

The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Due to limited support for the weeks the Food Bank is open, Holy Cross will now help out during the months of February, June, and September. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, sign up sheets will be available on the table in the Narthex during those months or you can contact Paul VanHoudt.

The Townsend Rotary Club will be matching funds of any monetary donations to the Food Pantry made between Mother's Day (May 11th) and Father's Day (June 15th). Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

**Broadwater Food Pantry**  
**PO Box 1164**  
**Townsend, MT 59644**



Thank you for your generosity!

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*

**Parish potlucks**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They're responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

- June 22: Compassion
- July 27: Understanding
- August 24: Love

**PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY**  
**MON. JUNE 16, 4- 8 PM**  
**DINNER PROVIDED**  
**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**  
**ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME**

**The Holy Cross Quilters have wonderful baby items due to the generosity of our parishioners. If you know of someone in the Townsend community, who is in need of baby essentials, or, for a family member who is expecting, adopting or taking guardianship of an infant or toddler, please contact the Holy Cross office at: (406) 266-4811**



**SUMMER FUN!** **YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS**

In lieu of traditional VBS, Holy Cross Parish will be hosting some fun, interactive, days this summer while focusing on learning about specific events from the Bible and Jesus's life. Open to all ages Preschool through high school. Events will run 11am -3pm on the following dates:

**June 17th, July 8th, and August 6th**

More specifics on each event and registration options coming soon!

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Holy Cross Parish

The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

**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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Basics of Catholicism part 86

History of Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Jewish priesthood represents the most common elements found in any society. First, the priests formed a class or group separated from everyone else by a rite called ordination. Although the all-male priesthood of the Jewish faith is not the most common form (many polytheistic religions had some form of female priesthood), it was the law of the Jewish people. Therefore, only males could become priests and take on the role and life of a priest. Second, the rite of ordination separated them from the rest of the people. Every religion has some form of rite or ritual through which a person became a priest. Some tribal religions required a mystical experience to prove the merits of the person. Other religions chose the people from amongst their own. Regardless, each religion has a way of marking the person as set-apart for this role. In the Jewish faith, the ordination rite required several steps. First, the man was washed clean with water and a sin offering of a bull was made on his behalf. Once the sin offering and cleansing was complete, the man would then be anointed with oil which would cover him. Following the anointing, he would be clothed in the priestly garments and offer his own thanksgiving sacrifice. Third, the priestly order is set-apart from the rest of society. Even in Greco-Roman religions, priests did not perform the normal functions of everyone else. They did not work, they did not have to participate in military or civic services, the government or temple paid for their livelihood, and they were protected from accusations. If, however, they committed a crime, the penalty was much harsher. Priests of all religions were held to a very high standard and expected to live a life of purity, dedication, and mirror the virtues of the god(s) they served. Jewish priests were held in the same regard. They were not allowed to perform manual labor, did not have land, the people provided for their needs, and they were exalted above everyone but the king. The priests were the only people who could openly challenge the king.

Jewish priesthood has two ranks. The first rank, as indicated above, is called the Aaronic priest. The household of Aaron were the only members of Jewish society who were allowed to become priests. No one else could ever become a priest. This tribe had no land, no source of income, and God commanded the people to provide for their needs. The Aaronic priesthood was responsible for Temple sacrifices, electing the high priest, performing Temple duties like offering incense and the prayers of the people, and maintaining the Temple. The second level of priesthood is called the Levitical Priesthood. The Tribe of Levi has a secondary role to the Aaronic Priesthood but a necessary one. The Aaronic Priesthood was not large enough to carry out all the necessary functions of the Jewish religion so the Tribe of Levi was commissioned to be their helpers in a secondary priesthood. This secondary priesthood could offer sacrifices in local towns like sin or thanksgiving offerings, they helped with the administration of the Temple, taught the people, and offered incense and prayers. The land controlled by each tribe was required to set aside a chunk of land for the Levites to live in so that they could perform their necessary role. These two types of priests were the main elements of Jewish religion and the context through which we understand Jesus' role in Salvation History, the Jewish faith, and the Christian faith.

Fr. Cody Williams



Dcn. Dillon Armstrong will be ordained a priest on Friday, June 27, at 3 pm at the Cathedral. Please consider going to this ordination both to support him and encourage him.

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended May 18th & May 25th

Total for the week	\$10254.48
Budget	\$2900.00
Variance	\$7354.48
<b>Year to Date</b>	
Total	\$123412.86
Budget	\$127600.00
Variance	-\$4187.14

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday June 2	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday June 3	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday June 4	
Thursday June 5	
Friday June 6	
Saturday June 7	Women's Tea Party 12:00p Adoration and Confession 2:00p-4:00p
Sunday June 8	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p (Parish Family)

Scripture Readings



Pentecost

06-08-2025

Reading 1:	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm:	104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Reading 2:	Romans 8:8-17
Gospel:	John 14:15-16, 23-26



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen. "

- St. Faustina

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.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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, Bob Masolo, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced, Richard Majszak, Marilyn Gagen

Ministry Schedule

Sunday June 8, 2025 4:30pm

Greet:	Tom and Julie Lethert
Lector:	Megan Bleile
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Debbie Miller and Fran Wright
Money Counters:	Tom and Julie Lethert