

Stewardship

4/21

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

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| Envelopes | \$1,480.00 |
| Loose | \$120.75 |
| Online Giving | \$230.00 |
| Total | \$1,830.75 |

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-March

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| City of Townsend | \$173.41 |
| NorthWestern Energy | \$648.43 |
| Montana Energy Alliance | \$2,118.95 |
| Spectrum | \$144.97 |
| Flocknote | \$36.00 |
| Geisser Services | \$1,440.00 |
| Roman Catholic Bishop | \$6,088.22 |
| Big Sky Fire & Safety | \$933.00 |

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

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| Grave Sites | |
| Short Term | \$100.00 |
| Long Term | |
| Open & Close Gravesite | |
| Memorial | |
| Total | \$100.00 |

Cemetery Expenses-March

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| Big Sky Sprinklers & Landscaping | \$220.00 |
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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

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

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, 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, Mille Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder. Monte Schnur, Jonathan LaCunza

Do you know?

Where do the seven gifts of the Spirit come from in the Bible?

There are two places: Isaiah 11:2 and 1 Corinthians 12.

What biblical event was reversed by Pentecost?

The Tower of Babel

What new feast, begun by Pope Francis, follows the day after Pentecost?

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of the Church which is always celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Cross Parish

April 28, 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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Save The Date

for the Holy Cross

Spring

BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.

We are needing help in the following areas:

- serving food from the island
- serving in the dining room
- overseeing cake walk & corn hole games
- clean up

The Easter Season

The liturgical color for the Easter Season is white. White symbolizes light, resurrection, purity, and new life. The Season of Easter is similar to the other major seasons of the year in that each day has its own character and prayers. The major change in comparison to the other seasons is that the 1st reading is from the Acts of the Apostles for Sunday Masses. The Easter Season is the only time of year in which the 1st reading for Mass is from the New Testament. Even for funerals and weddings during the Easter Season we are required to pick a New Testament reading for the 1st reading. After fasting from the Gloria and Alleluia for 40 days, they are back with greater emphasis and joy. Unlike the Season of Lent, we can celebrate the memorials of the saints.

The Season of Easter has four major events that mark the Season: Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Ascension of Jesus, and Pentecost.

The most obvious of the days of Season is Easter Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. According to the Gospels, Jesus rose early in the morning before the sun had risen on Easter Sunday, the 1st day of the week. Easter Sunday has some specific parts to mark the importance of that day. The Creed can be replaced with the renewal of Baptismal Promises. Each person at Mass renews their baptismal promises as a way of celebrating the new life and renewing the promises they made at baptism. The Easter Sequence is sung after the 2nd reading to illustrate the major events connected with Easter. If Eucharistic Prayer I is used, then the prayers change to reflect the importance of baptism and the newly baptized from the Easter Vigil.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The 2nd Sunday after Easter, or the following Sunday, was originally called Whit Sunday. On this Sunday, those who were newly baptized at Easter removed their white baptismal garments for the first time and entered the life of the community. Following the reforms under St. Pope John Paul II, he renamed the Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday connecting the events of Easter to the outpouring of God's mercy. This day is the final day to sing the Easter Sequence and the sung final sending at Mass.

The days between Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday are called the octave of Easter. These eight days are the highest days of the year and treated with the same gravity and dignity as Easter. The Easter Sequence is sung, the Gloria is sung, the parts of the Mass reflect Easter Sunday, and no other feast day can be celebrated during these days. Even if other feasts like The Annunciation or the Solemnity of St. Joseph fall during these days, the Solemnity is moved to the following Monday, outside the octave of Easter.

Fr. Cody



Every 4th 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 April 27th

The application process for the evangelization grant through the Diocese is open. If you have an idea of how to spread the message of Jesus to our community through our church, please give your ideas to Fr. Cody. I would like us to apply for this grant again this year.

Mondays 7-8:30p

The next topic is " Ecumenism and Catholic response to other faiths" on Monday, April 29th. 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

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!

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 final Family Night of the year is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th.

The goal is explore the joy of friendships and communication. The night will be filled with different activities to explore the ways we communicate and come to know each other.



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. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

Blessings

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our parish dedication day is May 19th. In celebration of our 59th anniversary, we are going to have a parish potluck after Mass
- The Mass to celebrate our graduates is Sunday, May 19th
- The Holy Hour and Confession time is cancelled for Saturday, May 25th
- The potluck for Sunday, May 26th is cancelled due to Memorial Day weekend



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1st Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.

Scripture Readings



Sixth Sunday of Easter
5-05-2024

Reading 1: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
Psalm: 98:1,2-3,3-4
Reading 2: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17



| Mass | Schedule |
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| Monday April 29 | Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p |
| Tuesday April 30 | Mass 9a |
| Wednesday May 1 | No Mass |
| Thursday May 2 | No Mass |
| Friday May 3 | No Mass |
| Saturday May 4 | Mass 9:20a Spring Bazaar 12-3p |
| Sunday May 5 | Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Family Night |

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 May 5, 2024

4:30pm

Greet:

Bleile Family

Lector:

Mary Ellen Schnur

Gifts:

Dan and Bernadette Swenson

EM:

Lucas Bleile and Alex Weiss

Money Counters:

Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th 12:00 pm—3:00 pm

Ham dinner with scalloped potatoes and green beans, relish tray and peach cobbler dessert!

Cost: \$30.00 for immediate family
 \$15.00 for single adult
 \$10.00 for students
 Under 4 Free

Silent auction, raffle, bake sale, craft sale and outdoor activities including free throw competition, cornhole and cake walk.

Please sign up on sheets in Narthex to help!

Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

I would like to lead a pilgrimage for any parishioners who would like to go. I would like your input. If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, let me know which location you would prefer.

1. Rome and Italy
2. The Holy Land
3. Greece and Turkey to follow the route of St. Paul
4. Spain and the way of St. James
5. Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Wisconsin and the only approved Marian apparition in the US as well as the sites of the martyrs in the northeast.
7. Ireland

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Greetings from your Stewardship Department! We have almost reached our 2023 ACA goal as a Diocese...thank you to everyone that has contributed. I apologize for any bumps you may have encountered as we moved to different software just as we kicked off the ACA. I truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigated the changes. While we are still about \$140,000 short of the goal, we have 6 months to go and remain optimistic we can reach it. In fact, if every family that has not yet given to the ACA would commit \$10...we would hit our goal. As you have been made aware, these monies fund programs throughout the Diocese and support our many ministries. Please consider helping us reach our final goal! Giving is simple through our online giving portal, by envelope at your parish or call me to make a gift over the phone. Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Sharon Witham 406-389-7062



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 80% of our goal with only \$3,640 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

QUILTING LADIES

BABY BASKET DRIVE

**COLLECTION
SUNDAYS
APRIL 7-28**

The Quilting Ladies are creating Baby Gift Baskets for expecting mothers and new mothers in our community. The gift baskets will be filled with essential baby and mother needs as well as fun items for the babies. Please donate only the items listed below.

NEW ITEMS ONLY.

A collection box marked "Baby Basket Drive" is in the narthex during the month of April. Sunday April 28 is the last Sunday for collecting items for the baskets. We will present the Baby Baskets on Mother's Day.

**ITEMS WE'RE COLLECTING ARE:
(New items only)**

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| BABY BOTTLES | BABY SPOONS |
| SIPPY CUPS | BIBS |
| BABY WIPES | BABY HAND SANITIZER |
| PETROLEUM JELLY | NAIL CLIPPERS |
| BABY BOARD BOOKS | SAFETY OUTLET PLUGS |
| CHILDREN'S BOOK | BABY BODY WASH |
| BABY BATH TOYS | BABY SHAMPOO |
| RUBBER DUCK | BABY BATH TOWELS |
| PACIFIER | DIAPERS (SIZE NB TO 2) |
| DIAPER CREAM | THERMOMETER |
| INFANT SOCKS | TEETHING RINGS |
| BAB WASHCLOTHS | LAUNDRY BASKET |
| BABY DISH SET | ONESIES |
| BABY LOTION | GIFT CERTIFICATE |
| BABY BLANKET | GIFT CARDS |

