,653.47
Stole Gift	\$150.00
Stipend	\$35.00
Restricted	\$6,518.18
Loose	\$141.30
Online Giving	\$375.00
Total	\$11,368.95

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-March

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$648.43
Montana Energy Alliance	\$2,118.95
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Geisser Services	\$1,440.00
Roman Catholic Bishop	\$6,088.22
Big Sky Fire & Safety	\$933.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

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

#### Cemetery Expenses-March

Big Sky Sprinklers & Landscaping	\$220.00
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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 Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was famishing, and which alone can nourish it. She it was who took care of that Bread for us. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon,"

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

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



### Do you know?

Where do the seven gifts of the Spirit come from in the Bible?

**Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected:**

What biblical event was reversed by Pentecost?

#### Christian Burial:

Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director.

What new feast, begun by Pope Francis, follows the day after Pentecost?

#### 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.**



Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Holy Cross Parish

April 21, 2024

### 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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# Save The Date

for the Holy Cross

# Spring

# BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.

We are needing help in the following areas:

serving food from the island

serving in the dining room

overseeing cake walk & corn hole games

clean up

Find more information inside the bulletin

Easter Vigil

Following from the proclamation of the Gospel and the homily, the priest, with the servers and those who will be baptized, go back to the Baptismal Font. The next part of the Mass is called the Baptismal Rite. This part of the Mass should never be omitted even if we have no one to baptize. The standard time for baptizing adults is during the Mass of the Easter Vigil. Although adults can be baptized throughout the year, the expectation is for the baptisms to be during this Mass. The Baptismal Rite begins with the blessing of the new water. This water is blessed with a long invocation that shows the power of water, the profound moments when God used water to show our salvation, and the necessity of water for Baptism. Part of the rite includes the dunking of the Paschal Candle into the water. The font symbolizes the womb and the dunking of the candle indicates Jesus' action in opening the womb so that new life may come from the font. The words clarify this image. The priest asks God to unseal the font of baptism that new life may emerge from it. If adults are baptized, their baptism happens next. Then everyone is sprinkled with holy water as a sign of their baptism. If adults were baptized, then they are Confirmed next. After the Confirmations, the Mass continues as normal with the offertory.

From the Easter Vigil until Divine Mercy Sunday, the words of Eucharistic Prayer I changes. At the first part when we invoke the names of the Saint, we recall the wonderous day of Jesus' Resurrection and the prayer changes to remind us of Jesus' Resurrection. The second time it changes is more important for the baptismal rite of the Mass. Just before the consecration, the prayer changes to remind us of those who were Baptized and Confirmed during the Easter Season. We take a moment to pray for them and remind ourselves of the joy of having new members in the church. These parts only change for the nine days between the Easter Vigil and the Second Sunday of Easter, aka Divine Mercy Sunday.

The final part of the Mass that changes only changes for 10 days of the year: the sung dismissal. Technically the priest could choose to sing the dismissal after every Mass. The Easter dismissal is different from the other forms of the dismissal used throughout the year. Normally we hear something like "Go in peace" or "The Mass is ended, go in peace." For Easter we add "Go in peace, Alleluia, Alleluia" with the response "thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia." This special ending can only be sung from the Easter Vigil to the Divine Mercy Sunday and then on Pentecost. I know that a lot of people struggle to sing it. Yet, this song brings great joy and emphasizes the joy of praising God, of Easter, and the salvation that Jesus brought for us.

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Fifth Sunday of Easter

4-28-2024

Reading 1: Acts 9:26-31  
 Psalm: 22:26b-27,28 & 30,31-32  
 Reading 2: 1 John 3:18-24  
 Gospel: John 15:1-8



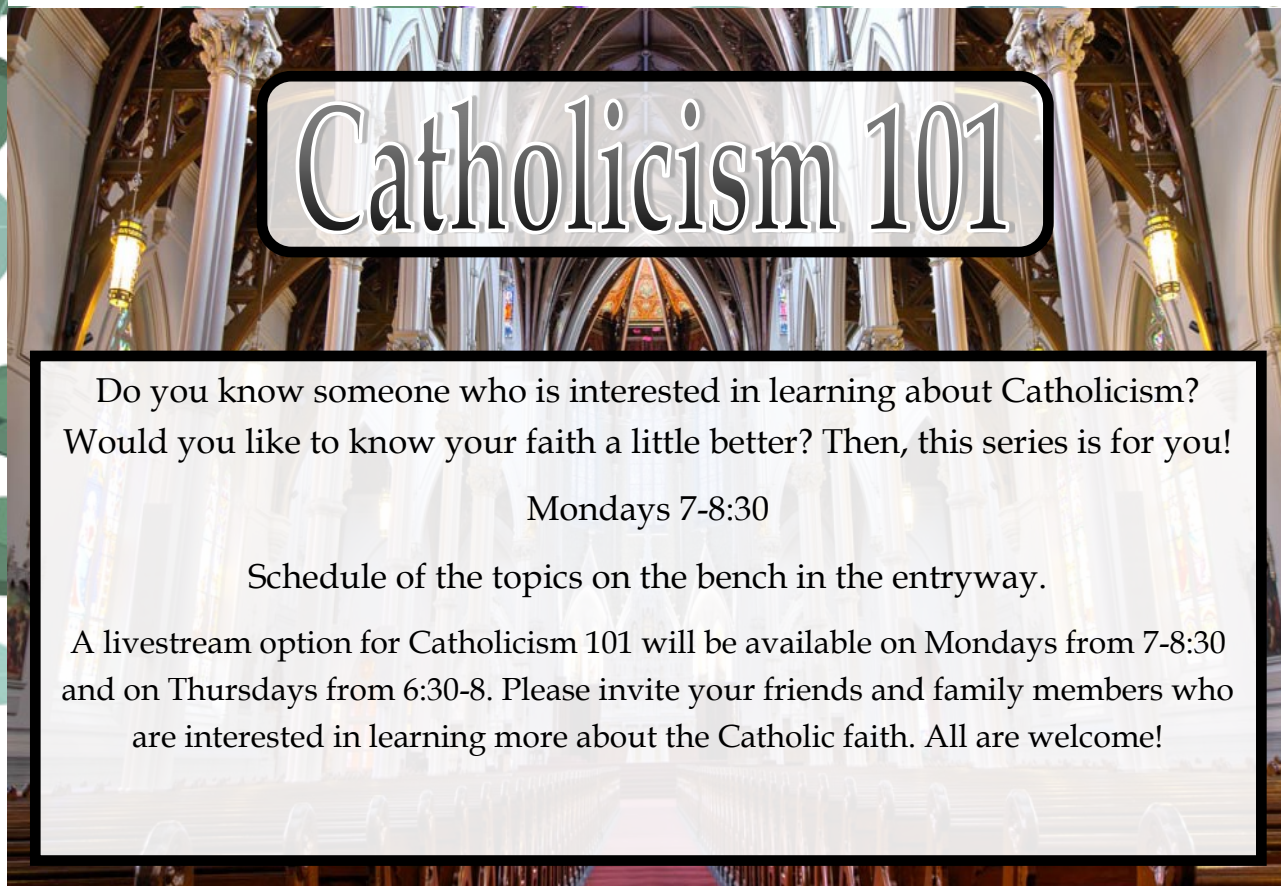
MASS	Schedule
Monday April 22	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday April 23	Mass 9a Theresa Obrigenitch RB Sharon + Ivy Obrigenitch
Wednesday April 24	No Mass
Thursday April 25	No Mass
Friday April 26	No Mass
Saturday April 27	No Mass Holy Hour 9a-12p
Sunday April 28	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:45-7p Parish Potluck

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to [office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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 28, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector:	Julie Lethert
Gifts:	Bleile Family
EM:	Alex Estrada and Buffy Woodring
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

Mondays 7-8:30p

The next topic is "Who are the Saints?" on Monday, April 22nd. 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](mailto: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!

Please pray for those from our parish who will be Confirmed at the Confirmation Mass on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Congratulations!* Congratulation to Charles and Natalie Ringenberg for receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and becoming a full member of the Catholic Church!

Congratulations to Harry Neal for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion!

*Blessings*



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.

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.



Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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

The application process for the evangelization grant through the Diocese is open. If you have an idea of how to spread the message of Jesus to our community through our church, please give your ideas to Fr. Cody. I would like us to apply for this grant again this year.

# Spring BAZAAR

**Saturday, May 4th 12:00 pm—3:00 pm**

Ham dinner with scalloped potatoes and green beans, relish tray and peach cobbler dessert!

Cost: \$30.00 for immediate family  
\$15.00 for single adult  
\$10.00 for students  
Under 4 Free

Silent auction, raffle, bake sale, craft sale and outdoor activities including free throw competition, cornhole and cake walk.

**Please sign up on sheets in Narthex to help!**

# 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

The final Family Night of the year is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The goal is explore the joy of friendships and communication. The night will be filled with different activities to explore the ways we communicate and come to know each other.

### 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

## Montana's FIRST-EVER Statewide Fishing Tournament

June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024



17 Lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing!

Big and small fish pots and other competitions available, including a Knights of Columbus Challenge!

Visit [www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/](http://www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/) to register and view information about the event, including rules, lakes, fish species, and prizes.

Register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees- \$40 for adults, \$20 for youth.  
Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes between 8:00am on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8:00pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.

This fundraiser supports the charitable ministries of Catholic Social Services of Montana.

Scan this QR code to be taken to the tournament website!



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Greetings from your Stewardship Department! We have almost reached our 2023 ACA goal as a Diocese...thank you to everyone that has contributed. I apologize for any bumps you may have encountered as we moved to different software just as we kicked off the ACA. I truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigated the changes. While we are still about \$140,000 short of the goal, we have 6 months to go and remain optimistic we can reach it. In fact, if every family that has not yet given to the ACA would commit \$10...we would hit our goal. As you have been made aware, these monies fund programs throughout the Diocese and support our many ministries. Please consider helping us reach our final goal! Giving is simple through our online giving portal, by envelope at your parish or call me to make a gift over the phone. Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Sharon Witham 406-389-7062



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 \$3,640 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

QUILTING LADIES

## BABY BASKET DRIVE

COLLECTION SUNDAYS APRIL 7-28

The Quilting Ladies are creating Baby Gift Baskets for expecting mothers and new mothers in our community. The gift baskets will be filled with essential baby and mother needs as well as fun items for the babies. Please donate only the items listed below.

NEW ITEMS ONLY.

A collection box marked "Baby Basket Drive" is in the narthex during the month of April. Sunday April 28 is the last Sunday for collecting items for the baskets. We will present the Baby Baskets on Mother's Day.

ITEMS WE'RE COLLECTING ARE: (New items only)

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| BABY BOTTLES     | BABY SPOONS            |
| SIPPY CUPS       | BIBS                   |
| BABY WIPES       | BABY HAND SANITIZER    |
| PETROLEUM JELLY  | NAIL CLIPPERS          |
| BABY BOARD BOOKS | SAFETY OUTLET PLUGS    |
| CHILDREN'S BOOK  | BABY BODY WASH         |
| BABY BATH TOYS   | BABY SHAMPOO           |
| RUBBER DUCK      | BABY BATH TOWELS       |
| PACIFIER         | DIAPERS (SIZE NB TO 2) |
| DIAPER CREAM     | THERMOMETER            |
| INFANT SOCKS     | TEETHING RINGS         |
| BAB WASHCLOTHS   | LAUNDRY BASKET         |
| BABY DISH SET    | ONESIES                |
| BABY LOTION      | GIFT CERTIFICATE       |
| BABY BLANKET     | GIFT CARDS             |

