



Holy Cross Parish

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 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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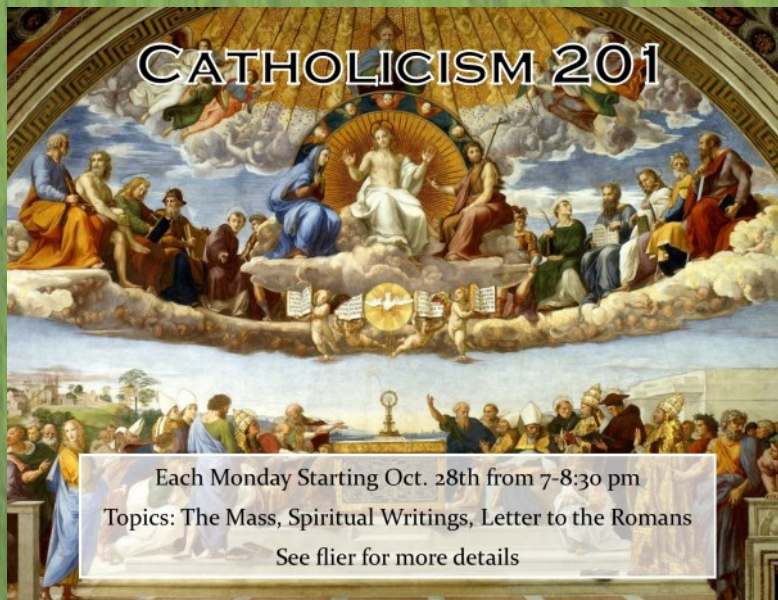
Ordinary
Time

The Spirituality of the Eucharist

The Sacred Body of our Lord. Our modern world has done great harm to our sense of self and that in turn has hurt our understanding of the Sacraments. Jesus' Body is sacred. It is holy and special. The sacredness of the Body of Jesus is not limited to Jesus but extends to all of us. Our bodies are also sacred, something special and holy. Too often we reduce our own bodies and sense of self to a mere machine. But the human body is truly a marvel, a wonder, a joy of creation. In the same way, the Body of Jesus should be revered and honored and, by extension, our bodies as well. The Eucharist teaches us the sacredness of the body and the joy of our creation.

Additionally, the body of Jesus brings an intimacy with him. Most people today limit who can touch their bodies. Touching a person's body is intimate gesture and is restricted to those who have a deeper relationship with us. When someone touches us, they can show great reverence and respect or abuse us. They can show us great love and intimacy or hurt and violate us. The body is the avenue through which we experience intimacy and a closeness to other human beings. The same idea applies to the Eucharist. We touch the Body of God. He gave himself to us that we may put him in our hands, place him on our tongues, and gnaw on him with our teeth. These examples show the incredible depth of intimacy and love that God wants as part of our relationship with him.

The humility of God. When Jesus was crucified, he hung naked on the Cross. Nothing was covered; everything was exposed. The Sacred Body of Jesus lay naked for all to see. This example begins our venture into the humility of God. When we see the consecrated host, we do not see a piece of bread but the naked body of Jesus reminding us that he wants nothing to separate us from him. As we place the God of all creation in our hands or on our tongues, we realize that God so humbled himself as to allow his creatures to hold and eat him. God so humbled himself that he allowed us to gnaw on him with our teeth, swallow him, let him be digested in our stomachs, and have his body incorporated into ours. The Eucharist is the greatest sign of God's humility and his incredible hope for his creatures. He believed that his creatures, the ones who scourged and crucified him, would treat his Sacred Body with respect, honor, and adoration. Jesus also shows us that no one is going to outdo God in humility. He went to greater depths than anyone can possibly go simply out of love for us. The Eucharist is the principal sign of God's immense love and trust in us.



Catholicism 201 has begun! The sessions are on Mondays from 7-8:30 pm. You can also join a livestream version on Thursdays from 6-7:30. If you would like to join, send an email to Fr. Cody.

The altar server training and party is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 6th starting at 5 pm. Anyone who is interested in becoming an altar server or is already an altar server is welcome to attend.

As a reminder: now that election season is over, we will no longer pray the three prayers after Mass for the defeat of CI-128 and you do not have to fast from meat on Wednesdays.

Special Intention Masses

Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those who have suffered a miscarriage, the loss of a child, or infertility
 Thursday, October 10th at 5:30 PM

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Adoption
 Thursday, November 21st at 5:30 PM

Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost a spouse, followed by a luncheon in the Brondel Center
 Tuesday, November 26th at Noon

All Masses will be held at the Cathedral of St. Helena

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. The rotation of the circles is as follows:

Sunday, Nov. 24th – Circle of Love
 Sunday, Dec. 22nd – Circle of Compassion
 Sunday, Jan. 26th – Circle of Understanding
 Sunday, Feb. 23rd – Circle of Hope

We will cycle through the circles following the above schedule for the rest of the months of the year. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

Donation Price Match

September 1st through November 30th, Town Pump will match any donations to our Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar!

How Can You Donate?

- Drop off at the Food Pantry on Broadway first or third Fridays 9:30-11a or Saturday 9-10:45a.
- Donation boxes at Bob's Supermarket
- Mail in to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644
- Come to our booth at Fall Fest, October 4th-6th

The Food Pantry is in need of grocery bags
 People can drop off meat at Tizer Meats and the food pantry pays for the processing

The Holy Cross Quilters would like to remind parishioners of the Baby Essentials that were collected, along with a large donation of diapers, wipes & rash creams from Catholic Social Services of Helena.

If you know of someone in the community who could use a gift basket of these items, please contact the Holy Cross office:
 (406) 266-4811

Scripture Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 11-24-2024

Reading 1: Daniel 7:13-14
 Psalm: 93:1ab, 1c-2,5
 Reading 2: Revelations 1:5-8
 Gospel: John 18:33b-37

The CHOSEN Movie Night

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
 7-8:30 PM
 FREE MOVIE, POPCORN AND SNACKS.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!
 SPONSORED BY: HOLY CROSS CHURCH
 101 S. WALNUT STREET

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

MASS	Schedule
Monday November 18	Mass 9a Michael Fleming RB Mary Andreoli Adoration 9:30a Faith Night 6p
Tuesday November 19	Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday November 20	
Thursday November 21	
Friday November 22	
Saturday November 23	
Sunday November 24	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30p

The new email address for any information for the bulletin or advertisements is bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, November 24, 2024 4:30pm

Greet: Tom Aced
 Lector: Debbie Miller
 Gifts: Harold and Laura Gibbs
 EM: Nikki Weiss and Monte Montonario
 Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



The Annual Catholic Appeal has kicked off to raise money for the yearly expenses of the Diocese. Our parish goal for this year is \$21,900. Donation envelopes are available on the information table at the front of the church or you can donate online by going to diocesehelena.org.

I am almost finished with the list of those who are in a circle. Next Sunday the new directories for the parish with the lists of those in each circle will be available. If you are willing to help put the new directories together, please come to the office on Wednesday, Nov. 20th at 10 am to help put them together.

The funeral for Dave Kiefer is on Saturday, November 23rd at 3 pm

We are in need of volunteers to help with RE dinner. Dinners will feed all ages of the youth and their families, therefore, we should plan on feeding around 80 people every Sunday. Please consider either providing a full meal (planning, purchasing food & cooking) or simply preparing/cooking a meal with food that the parish purchases, either help would be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to partner up with another member/family of the parish to help ease the burden of feeding that many people.



Ministry Trainings:

Homebound Ministry: these people visit those in nursing homes, care facilities, and those who cannot leave their homes. This is an important ministry to care for those who are homebound and to show our love and support for them. If you are interested in this ministry or would like to learn more about, come to the training on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 10 am.

Eucharistic Ministers: following Mass on Sunday, Dec. 1st we will have a training for Eucharistic Ministers. These people distribute the Eucharist at Mass. If you are interested in participating in this ministry or learning more about, please come to the training.

Faith Night
Sponsored by Holy Cross

Monday, November 18, 2024
6:00-7:30pm
101 S. Walnut St.

Exploring Culture

FREE EVENT
DINNER PROVIDED

How do different culture see the world?
What can the cultures teach us?

Presentation by Judiann McNulty followed by open discussion.

Help needed:

The following tasks are some areas around the church that need attention. If you are willing to work on or complete these tasks, please contact Fr. Cody.

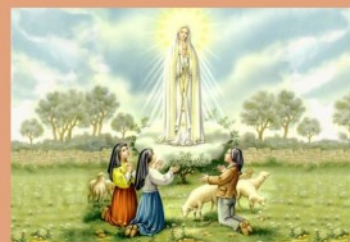
Repainting the parking stripes and stop bars

Trimming the hedge

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

"The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb."

St. John Paul II



SUNDAYS @ 4:00

NOV. 3 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

NOV. 10 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

NOV. 17 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

NOV. 24 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Holy Cross Parish Finances

Week ended November 10th

Total Weekly	\$1,968.89
Budget	\$2902.00
Variance	-\$933.11

Year to Date

Total	\$48,092.44
Budget	\$55,100.00
Variance	-\$7,007.56

THANK YOU FOR
your generosity



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus, what made You so small? LOVE!

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

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

Beginning September 29 bulletin unless otherwise requested after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Bill and Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton



As the prices for everything continue to rise, so do the expenses of the Church. I strongly encourage everyone to consider the ways they can continue to support our church. One great way to support the parish is through increasing your offering, Every little bit counts. The second way is by providing support through time and talent. We have many projects that need to be completed and we either have to hire someone to do it or find someone with the expertise. Regardless, our goal is to at least break even with our expenses by the end of the fiscal year.

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.

Pastoral Council:

Jesse Swenson
Mary Ellen Schnur
Karee Eichinger
Michael Fisetto
John Bleile

Finance Council:

John Rauser
Tim McAlpine
Tacy Swanton
Pat Miller
Monica Benton

MONTANA
CATHOLIC
MEN'S
Conference

DECEMBER 7, 2024

Cathedral of St. Helena
ADULT \$55
STUDENT \$35
Supported by Knights of Columbus Insurance

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MATT BIRK

GUEST SPEAKER

FRANK CROWLEY

Interactive Breakout Sessions:

- The Playbook for Single Catholic Men
- Ringleading the Family Circus
- The Power of Perspective, Prayer, & Perseverance

10:00AM-5PM

SPEAKERS (LUNCH INCLUDED)

5:00 PM

MASS

SCAN TO REGISTER

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena's "Faith in Action" grant program awarded the Montana Catholic Men's Conference a \$2,500 grant.

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

THANK YOU!