

## Stewardship

11-27/11-28-2021

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

33 Envelopes	\$1,735.00
Loose	\$266.34
Holy Day	\$50.00
Bells	\$450.00
Total	\$2,501.34

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-November

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$22.00
Spectrum	\$114.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$1,220.64
Broadwater County Treasurer	\$1,932.98
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$5,852.42
The Verdin Company-bells	\$8,064.00
Geisser Services	\$650.00
US Postmaster-mailbox renewal	\$102.00
Formed	\$999.00
Don Walters-sprinkler blowout	\$110.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

#### Cemetery Expenses-November

NorthWestern Energy	\$33.63
Geisser Services	\$650.00

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

THANK YOU!



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"God likes to listen favorably to the prayers of His faithful, particularly when they look at Christ's body,"

- William of Auxerre (on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

### 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, Dcn. Matthew Christiaens, Dcn. Tyler Frohlich, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Alex Ramirez, Jamie Severson, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling and 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, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Betty Devaney, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Steve Kitt, Cora Lee Horne, Mary Pat Sullivan, Mike and Jeanie Ferguson, Felicia and Mike Head, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, David Deitz, Charmain Kobl, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, special intentions, Earl and Marj Kohn, Kim Schaubert, Charlene, Vasquez-Zuniga family, Paul Friend, Amy Ghorssen, Frank and Sally Majszak

The Season of Advent is divided into two parts. On which day does the transition happen?

The transition between the first and second part of Advent occurs on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

What are the "O Antiphons" and when are they used?

The O Antiphons are specific prophecies or titles for Jesus, the Messiah. They are used for the Gospel Acclamation and during the Liturgy of the Hours from Dec. 17 -24.

The color pink is used on one Sunday of Advent. What is the name of this Sunday?

The name of the Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Do you know the name of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent whose color is also rose?

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



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

### Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00—4:45p

Sunday 7:15-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5p Sunday Mass 8a

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

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

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# Announcements

## Laundry

Have you ever wondered what happens to the linens after they are used for the Mass? I'm guessing that most people haven't thought about it. If you have, you probably guessed that they are put into a laundry machine and then dried. Well, kind of. The church has specific rules for washing the linens used during the Mass. Since they contain some of the Body and Blood of Christ on them, they must be treated with reverence and respect. The linens are first soaked in water to leach out and dissolve any remnant pieces of the Body and Blood of Christ that may have remained on the cloths. They the linens are laundered like normal laundry. The water that the linens soaked in must be poured out onto the group. Fun fact: what should you do if consecrated wine is spilled or a consecrated host has been carelessly discarded, damaged, or defiled? For Consecrated Wine the consecrated wine must be soaked up with a purificator (linen used in the Mass), then the spot diluted with water, then cleaned like normal. A Consecrated Host cannot be thrown away. Consecrated hosts must either be eaten or dissolved in water until it no longer resembles bread (which takes many days), then it can be poured into the group.



Holy Cross is in charge of the Food Pantry the month of January. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet back in the narthex. Please pray about it and give an hour or two of your time. Any question call Doris Mingay (406)980-2011.



## Christmas Mass Schedule:



Eve Mass December 24th at 8p  
 Midnight Mass December 25th at 12a  
 December 25th No 5p Mass

## Advent is Here!

Some seasons we are familiar with celebrating: during Lent we fast and give up something, during Christmas we open gifts and have wonderful meals. Advent is one of those seasons that can feel difficult to celebrate well. This year I encourage all of you to celebrate the seasons. Not just do something or stay in the same routine as always, but celebrate these seasons with joy. The joy of the liturgical year comes when we feel the changes and spend time with various ways to understand our faith. Below are some suggestion for celebrating Advent well:

1. Create and maintain an advent wreath: every Sunday or every day, light the candles of the appropriate weeks and make it part of your meal time. If you would like a ritual to go with it, I have some prayers you can say while lighting the candles.
2. Decide to do something different for Advent: you could add a prayer like the Angelus, read a book about the Christmas mysteries, or pray the rosary. These activities mark time and help us remember the season.
3. Do something charitable: help out at the Food Pantry or some of the social service in Helena, visit the nursing home residents, call people you have not talked to in a while.
4. Listen to Advent themed music: it is easy to jump the gun with the stores already playing Christmas music. The choice to stay in the season begins with our choices of music and entertainment.
5. Decorate for Advent: we are used to decorating for Christmas, but what about Advent? Many people create an Advent tree. It is like a Christmas tree but only has blue or white lights and no ornaments. Then on Christmas the tree is fully decorated to show the change in the seasons.
6. Be creative: these suggestions are merely suggestions. Our goal is to explore the season of Advent with its dynamics of preparing for the birth of the Messiah. How do you bring the feeling of the season into your own life?



## Scripture Readings



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 12-19-2021

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a  
 Psalm: 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
 Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



If you are sick, do not come to Mass until you are well. If you have access to the internet, you may participate in Mass that is livestreamed at [holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org)

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 Tuesday at 10a two weeks in advance

MASS	Schedule
Monday December 13	NO MASS
Tuesday December 14	NO MASS Knights of Columbus 7p
Wednesday December 15	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE- Pre-k thru 5th 5-6:15p MS thru HS 6:15-8p
Thursday December 16	Mass 9a First Responders
Friday December 17	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday December 18	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p Homebound Parishioners
Sunday December 19	Confession 7:15-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family



## For bells could toll!

We are in the process of purchasing a new bell system for our church. The goal is to have it installed by Christmas. The new system is fairly expensive: \$8064.00. If you are willing to donate to help fund this new bell system, please write a check with "bells" in the memo line. Thank you. We hope to be tolling by Christmas. \$3,150.00 donated so far.



Goal \$20,300

Pledged \$12,275

Paid \$10,560

% of Participation 33.33%

## Ministry Schedule

Saturday December 18, 2021

5:00 pm

Greet:

Tom Aced

Lector:

Gay Ann Masolo

Gifts:

Martin and Doris Mingay

## Ministry Schedule

Sunday December 19, 2021

8:00 am

Greet:

Chuck and Lisa Larson

Lector:

Julie Lethert

Gifts:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch