

# Stewardship

3/18-19/2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$3,639.00
Loose	\$35.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Reimbursement	\$1,343.04
Restricted	\$140.00
Other	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,677.04</b>

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
MT Energy Alliance	\$2,216.82
NorthWestern Energy	\$770.52
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$4,628.38

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	\$350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

### Cemetery Expenses-February

Big Sky Sprinklers	\$205.00
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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*

"Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the Solution to our problems of declining vocations."

- *Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, Archbishop of Cebu*

### 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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Dcn. Kyle Tannehill.

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, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark

### Did You Know!

Over the past several centuries, God has chosen to remove the veil that prevents us from seeing the change in the bread and wine so that we can see his flesh and blood commonly known as a Eucharistic Miracle. Over 32 reports cases of these miracles have occurred. Some of these events include the host bleeding or turning into heart tissues. Sometime the consecrated wine turns into blood or drops of blood are visible in the consecrated wine. After scientific investigations into these events, the findings are always the same. The flesh is living human flesh with type AB+ blood and from the heart muscle. The blood is always type AB+.

### 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.**



Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

### Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

# Holy Cross Parish

March 26, 2023

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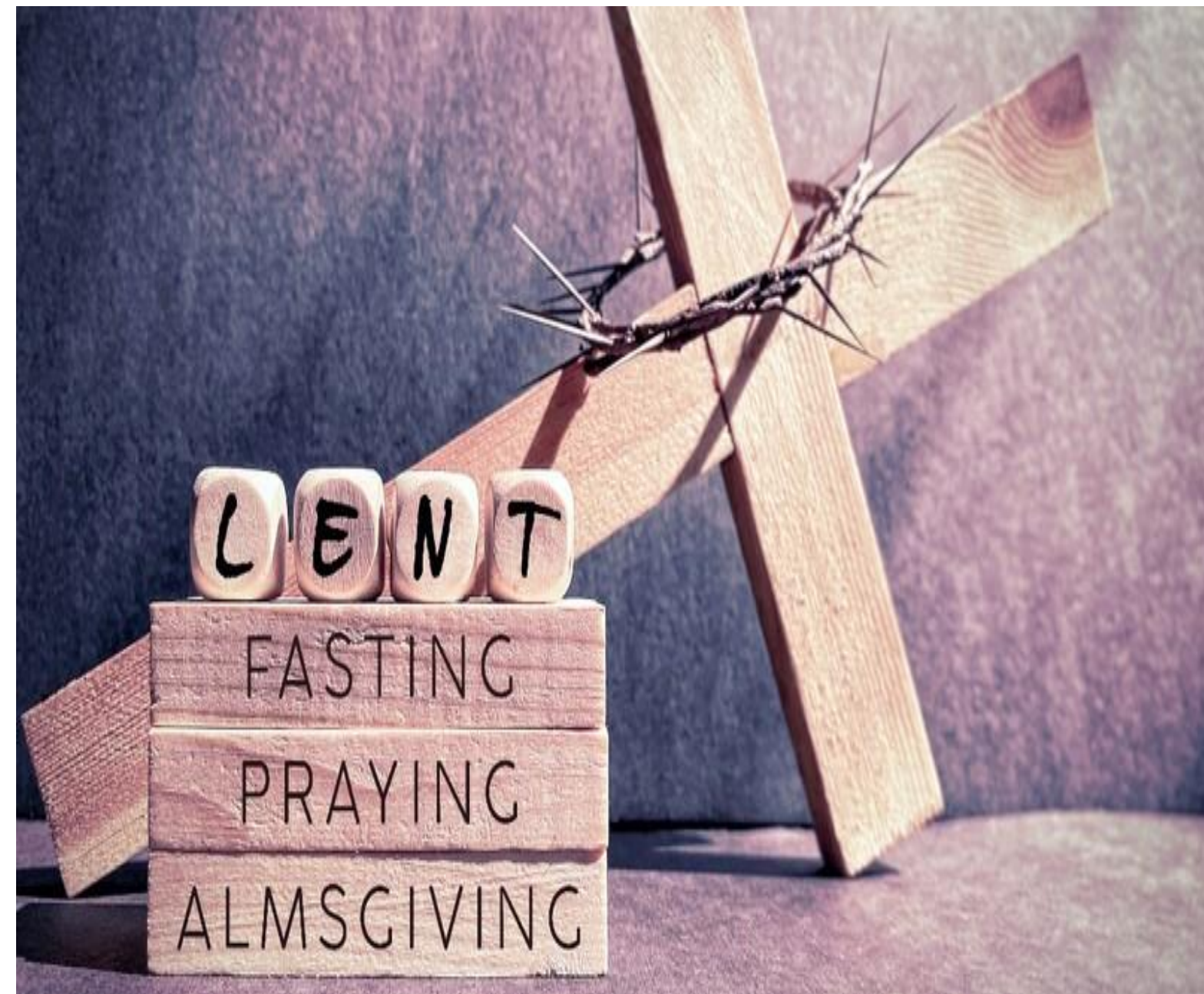
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We often limit the good of education to formalized education, i.e. schools. The real goal of the good of education is to constantly use our brains for the advancement of our intellect and power of reasoning. The ability to continually learn and use our minds is part of our dignity as human beings. Think of it this way. God gave us one of the most profound gifts compared to all the creatures of the world: the ability to reason. No other creature has our level of ability for abstract thought, moral reasoning, and forming logical arguments. The Garden of Eden is the best example of this gift to humanity. God did want all humans to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, when they were ready. We ate of the tree too soon and therefore got the ability to reason good from evil without the virtues to use it properly. Now, we need to continually learn, educate ourselves, and use our reasoning faculties to discern good from evil and live moral and upright lives.

Some argue that this emphasis on education devalues or dehumanizes those who are mentally handicapped or less intelligent. On the contrary, the social good of education is not dependent on the ability of the person but on the use and willingness to grow these abilities. Those who society declares are "less intelligent" often find solution to problems that the "highly intelligent" cannot figure out. Similarly, those who are deemed to have a "mental handicap" teach us a great deal about the value of life and have ways through which they learn and see the world that challenges our common conceptions of the world.

The good of education and continually learning brings together many of the virtues and brings them to greater perfection. The process of reading a book opens the imagination and helps us expand our ability to create mental images. The challenges of memorization and study build the virtues of discipline and fortitude. The process of evaluating the information we received teaches prudence. Finally, the realization of the vast amount of information and the desire for truth teaches humility.

Desiring to constantly learn and advance our reasoning skills through humble study, shows our dignity of as human beings and guides us to seek the higher truth who is God.

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



Palm Sunday

4-2-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24  
 Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



MASS	Schedule
Monday March 27	No Mass
Tuesday March 28	No Mass
Wednesday March 29	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday March 30	Mass 9a Homebound Stations of the Cross 6p History Series 7p
Friday March 31	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday April 1	Adoration 12-4p Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family

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	
Saturday April 1, 2023	5:00pm
Greet:	Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector:	I. Gay Ann Masolo Z. [Redacted]
Gifts:	Dan and Bernadette Swenson
EM:	Missy Cox and Monte Montonario
Ministry Schedule	
Sunday April 2, 2023	8:00am
Greet:	Larry and Buffy Woodring
Lector:	I. Karen Simonich Z. Megan Bleile
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	[Redacted] [Redacted]
Money Counters:	Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

## Holy Week Schedule

April 6th - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p

April 7th - Stations of the Cross 3p

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7p

April 8th - Easter Vigil 9p

April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass 8a



# Announcements

Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Coming April 9th after mass

We are needing plastic eggs either empty or filled with candy donated for the egg hunt. IF you'd like to donate please bring them to the parish office by March 31st.



Chrism Mass Invitation

The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena which will take place at Noon on Tuesday, March 28th

The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.



Relevant Radio out of Helena has expressed a desire to install a tower for their radio station in Townsend. If anyone is interested in working on this project and helping to bring Relevant Radio to Townsend, please contact Fr. Cody.



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have raised \$21,900.00



We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website ([holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org)).



## Have A Seat!

After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as those who came to the parish meetings, we are moving forward with buying new pews. This project contains several parts. The first part is new pews and kneelers. In addition to the new pews, we will be adding cushioning to the pews to make them more comfortable. This part of the project will cost approximately \$75,000. As we remove the pews, the goal is remove the carpet and put in new, easier to clean

flooring. This part of the project will cost \$45,000. The total amount to be raised is \$120,000. Don't let this number alarm you. Through special donations we have already raised \$35,000. I have written a few grants to help with the cost of the pews. If we get them, I will let you know. The goal is to keep working at raising money until we have enough to complete both parts of the project. If you are interested in donating to the pew project - Have A Seat! - simply write a check with "pews" in the memo line. I will



Come explore the interactive Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 5th

Dinner at 6 pm

Interactive stations at 6:30pm





Thank YOU for your participation in our  
Baby Bottle Campaign.



Your church raised

**\$993.34!**

Your generosity is

**Offering Hope & Building Families.**

On behalf of all of us at Options Clinic, especially  
our moms, dads, and their babies,

**THANK YOU!**

*Many bottles are still outstanding. If you still have a  
bottle you can drop it off at Options at*

*Visit [optionshelena.org](http://optionshelena.org) for more information about Options Clinic.*

Stations of the Cross will be every  
Thursday of Lent starting at 6p



The Foundation of the Diocese of Helena is offering  
grant money up to \$15,000 for any parish who is work-  
ing to evangelize their local community. I would like to  
apply for this grant and working towards evangeliza-  
tion. I am appealing to the parish for ideas of way we  
can reach out to our community and share our faith. If  
you have any ideas, please contact Fr. Cody. Thank you.



FOUNDATION  
for the Diocese of Helena



### Help for those in Turkey and Syria



In response to those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Bishop Vetter has asked us to hold a second collection to help out. Below are two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- Catholic Near East Welfare Association has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would prefer to mail a check rather than give online can mail it to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).
- Catholic Relief Services, If you would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (please indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).

