

## Stewardship

1-14-2024

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,185.00
Loose	\$139.00
Total	\$1,324.00

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-December

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$631.97
Geisser Services	\$1,115.00
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,838.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
MT Department of Labor	\$72.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$1,356.52

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

#### Cemetery Expenses-December

Geisser Services	\$875.00
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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 encouragement and the deepening of Eucharistic worship are proofs of the authentic renewal which the Council set itself as an aim and of which they are the central point."

- Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*

### 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, Chris and 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 Obrugewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder

### Did You Know!

The Catholic Church gives priests and deacons the power to bless created things for the sake of prayer and devotion. We are allowed to bless created things that are then set apart for the use in prayer and worship of God. Through the blessing of objects, these objects for seeking and praising God. The Church allows for blessing objects such as homes, places of worship, places of work, things we use such as prayer beads and metals, fishing equipment and more.

**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

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 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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# Ordinary Time



Redemption and Salvation

The first three theories that I covered in the last two parts are the most commonly used theories for Jesus' role in our salvation and the necessity of his death on the Cross. Although ransom, satisfaction, and appeasing an angry God better describe the actions of Jesus, these next two theories are believed by a few.

Before we venture into these last two theories, I want to expand upon a common theological threat they all share: was it necessary that Adam sinned? Both the Recapitulation theory and the Embrace theory state that Adam's sin was not necessary for Jesus to come into the world. Namely, God didn't react to Adam's sin but instead already planned for Jesus to come into the world. We often think that God sending his Son to die on the Cross was the result of Adam's sin and the sin of the world. In contrast, God already planned from the beginning to send his Son into the world for its salvation. Hence, the following two theories follow this logic and explain Jesus' death on the Cross as not a reaction to Adam's sin.

Theory 4: The Recapitulation Theory

God from the beginning desired that all things return to God. The entire world was created to glorify God and one day be restored in him. Jesus' coming into the world was the result of God's desire to bring everything into himself. By Jesus taking on human flesh he became one of the creatures created by God. By being like the creatures that God created, he formed a link between God and the world allowing for everything to be redeemed and brought into the life of God through him. Thus God sending his son into the world was so that all things may be brought into his Son and then brought into him. Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was the result of the pain of fallen humanity that needed extra work and even death to realize the effects of sin and God's desire for our healing.

No part of this theory is wrong but it is incomplete. Yes, God wants all things to be restored in him and he wants to bring all creation into his life. He made this desire known from the beginning. Yet, this theory ignores the gravity and complexity of sin and the effects of Adam's sin on the universe. We cannot ignore these effects nor think of them as inconsequential in the grand scheme of Salvation History. Any theory that correctly addresses the reason for Jesus coming into the world, enduring his Passion, dying on the Cross, and rising from the dead must hold any theory regarding our redemption from sin and God's desire for the world together as one.

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1-28-2024

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Psalm: 95:1-2,6-7c,7d-9  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



MASS	Schedule
Monday January 22	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday January 23	Mass 9a
Wednesday January 24	No Mass
Thursday January 25	No Mass
Friday January 26	No Mass
Saturday January 27	No Mass Holy Hour 9a-12p
Sunday January 28	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p 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 January 28, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	John and Missy Rauser
Lector:	Mary Duede
Gifts:	Eichinger Family
EM:	Megan Bleile and Buffy Woodring
Money Counters:	Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes





Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.

Out of a desire to use our faith and our parish to help the world, I would like to start a program to support needs throughout the world. These acts of support will come from the parish resources and will not be a second collection or another appeal. If you have causes or people throughout the world that you would like to support, send an email to [frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org](mailto:frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org).



The Diocesan Capital Campaign has kicked off. The goal is to raise \$30 million as a Diocese in 5 years. These funds will create endowments for seminarian education and promotion of vocations, retired priests, spreading our faith, and supporting parishes. We get back 40% of all money raised in this parish. Please take a prayer card and pray for the success of the campaign. Fr. Cody will be calling everyone and setting up meeting to discuss this campaign and hear your desires for our parish.

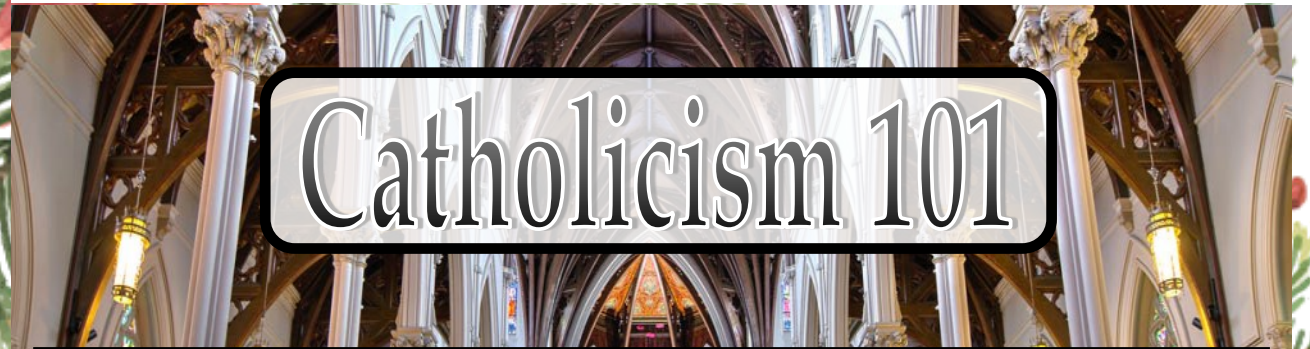


**40 Days for Life Spring Kick Off Rallies**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Prolife Montana is hosting an event for the 40 Days for Life Kick off rally that focuses on the reality of human trafficking in Montana. We are honored to have both **Attorney General Austin Knudsen** and **Founder of The Lifeguard Group, Lowell Hochholter**, join us for this event to discuss the ramifications this "industry" is having within the borders of our very own state as well as resources and information that can provide guidance and hope to identify potential victims of this horrendous crime and the resources to help rescue human trafficking victims. This event will be held at Helena First Youth Building; doors open at 6pm.

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "Prayer Part 2: Other Catholic Devotional Prayers" on Monday, January 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!



The 2024 Calendars are available on the information table in the entrance area of the church. There are also new church directories available.

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 January 27th

**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



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 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 76% of our goal with only \$5,100 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

The Four Chaplains Ceremony will be at the Trailhead Church on Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am

## Change for Life



As you leave today, please pick up a baby bottle. These bottles are a fundraiser for Options Clinic, our local pregnancy medical clinic offering life-affirming services to those facing an unintended pregnancy.

*With the help of your generosity, we are offering...*

- FREE clinical grade pregnancy tests
- FREE options education
- FREE early ultrasound
- Low-Cost STD testing & treatment
- FREE KidSmart parenting classes
- Free/Low-Cost well-woman care
- FREE supplies for new parents
- Free after-abortion recovery

Please return bottles to church in 3 weeks.

OR

Give here



Together, we are Offering Hope & Building Families.

Options Clinic is a 501(C)3. For more information, visit [OptionsHelena.org](http://OptionsHelena.org) or call 406.422.1011. Thank you. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

## 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.



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.

## Spaghetti Dinner

TB's diner is hosting a special Spaghetti feed on Wednesday, January, 31<sup>st</sup> from 11 am to 8 pm. \$10 for a plate of spaghetti, salad, and a roll. This dinner supports two local families in need.

FEBRUARY 9TH

### CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

**EVENT DETAILS**  
MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF COUPLES // RECEPTION @ THE MONTANA CLUB // FREE CHILDCARE

## Following God's Pedagogy



An Introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP**  
author & catechetical consultant

March 4th	Holy Rosary Parish Bozeman	7:00 - 8:30pm
March 5th	Cathedral of St. Helena	6:00 - 7:30pm
March 6th	St. Anthony Parish Life Center Missoula	6:15 - 7:00m



## 2024 SUMMER SEASON CAMPS SCHEDULE

JUNE 16-JUNE 21	JUNIOR HIGH #1	JUNE 23-JUNE 28	HIGH SCHOOL #1
JULY 7-JULY 12	5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS	JULY 14-JULY 19	HIGH SCHOOL #2
JULY 21-JULY 26	JUNIOR HIGH #2	JULY 28-AUGUST 2	5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS

Registration for camp opens January 1, 2024

Early Bird Pricing: Save \$20/camper when you register by January 31st!



### FAMILY CAMP JUNE 30-JULY 2

Registration opens  
March 1, 2024



### LEGENDARY ADVENTURE CAMP

Session #1  
JULY 14-19

Session #2  
JULY 21-26

Registration details coming soon

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