

# Stewardship

10-29-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,330.00
Loose	\$101.00
All Souls/All Saints	\$70.00
Restricted	\$1,220.00
Youth Rally	\$220.00
Total	\$2,976.00

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-October

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$419.78
Geisser Services	\$725.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,715.05
Edith Mountain Sprinklers	\$120.00
Special K Plumbing & Heating	\$520.00
Diocese of Helena	\$220.00
Broadwater County News	\$76.50
Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

### Cemetery Expenses-October

Geisser Services	\$1,425.00
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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

"I no longer take pleasure in perishable food or in the delights of this world. I want only God's bread, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ, formed of the seed of David, and for drink I crave His Blood which is love that cannot perish."

- St. Ignatius of Antioch

### 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:



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, Tom Arensmeyer, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones

## Did You Know!

The name Jesus is Yeshua in Hebrew. "Ya" is a derivative of Yahweh and "shua" means saves. The name Jesus means "God saves." The name Jesus was very common in the Jewish world of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC through the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. The people of Israel desperately wanted a savior who would remove Roman rule and bring the Judaism back, hence, they named their kids Yeshua. On another note, the name Mary was also a very common name. The name Mary means either, drop or star of the sea, bitterness, or beloved.

**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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

November 5, 2023

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Jesus

We often forget some of the basics about Jesus. Jesus was a man of the 1<sup>st</sup> century who was born to a virgin and lived a human life. Although he is human, he is also God. His early life is obscured in history with only a few accounts of his life remaining. At around the age of 30 he began a mission of preaching the message that God wants to reconcile the world and free everyone from their sins. This proclamation received mixed reviews. Some openly accepted it and followed him. Most were ambivalent to the message. A select group, the Pharisees and Sadducees, the leaders of the Jewish people, openly opposed him. During his mission, he healed many who were sick, cast out demons, performed miracles, and made a point that he had fulfilled the prophecies of the Messiah as predicated by the prophets of the Old Testament. After three years of preaching, the Jewish leaders condemned him for blasphemy, tried him using the Roman legal system, and sentenced him to death by crucifixion. After three days in the tomb, he rose from the dead and continued to preach the message and encouraged his disciples and apostles to continue to preach the message of repentance.

Although the above details are probably not new to most of us, I find value in repeating the basics. Part of the joy of returning to basics is that we can see things from a new or different perspective. Often we are so used to the life and ministry of Jesus that we don't think about it anymore. On this point I encourage you to spend some time pondering the basic life of Jesus. What was his early life like? We often fall into two camps when imagining the life of Jesus. Either we divinize him and make him perfect in every way and unrelatable or we humanize him and make him just like us removing his divinity. We must assume that during his early life he knew that he is God but didn't act out of that knowledge. Jesus wanted to experience everything we experience as humans so that through his experience of humanity our human experience can become avenues to encounter and know God. The value of reflecting on Jesus' life is to realize that those basic human experiences are now avenues through which we encounter God. How did the people react to God on earth? The answer is simple, and will be the focus of the next part, they didn't. Jesus didn't show his divinity until after he had begun his mission. Thus his neighbors and family members simply saw a man. Imagine living and working with God-become-flesh and not realizing it. What else do we miss in the world because we assume a certain view of the world?

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11-12-2023

Reading 1: Wisdom 6:12-16  
 Psalm: 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8  
 Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



MASS	Schedule
Monday November 6	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday November 7	Mass 9a
Wednesday November 8	No Mass
Thursday November 9	No Mass
Friday November 10	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 11	No Mass
Sunday November 12	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p Knight's Dinner Knight's Pies by Gvys

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to

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 November 12, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Tom Aced

Lector:

Debbie Miller

Gifts:

Dan and Bernadette Swenson

EM:

Karen Simonich and Missy Cox

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.

### Medjugorje is coming to Resurrection Parish!



Fr. Leon Pereira O.P., chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, will be speaking here at Resurrection Parish on November 15th and 16th, 2023.

#### Help Wanted:

- Building a cabinet for the sacristy
- Pounding down the nails on the parking blocks in the parking lot
- Installing a white board
- Installing base molding
- Alter cloth laundering
- Alter server cassocks, surplices and albs washed

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Fr. Cody

#### CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: ALL ARE WELCOME!

This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

Men's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius, East Helena: January 11-14th 2024

Contact: [Helenacursillorector@gmail.com](mailto:Helenacursillorector@gmail.com)

Women's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius: February 15-18th, 2024

Contact: [helenacatholicjourney.wome@gmail.com](mailto:helenacatholicjourney.wome@gmail.com)



### Knights of Columbus

#### Pies by Guys

November 12th after mass

Buy a slice or the whole pie



Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have raised a total of \$54,247. We have raised \$25,242 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$35,000. If we raise the requisite \$60,000, then we will reach our goal of \$125,000. I ask you to be generous and help us get this incredible grant.



### Holy Hour at a new time and more time for Confessions

With all my schedule changes and other responsibilities, I moved the Holy Hour to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to come to the church, pray, and spend some time with our Lord. Also, I will be hearing confessions during these hours.

Next Holy Hour November 25th

### Have A Seat!

# Created Good

## Townsend Community Family Night

### FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

## FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month  
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center  
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

~~Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?~~

Nov. 5th: Who am I?

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

Catholic Radio Station Announcement:

KNEH 97.3FM in Helena has been an affiliate of Relevant Radio for over 15 years. Relevant Radio, "Talk Radio for Catholic Life", has over 200 radio stations across the US. While there are some communities in Montana that operate Catholic radio stations, the number is still very small. We recently added a LISTEN LIVE button on our website at [kneh.org](http://kneh.org). Besides streaming Relevant Radio programming, KNEH also broadcasts Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and other information of interest to parishes throughout the Diocese. We wanted to offer a way for all the parishes in western Montana to stay informed and connected to their Diocese and enjoy the benefits of quality Catholic radio programming. I have attached a program grid for Relevant Radio in Montana time zone and an announcement that I hope you will add to your parish bulletin. If you have any questions, please call me. I appreciate the opportunity to let people know about Relevant Radio. It has made a huge difference in our Helena community. Many people have returned to Sunday Mass and others have become Catholic after listening to Relevant Radio. I have heard many testimonies about these things.

"Introducing Relevant Radio, Talk Radio for Catholic Life!

Whatever you may be looking for, be it faith education, today's headlines through a Catholic lens, or a community to pray with, you can find it all on Relevant Radio. It's an entertaining and spiritual way to grow every day. The Relevant Radio network broadcasts coast-to-coast on over 200 stations in the US, including Helena, KNEH, 97.3FM and Bozeman, KOFK, 88.1FM. Programming can also be heard via streaming audio at [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com) and on their free Relevant Radio app. For those of you in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, we suggest streaming audio from Helena's [www.kneh.org](http://www.kneh.org) LISTEN LIVE button. Along with all Relevant Radio's programming, you'll also hear Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and local information of interest to Montana Catholics in our Diocese. We're here to keep you informed and connected to our beautiful Catholic faith here in Montana. We hope you enjoy the national programs on Relevant Radio along with the local Montana connection at [kneh.org](http://kneh.org)."

### 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.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA  
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.

A Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11 am. One of the customs of the church is to bring the bread that will be eaten at the Thanksgiving Day meal to be blessed at the Mass.



# 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

Starting Monday September 11th

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 next topic is "Bible Part 2: The Old Testament" on Monday, November 6th. 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 [frwilliams@holycrossmt.org](mailto:frwilliams@holycrossmt.org).

## Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children

Sundays 4:10pm



Nov. 5 - Luminous Mysteries

Nov. 12 - Sorrowful Mysteries

Nov 19 - Glorious Mysteries

Nov 26 - Joyful Mysteries

We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281