

HOLY CROSS PARISH BOOK STUDY
IMITATION OF CHRIST
 by Thomas a Kempis
 WE'LL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING
 THURSDAYS AT 9AM - 11AM

March 5	April 23
March 19	May 7
April 9	May 21

Open to men and women
Drop-ins are welcome
Meet downstairs in the quilting room..
 For more info: Please contact
 Marge Kroeger 406-293-0514

BABY BASKET DRIVE
 COLLECTION ON SUNDAYS
 APRIL 5-26

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

BABY BOTTLES	BABY HAND SANITIZER
SIPPY CUPS	NAIL CLIPPERS
PETROLEUM JELLY	SAFETY OUTLET PLUGS
BABY BATH TOYS	BABY BODY WASH
PACIFIER	BABY SHAMPOO
DIAPER RASH CREAM	BABY BATH TOWELS
BABY WASHCLOTHS	THERMOMETER
BABY DISH SET	TEETHING RINGS
BABY LOTION	ONESIES
BABY BLANKET	BURP CLOTHS
NIGHT LIGHT	HOODED TOWEL PONCHO
HAND MITS	FOLDABLE BABY PLAY MAT
RATTLES	NASAL ASPIRATOR
BABY SPOONS	SLEEPERS
BIBS	SWADDLES

QUILTING LADIES
 3RD ANNUAL




Holy Cross Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026


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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Billings Catholic Radio
 Presents
FULTON SHEEN
Declaration of Dependence

June 26-27, 2026

Register by May 15 and save!



In honor of America's 250th year, Billings Catholic Radio and the Fulton Sheen Institute invite you to a dynamic live event on the life and message of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Through engaging storytelling and rich insight, Dr. Peter Howard—one of the world's leading Sheen scholars—will show how Sheen's timeless witness can help us renew our "declaration of dependence" on Christ.

Women's Fun Night

BINGO

1	12	21	31	42
5	14	22	32	44
7	17	25	33	46
6	18	27	39	49
10	19	28	40	50

BINGO

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

IN THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROOM
 OPEN TO ALL WOMEN
 SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED
 BYOB

THIS IS A FUN GAME THAT YOU CAN LEARN QUICKLY.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, CALL FRAN WRIGHT AT 856-379-5699

Patrick Conley, host of *The Inner Life on Relevant Radio*, will be the honored guest speaker for our KNEH Catholic radio fundraiser banquet on **Saturday, April 18th at Carroll College Campus Center.**

Reception at 5pm, banquet at 6pm. Tickets online at www.kneh.org or call 406-410-0968.

Buy 7 tickets and get one free plus your own reserved table for eight. Thanks for your support!

We are seeking a new member for the Pastoral Council. Please take some time to think about who from the parish you trust to represent the needs of the parish or would serve as a good advisor to the pastor. Nomination forms are available on the information table. A nomination doesn't mean that the person will be on the council. Nominations will be accepted until April 26th. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Cody.

HABEMUS PAPAM
Upon the Rock

Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:
\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 50% of our parish goal, with \$10,950 to go!

Please pick up a new parish directory from the Narthex for your household!



Jesus,
I trust in you

Common criticisms and critiques of the annulment process

It takes too long

The annulment process can be a lengthy process. The Church's goal in maintaining the annulment process is to not cause massive hardship on the people, kind of like a punishment, but to bring healing. Healing can be a lengthy process. In the case of an annulment, the person may need to relive painful memories, spend time reflecting on their marriage, and find the challenges that the couple faced. This time of reflection can lead to conclusions about their thoughts and challenges of marriage leading to a change in mind or to change the way they may approach their next marriage. The number one reason why most annulments take a long time to process is due to either the witnesses or the couple taking a long time to finish their paperwork. Right now, most annulment cases, once all the proper paperwork is filed, can be completed within 3 months. For cases of Lack of Form, within 4 weeks. The annulment process is a lengthy process simply so we can do proper justice to the marriage, adjudicate well the situations of the marriage, and to bring healing and finality to the couple.

It feels legalistic and formulaic

I hear this complaint a lot. The annulment process feels like a legal process involving paperwork and due process and less like a process to bring healing. I generally would agree. Most people experience the annulment process more from the paperwork end and less on the reflective end. The goal of the paperwork is not to create red tape and challenges but to reflect on the marriage and address the concerns well. We also don't want a process that is entirely up to the priest or the sentiments of those involved. Otherwise, why have a process? Why bother with annulments and we could become like the Protestants who end a marriage at the pastor's discretion? A legalistic format allows for justice, allows for truth, and allows to a finality to the process. We are no longer at the whim of an individual but seek laws and guidance in understanding marriages and the challenges of marriages. We have a system that upholds the truth about marriage.

Its not Christian because it doesn't show mercy

I ask you an important question, which is more merciful to allow the marriage to end because we want it to end or to have process that gives assurance about the validity of the marriage and truths about its challenges? Our goal is to show mercy and to allow someone to be in a good and fruitful marriage. It would not be healthy or merciful to force people to stay with the first person they married who are in rough marriages just because Jesus forbade divorce. Neither is it just to treat marriage with such flippancy that we can divorce and remarry at will. The tension between these two extremes of marriage leads to the annulment process.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Third Sunday of Easter

04-19-2025

Reading 1: Acts 2:14, 22-23
 Psalm: 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending 3/29 & 4/5

Envelopes	\$2,838.00
Loose	\$519.81
Online	\$926.83
Total Weekly Contribution	\$4,284.64
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$4,284.64
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$4,284.64
Total Year to Date	\$136,929.72
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday April 13	Mass 9:00a Mary Garman rb Terry Love Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday April 14	Mass 9:00a Leona Watson rb Terry Love
Wednesday April 15	
Thursday April 16	
Friday April 17	6:00p - Women's Bingo Night
Saturday April 18	
Sunday April 19	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4PM

- APR. 5 - NO ROSARY - EASTER SUNDAY
- APR. 12 - DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- APR. 19 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
- APR. 26 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES



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.

Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum

Prayer Chain

Unless otherwise requested, after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Slifka, Repose of the soul of Mary Garman, Karen Simonich, Stover family, Daylene Hanson, Arnold Woodring

Ministry Schedule

Sunday April 19, 2026 4:30pm

- Greet: John and Missy Rauser
- Altar Servers: Alex Weiss, Brendon Estrada and Taylor Bleile
- Lector: Karen Simonich
- Gifts: Tom & Julie Lethert
- EM: John Bleile and Lucas Bleile
- Money Counters: Tom & Julie Lethert



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus, what made You so small? LOVE!

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)