

Stewardship

9-17-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$3,770.00
Loose	\$48.35
Reimbursement	\$1,932.38
Pews	\$955.00
Magnificats	\$39.00
RE	\$220.00
Total	\$6,964.73

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-August

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$357.06
Geisser Services	\$845.00

Cemetery

Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	
Cemetery Weekly Income	
Cemetery Expenses-August	
NorthWestern Energy	\$21.86
TruValue	\$51.99
Lite Electric	\$684.00
Geisser Services	\$785.00
Townsend Hardware	\$36.45

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"May Mary, who in the freedom of her 'Fiat' and her presence at the foot of the cross, offered to the world, Jesus, the Liberator, help us to find him in the Sacrament of the altar,"

- Pope John Paul II

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:



Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Townsend Community

Did You Know!

Most hospitals were started by the Catholic church. For centuries hospitals were opened and run either by religious or people. About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

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 9

Attributes of God

God as truth

Like goodness and love, truth is directly related to the other attributes of God as they build on one another and form the fullness of who God is. Recall the topic of God as all-powerful. If God could do anything he wanted, including contradict himself or change his mind, he would become a contradiction which limits his power. In the same way, if God contradicted himself or changed his ways, then he would not be true. We would always wonder at what point would he change his mind and then punish us for not following his will. Imagine that you died and went to Heaven. At the gates you meet God who tells you that you can't go to Heaven because you followed the Bible instead of the new edition of his laws that came out last year. I am sure you would be more than bummed and probably feel slighted for not having the possibility to follow God's laws. God as truth is necessary for the attributes of goodness, all-powerful, love, and eternal. God's laws persist and are true for all eternity. When God makes a decision, he cannot revoke his decision, which is a major point of the Old Testament. Hence, when God promised salvation to the Jews, he meant it not only through Jesus but also through the covenantal faithfulness of modern Jews. He cannot revoke his word or say or do anything untrue.

God as perfect

God cannot err, he cannot sin, he cannot do something less than perfect. This one attribute brings all the other attributes together and shows the immense goodness of God. Everything he does is without err. The other side of the perfection of God is his unity. The Greeks understood the word perfect to mean complete, entire, and whole. Thus God is perfect in the sense that he is whole and complete; he is lacking nothing.

God as exists

This last attribute before we move into relational characteristics of God is the easiest to understand but the one with the most implications. I can imagine a god who is perfect and has all the attributes that we want in a god. The challenge for us is that if he doesn't exist, it doesn't matter how good or perfect he is. Thus the attribute of God's existence is one of his most important attributes because it means that he exists, he is not a figment of our imagination, and we can encounter him and come to know him as something other than our imaginations.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10-1-2023

Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm: 25:4-5,6-7,8-9
Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



MASS	Schedule
Monday September 25	Mass 9a John and Rita RB Sharon and Ivy Obrigewitch Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday September 26	Mass 9a
Wednesday September 27	No Mass
Thursday September 28	No Mass
Friday September 29	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday September 30	No Mass
Sunday October 1	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Family Night after mass

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 October 1, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

John and Missy Rauser

Lector:

Megan Bleile

Gifts:

Wickens Family

EM:


Missy Cox and Monte Montonario

Money Counters:

Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes



It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. If you would like to renew your subscription or sign up for a new one please contact the parish office. The price for a one year subscription is \$39.00 for regular print and \$59 for large print. Please pay when you sign up. **This is the last week ordering is open**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Our Kick off rally will be at Saint Mary Catholic Community 1700 Missoula Ave, Helena MT Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @6:15 PM
****Please Join us******

We will officially kick off our 40 Days of prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood (1500 Cannon Street) on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (Cheryl Wilson, the 40 Days for Life Coordinator, will be there with a motorhome with refreshments, snacks and signs).

You can sign up for times on the campaign here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/helena>



Have A Seat!

Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have raised a total of \$52,492. We have raised \$24,109 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$36,563. If we raise the requisite \$60,000, then we will reach our goal of \$125,000. I ask you to be generous and help us get this incredible grant.

We are beginning the process of applying for a Low Power FM license for a Catholic radio station in Townsend, to be an affiliate of KNEH Relevant Radio. Please pray for the success of this process.



Holy Hour at a new time and more time for Confessions

With all my schedule changes and other responsibilities, I moved the Holy Hour to the 4th Saturday of each month from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to come to the church, pray, and spend some time with our Lord. Also, I will be hearing confessions during these hours.

Parish Service forms are available. Lots of help is needed! Please prayerfully consider how you will help you parish this years. Some opportunities are available in the new form so read it carefully. This parish needs a lot of support from all of you to continue functioning. Please be generous in your service of this parish.

Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month 5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?

Nov. 5th: Who am I?

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

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

Starting Monday September 11th

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!

The next topic is "Who is God?" on Monday, September 25th. 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.

We are looking for volunteers to either provide dinner or help cook dinner for the RE youth, their families and other members of the parish who wish to attend. RE dinner time is on Sundays following mass from 5:30 – 6:00pm. Meals need to be ones that can be either cooked in a crockpot or cooked ahead of time and can be kept warm. Because diners include all ages of the youth and their families this year plus a few extras from the parish, we should plan on feeding around 100 people every Sunday. Please prayerfully consider either providing a meal (planning, purchasing food and cooking) or simply just preparing/cooking the meal (parish supplies the food). We encourage you to partner up with another member/family of the parish to help ease the burden of feeding that many people. The following dates are needed:

10/15/23, 10/29/23, 11/12/23, 11/19/23, 12/10/23, 12/17/23

You can sign up by scanning the QR code, visiting the sign up genius website at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ABAB2AA4FBCF8-refamily>, by writing your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthax or by contacting Shawna Wickens at the parish office.



Bishop's
Gala

2023 Bishop's Gala Canceled

The Bishop's Gala planned for 2023 has been canceled but will be back in 2024. Bishop Vetter wants to thank those who generously attended last year's gala. He is looking forward to seeing everyone as he makes his third round of deanery and parish visits and adds Capital Campaign events to his calendar.

Bishop Austin Vetter and Bishop Jeffrey Fleming will be celebrating a **Red Mass** in Helena at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Wednesday, October 4 at 12:00 noon. Following Mass, there will be a luncheon in the Brondel Center of the cathedral.

A special invitation is extended to all judges, lawyers, legislators, government officials and law school students.

Registration is required for the luncheon and the deadline is Monday, September 25th. To register, please contact Matt at the Montana Catholic Conference at 406-442-5761 or director@montanacc.org. Please register with your name, phone number, email address and number attending.



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for the Diocese of Helena

Since the Foundation's
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