

Stewardship

2/18-19/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,970.00
Loose	\$169.00
Easter	\$100.00
Holy Day	\$130.00
Reimbursement	\$1,496.08
Pews	\$200.00
Total	\$5,065.08

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-January

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$134.97
MT Energy Alliance	\$2,688.17
NorthWestern Energy	\$833.31
MT Department of Labor	\$72.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,468.09
Geisser Services	\$2,370.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-January

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"What happiness do we not feel in the Presence of God, when we are alone at His feet... Redouble your fervor; you are alone to adore your God; His eyes rest upon you alone,"

- St. John Vianney

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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Dcn. 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, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Mary Pat Sullivan, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, Kim Schaubert, Paul Friend, Amy Ghorsen, Frank and Sally Majszak, John Clark, Don Larsen, Carl Lorentzen, Dan and Marie Stover, Roy, Mary McWhorter, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, John Woodring, Julie Whitman, Nancy Martin, Nicki Ito, Karen Susag, Kadence Saxton, Bob Graveley, Laura Toeckes, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark

Did You Know ?

During the Middle Ages the Church debated some of the minutest details of Church practice. When it came to the prohibition of eating meat on Fridays of Lent, many in the Church wanted a more specific definition. The question surrounded animals that live in the water. If fish live in the water, could other animals that live in the water be considered "not meat?" The Church said yes, and allowed people to eat beaver on Fridays of Lent since they were aquatic animals.

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.



First Sunday of Lent

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

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

Holy Cross Parish

February 26, 2023

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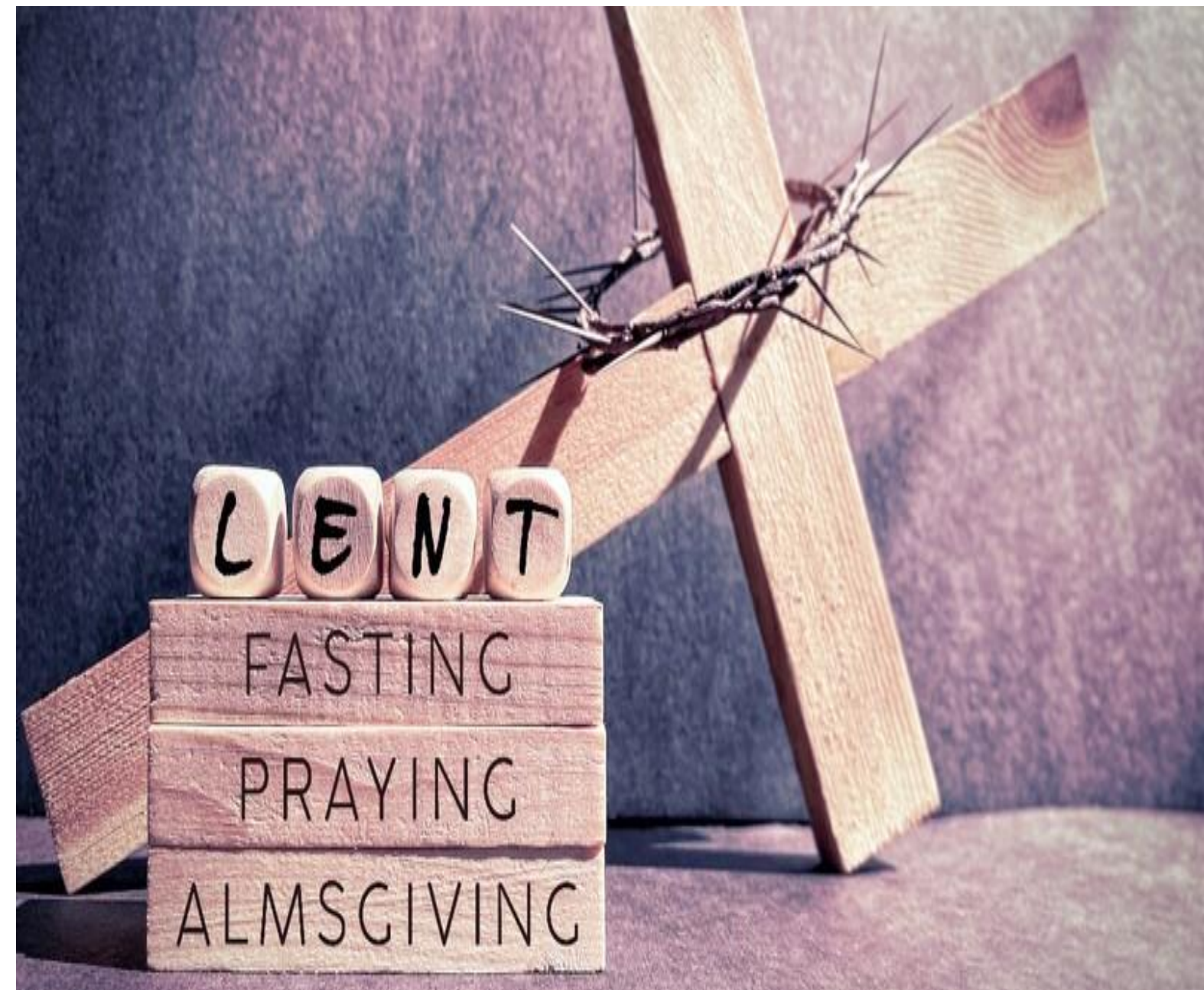
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Social Ethics

The final part of this morality series focuses on social ethics. Social ethics includes everything from the way we behave towards people in society to the ideals and values a society holds. Unlike the other ethics topics that I included in this series, social ethics poses greater challenges. On one level social ethics is less about morality and more situational. For example, racial issues and workers rights. Racial issues largely involve the way we treat each other. Moral issues regarding race involve murder, molestation, and degrading the human person. Workers rights are based on issues of treating workers fairly and the good that workers bring to society. Moral issues regarding workers involve stealing, cheating, molestation, and legal practices. These two examples show some of the interplay between ethicality and morality in social issues.

Another main challenge with social ethics is the vast number of issues that could be part of this series. Everything from child care to elder care, education and the dignity of the human person, collective and individual rights. The vast number of social issues and the interplay between these issues causes great challenges for social ethics. Such as education and race or workers rights and family care.

On a final point I want to emphasize the challenge with the seemingly ephemeral nature of social ethics. Many people believe that social ethics is largely determined by the social situation of the culture or world. Those who adhere to this idea understand social ethics as an evolving process that determines how we should act in a given culture for a given time. The Catholic Church has never held this relativistic understanding of ethics. The best example of the eternal quality of social ethics is the 10 Commandments. These commandments are common throughout the majority of cultures and hold to both reason as well as common sense. We must understand that the process of determining right action for a culture has practical elements for that culture but should hold for all cultures, times, and places. A good example of this concept is racial injustice. When the Spanish settlers arrived in the Americas, their first reaction to the natives was that they are not human. After dealing with the natives for several decades, the Catholic priests of the Mexico area appealed to Rome to stop the injustice done to the natives by the Spanish settlers. Rome responded by affirming their dignity as human beings. Imagine if this idea held for all the historical moments of racial injustice. The world would be a different place if we all agreed on the basic nature of humanity. This is social ethics at its pinnacle: we realize the commonness of our humanity and work for the good for all people regardless of cultural or social situation.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



First Sunday of Lent
2-26-2023

Reading 1: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm: 51:3-4,5-6a,12-13,14 and 17
Reading 2: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



MASS	Schedule
Monday February 27	No Mass
Tuesday February 28	No Mass
Wednesday March 1	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth Family Night 6p Reconciliation 6:30p
Thursday March 2	Mass 9a Bill Grosiuk RB Sharon Obrigewitch History Series 7p
Friday March 3	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday March 4	Women's Retreat 8:30a-3p Adoration 12-4p Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday March 5	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 4, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Fisetbe Family
Lector: Marilyn Vandersloot
Gifts: Dan and Bernadette Swenson
EM: Shari Toney and Missy Cox

Ministry Schedule

Sunday March 6, 2023

8:00am

Greet: David and Laurie Stropes
Lector: Caleb LeLacheur
Gifts: John and Missy Rauser
EM: Megan Bleile and Buffy Woodring
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

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 Highlights

Coffee and Donut Hour:

Coffee Hours are a great opportunity for us to get together as a parish and chat while eating some good treats. I encourage everyone to join us for these parish events so that we can grow stronger as a community. A coffee hour host provides treats and cleans up after the Coffee Hour. I think some people got confused when I moved the Coffee Hours outside of the circle schedule. The goal of moving it out of the circle schedule was to allow people more freedom in getting together with some friends to host, allowing individuals to host, and give the circles more freedom to choose which times are best for them. Currently the schedule is open for anyone – Circle, individual, group, Women of Faith, etc. – who would like to host a Coffee Hour. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in hosting.

Choir:

Music is a vital part of who we are. On major days of the year, we celebrate with festive music. Wherever we go music is playing to help set the mood and make us feel comfortable. We cannot dismiss the power of music. In the context of the Mass, music uses our voices in praise of God. The more voices that sing, the more powerful the Mass. One of my hopes is to build a choir who can enhance our music. If you are interested in joining a choir or helping with music ministry through playing the piano or singing, contact Fr. Cody.

Announcements

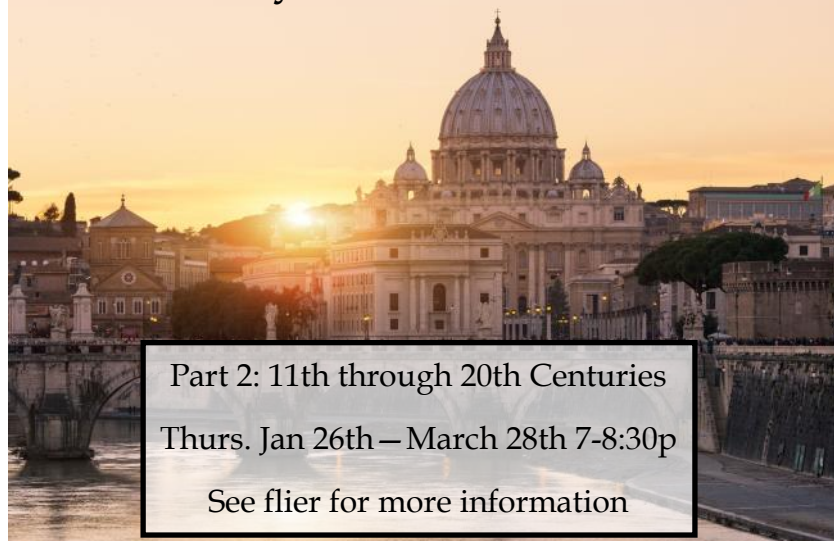
52 SUNDAYS Beginning January 1, 2023 a new, free online resource that can help Catholic families make the most of their Sunday worship is available. Sign up to receive a weekly email that is filled with prayers, activities, recipes and more to support and extend the lessons of each Sunday mass. More information at www.52sundays.com.

Have A Seat!



After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as those who came to the parish meetings, we are moving forward with buying new pews. This project contains several parts. The first part is new pews and kneelers. In addition to the new pews, we will be adding cushioning to the pews to make them more comfortable. This part of the project will cost approximately \$75,000. As we remove the pews, the goal is remove the carpet and put in new, easier to clean flooring. This part of the project will cost \$45,000. The total amount to be raised is \$120,000. Don't let this number alarm you. Through special donations we have already raised \$25,000. I have written a few grants to help with the cost of the pews. If we get them, I will let you know. The goal is to keep working at raising money until we have enough to complete both parts of the project. If you are interested in donating to the pew project - Have A Seat! - simply write a check with "pews" in the memo line. I will keep you updated on our progress.

The History of the Catholic Church



Part 2: 11th through 20th Centuries
Thurs. Jan 26th – March 28th 7-8:30p
See flier for more information



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have currently raised \$19,715.00



We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website (holycrossmt.org).

All RE Ski Day

On March 12th, we are hosting an all RE ski day. The parish will pay for lift tickets. Parents are responsible for any other gear as well as transportation to Showdown. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Cody.



Relevant Radio out of Helena has expressed a desire to install a tower for their radio station in

Townsend. If anyone is interested in working on this project and helping to bring Relevant Radio to Townsend, please contact Fr. Cody.



In celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God, USCCB is offering a 5-video Sunday Seminar Series about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. The videos, along with discussion/reflection questions, will be available in English and Spanish, beginning January 22 at <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>. Through these videos, USCCB aims to "bring people into an encounter with the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel" with the hope that God's people will be "inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with scripture in a new, prayerful way."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Penance Service:
March 1st at 6p
Dinner at 6p with service to follow

An Opportunity to Help Your Parish!

It's time for the **ANNUAL PARISH ENDOWMENT MATCH** program!

\$300 Is how much the FOUNDATION will give each parish endowment.

\$300 If a parish receives \$300 worth of gifts to the church endowment by March 31, 2023, the church will receive another . . .

+\$300 matching gift from the FOUNDATION!

\$900 Will be added to your parish endowment to help perpetuate our faith for generations to come!

Last year the FOUNDATION gave \$30,000 to our parishes through these grants and matches!



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena

Mail your tax deductible donation to **FDOH, PO Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624** and put the name of your parish on the memo line, or **donate online at fdoh.org/giving**. Questions? Contact the Foundation at 406-389-7050.

Match donations must be postmarked by March 31, 2023.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SPRING 2023 | FEB 22 - APR 2

Women's Retreat

Saturday March 4th 8:30a-3p

Theme: A Day of God and Me

Topics: Mary as the living tabernacle

Us as the living tabernacle

Lunch and snacks are provided

Please RSVP by March 1 so we can get a count for food

Help for those in Turkey and Syria

In response to those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Bishop Vetter has asked us to hold a second collection to help out. Below are two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- Catholic Near East Welfare Association has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would prefer to mail a check rather than give online can mail it to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).
- Catholic Relief Services, If you would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (please indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).



Fish Fry

Come One Come All



Knights of Columbus

Council #2360

When: March 10th and March 24th
starting at 5p and ending at 7p

What: Fish, tater tots, clam chowder, mac & cheese and coleslaw

Where: Holy Cross in the parish center
101 S Walnut
Townsend, MT

Please RSVP to Richard at 406-980-1447 or Mike at 406-438-5534



March
25-26





Eucharistic Congress & CYC Convention

An all-ages event designed to ignite and inspire our faith. Families and people of all ages are invited to this inspiring, faith-filled weekend centered around the Eucharist and our theme: "Called to the Truth."

Details

- ✓ Location: Carroll College
- ✓ Who: All-ages
- ✓ Cost: (Includes all meals and programming)
 - Adults: \$100
 - College Student: \$50
 - High School Youth (Grade 9-12): \$100
 - Children in Grades K-8: \$30

(No family pays more than \$250)

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