

# Stewardship

3/4-5/2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,255.00
Loose	\$86.84
Stipend	\$25.00
Restricted	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,466.84</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
<b>Total</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

"God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in His Sacrament of the Altar He is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in His Sacrifice daily offered as really as once offered on the Cross,"

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### 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 ?

Do you know the difference between a bishop, an archbishop, a cardinal, and the pope.

A bishop and archbishop are almost the same. A bishop lead a diocese where as an archbishop leads an archdiocese. The difference between an archdiocese and a diocese are population and prestige. Archdiocese tend to be historically significant or the first diocese in a region. Cardinals are advisors to the Pope. Cardinals can be bishops, archbishops, priests, laymen, and laywomen. The church still allows for a woman to be a cardinal. Only cardinal bishops who are under 80 years old can enter conclave and be elected pope. The Pope is the bishop of Rome and the highest authority of the temporal Catholic church. He acts as Christ's delegate to lead the Church.

**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.**



## Third 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 12, 2023

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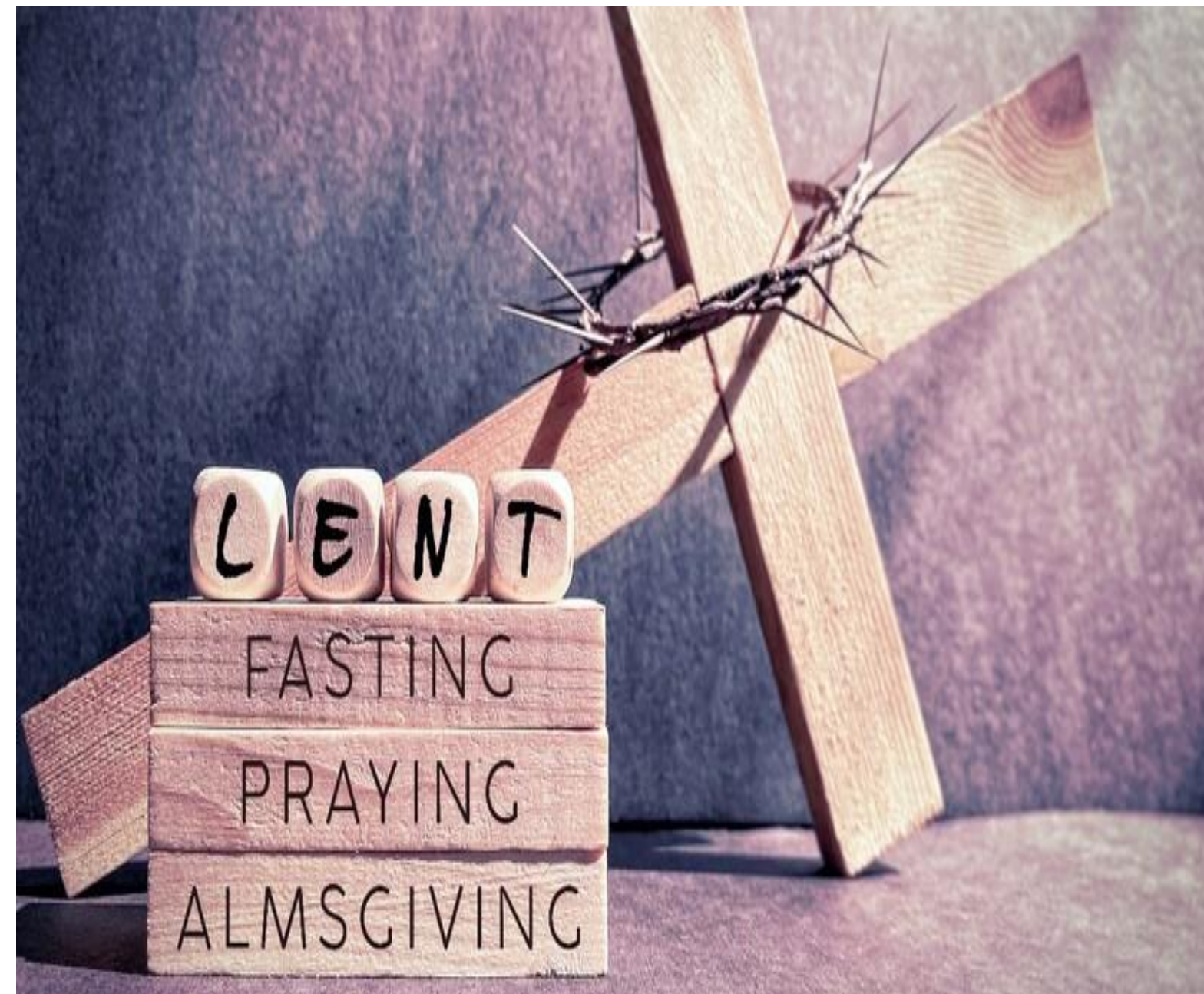
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Morality

Social Ethics

Education part 1

When most people think of education, their first thoughts are either the primary school system or the universities. Formalized education is both valuable and necessary for the good of society but also for the flourishing of each person. When the Catholic Church teaches on education, however, education is not limited to a formalized system but is a way of life. In this first part of the series on education, I want to explore the social good that comes through both formalized and individual education before I expand upon both those types of education.

Often we limit the good of education to either a profession or to a mode of learning. Education becomes a system through which we learn basic academic skills with the hopes of applying them to various areas of our lives. For example most people do not use algebra on a normal basis nor do they find use for it in their daily lives. Yet, algebra teaches critical thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills. Even though the forms and details of algebra are generally not used by most people, the skills learned through studying algebra are.

This idea of education as broader than specific skills directly taught in a class is the basic of the social good of education. Education offers all individuals the chance to think critically about their lives and the world around them, teaches skills for addressing ideas and helping the individual to express themselves, guides us to explore the world and the ways we live in the world, and teaches us basic social skills that apply in various parts of life. The ideal of education is to help the individual to use well their minds and their faculties of reason in their lives. The true good of education is not simply to memorize facts or regurgitate information but to apply and to think. A flourishing human being is able to use their faculties of reason learned through education to live well. The ability to reason through problems, come up with good solutions, and to know when thoughts or ideas are wrong are not only the basis of prudential thinking but also the foundation of a well-formed conscience. God gave us both the faculty of reason as well as a conscience with the expectation that we use it. Education is necessary so that we can use well God's gifts to us.

On a side note, many argue that the Catholic Church throughout history has condemned critical thinking and suppresses dissident thoughts. Although parts of this are true, the church takes each dissident viewpoint and addresses it through critical thinking. Accepting all viewpoints would degrade the idea of truth and cause the good that education gives us to vanish. The Church teaches that certain teachings are correct and therefore should be accepted whereas others are wrong and should be rejected. This process is the way we determine right from wrong and truth from lies.

Fr. Cody



# Scripture Readings



Fourth Sunday of Lent

3-19-2023

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Psalm: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Reading 2: Ephesians 5: 8-14  
Gospel: John 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



MASS	Schedule
Monday March 13	No Mass
Tuesday March 14	No Mass WOF 6:30p KOC 7p
Wednesday March 15	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday March 16	No Mass No History Series Stations of the Cross 6p
Friday March 17	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday March 18	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday March 19	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family

Ministry Schedule	
Saturday March 18, 2023	5:00pm
Greet:	[Redacted]
Lector:	Marilyn Vandersloot
Gifts:	Cathy Armstrong and Tom Aced
EM:	Missy Cox and Monte Montonario
Ministry Schedule	
Sunday March 19, 2023	8:00am
Greet:	David and Laurie Stropes
Lector:	Caleb LeLacheur
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Jesus Garcia and Ryan Racht
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

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 Highlights

## Gift Bearers:

most people think of the action of bringing forth the gifts as a practical matter: how else do the bread and wine reach the altar? The action of bringing forward the bread, the wine, and the money is symbolic of giving God ourselves. The bread is formed by grinding wheat into flour and then turning the flour into bread. The wine is formed by crushing grapes and fermenting it into wine. Both the bread and wine take our effort to create and therefore are symbolic of the way we use God's gift to continue his mission. The part that more directly relates to us is the money we offer. The money represents the work we do in the world and our belief that it promotes the Church and God's missions. We are giving our consent through the offering of money for the promotion of the Church. The act of bringing forward these gifts in the Offertory Procession shows us that they are being offered, that we have an important part of the Mass, that we are required to give ourselves to the Mass, and that we want to serve God.



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

## Aid to the Needy:

Most of Jesus' commands to us center on the care of the people around us. We often don't see the incredible work the Church does throughout the world to care for victims of disasters and promote the common good of humanity. Many Catholic organizations throughout the world spend billions of dollars each year to help promote the good of all people and help people in times of need. We are the greatest philanthropic organization in the world and spend more than any other organization on the common good. In our community we should have a similar focus. We are participants in the Food Bank and join with the other churches to provide food for those in need. We are also part of the ministerial association whose account helps support those in need and those traveling through out town. I would like to build a committee whose aim is to find ways to help promote the good of the people in Townsend and our parish.



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.

## 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

# 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.



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

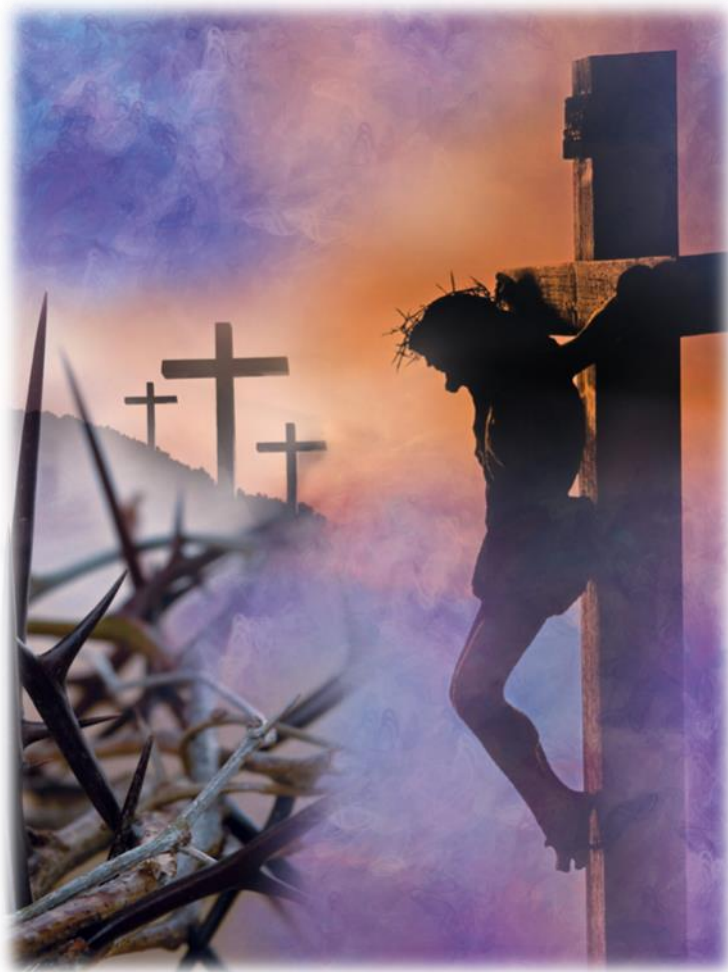


We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website (holycrossmt.org).

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SPRING 2023 | FEB 22 - APR 2



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



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.*



**Fish Fry**



Come One Come All

Knights of Columbus  
Council #2360

When: March 24th  
starting at 5p and ending at 7p

What: Fish, tater tots, clam chowder, mac & cheese and coleslaw

Where: Holy Cross in the parish center  
101 S Walnut  
Townsend, MT

Please RSVP to Richard at 406-980-1447 or Mike at 406-438-5534



## 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).

**March 25-26**

### Eucharistic Congress & CYC Convention

An all-ages event designed to ignite and inspire our faith. Families and people of all ages are invited to this inspiring, faith-filled weekend centered around the Eucharist and our theme: "Called to the Truth."

**DIOCESHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS**

**Details**

- ✓ Location: Carroll College
- ✓ Who: All-ages
- ✓ Cost: (Includes all meals and programming)
  - Adults: \$100
  - College Student: \$50
  - High School Youth (Grade 9-12): \$100
  - Children in Grades K-8: \$30

(No family pays more than \$250)