

## Stewardship

3-10-2024

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,305.00
Stipend	\$20.00
Loose	\$175.41
Total	\$2,500.41

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$647.92
Montana Energy Alliance	\$2,594.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Special K Plumbing and Heating	\$400.00
One License	\$425.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites
Short Term
Long Term
Open & Close Gravesite
Memorial
Total

#### Cemetery Expenses-February

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

*THANK YOU!*



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

"Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the Solution to our problems of declining vocations."

- *Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, Archbishop of Cebu*

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

#### POP QUIZ:

- Why do we use the color purple during Advent and Lent?  
Advent and Lent are royal seasons so we use a royal color to indicate their dignity and importance. The color purple is also much darker than the other colors that we use showing a subdued or saddened tone to the seasons, hence, they are penitential seasons.
- Could the liturgical color be purple for any other days of the year?  
Yes. On penitential days or days that we want to express sorrow or a need for God's mercy the color for the day can be purple. Some of the common days include, funeral Masses, on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, on ember days, and other days that focus on a need for God's mercy.
- What days of the Season of Lent do we sing the Gloria?  
This question is a little complicated. The only days that we would sing the Gloria during Lent are any Feasts or Solemnities that fall within the Season of Lent. Normally the Solemnity of St. Joseph and the Annunciation fall during Lent. This year only the Solemnity of St. Joseph is during Lent. Solemnities and Feasts always trump the fasts of the season since they are days of celebration. We are a celebratory 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.**



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

# Holy Cross Parish

March 17, 2024

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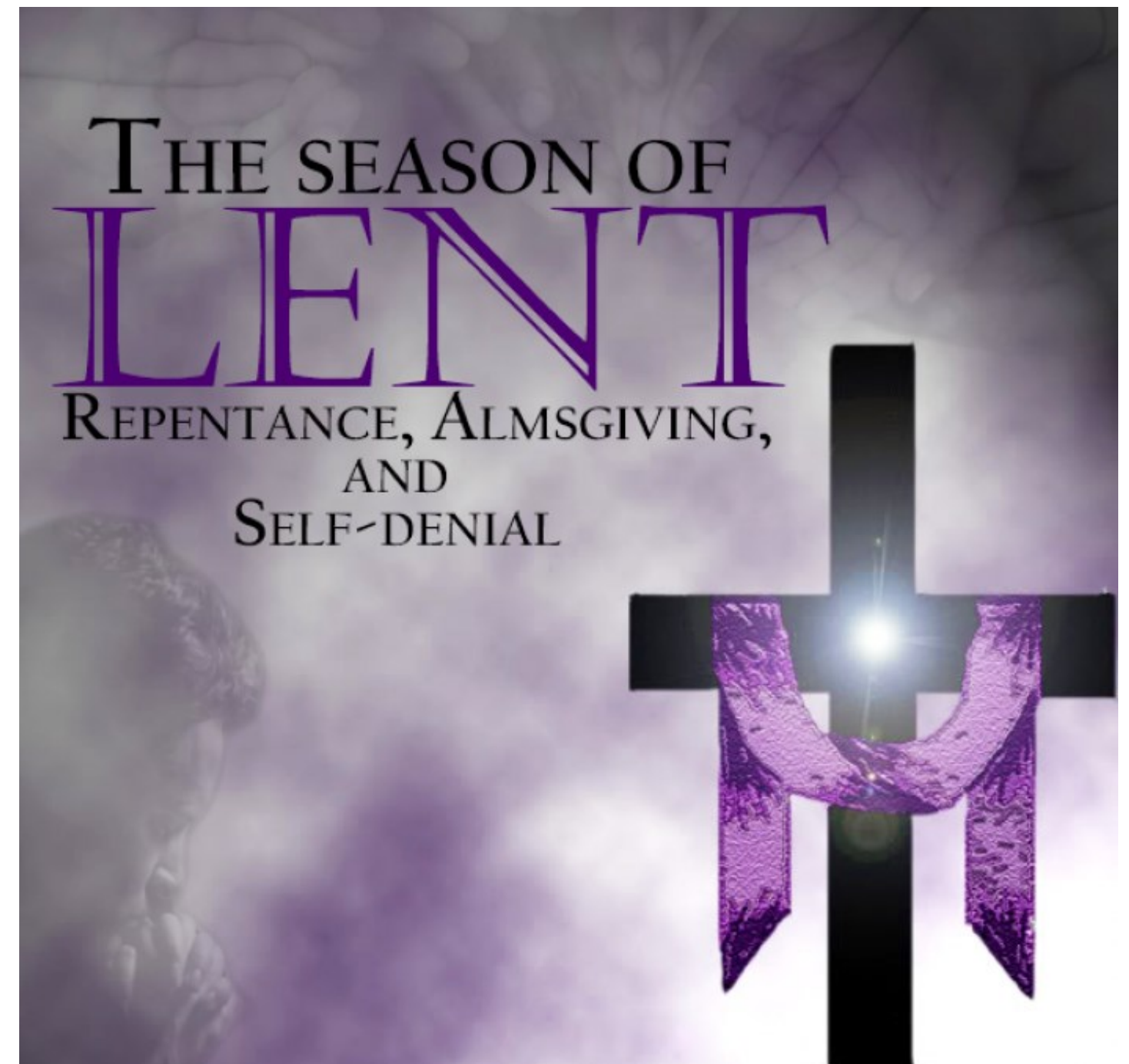
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Lent and Holy Week

At this point we have almost finished the Season of Lent. As Lent comes to a close, I want to point out a few details you may have missed and guide you into the final week of Lent called Holy Week. Throughout the Season of Lent the church is quite bare. The goal of the season is to simplify our lives and our churches need to reflect this simplicity. Some people have gone the route of adding sand to the holy water fonts or decorating the churches with dead branches. Both of these ideas ignore the primary focus of the season which is simplicity. Holy Water is still valuable and an important part of our devotional life. We don't want to remove those things that are still valuable for our experience of faith and guide us into the experience of the mysteries we celebrate in our churches. Likewise, the focus of each Mass, even funerals for the dead, is about life and the celebration of the life that Jesus has given us. When we decorate with dead plants or symbols of death, we focus our celebrations on death and not the new life that Jesus gave us through his death. Similarly, during Lent, which doesn't apply to most of our churches, instrumental music without singing is forbidden. The church requires either singing or silence during the Season of Lent and the instruments are meant to only support the singing.

Most people don't experience this part of the Lenten Season to its fullest. Each Mass, this includes the Sunday and the daily Masses, ends with a solemn blessing. The solemn blessing can take two forms. Either the extended form that has three parts to the blessing or the simple form that has one part following by the standard blessing that concludes the Mass. These blessings are not optional on Sunday. Once we transition to Easter, I will keep the Solemn Blessing on Sundays but none are required for Sundays or suggested for the weekday Masses.

Holy Week is the most important and privileged week of the year. The purpose of Holy Week is to walk through the final events of Jesus' life and experience anew each year these saving events as well as to experience the final events of Jesus' life. The most common experience during Masses is to hear the events of Jesus' life and reflect on them in our imaginations. Holy Week is different. Each of the five major liturgies (one is not a Mass) is meant to be more experiential than the rest of the year. Palm Sunday has palm branches and the procession of the people into the church. The Mass of the Lord's Supper has the washing of the disciples' feet experienced by the 12 who allow their feet to be washed and watched by the rest. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion illustrates the death of Jesus through the solemn acts by the priest and the reading of the Passion of Jesus. Both the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses, although less experiential, feel the power of the Resurrection through the return of the Gloria, the Alleluia, the color white, the music, and the feel of new life that is expressed in the Mass.

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
3-24-2024

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24  
Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

MASS	Schedule
Monday March 18	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday March 19	Mass 9a
Wednesday March 20	No Mass Stations of the Cross 6:30p
Thursday March 21	No Mass
Friday March 22	No Mass
Saturday March 23	No Mass No Holy Hour
Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family NO RE Parish Potluck



All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to [office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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 April 7, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Bleile Family
Lector:	Karen Simonich
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Tom Aced and Monte Montonario
Money Counters:	Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "What is Morality?" on Monday, March 18th. 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](mailto: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!

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*



Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

~ Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent through March 27th at 6:30p



Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.

### Did you know?

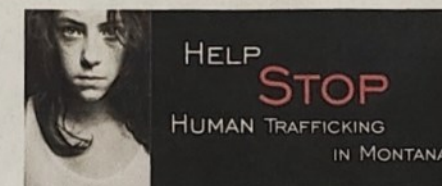
We cover the images in our church starting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent so that we can fast from images from this point until Easter. These changes help us to notice and appreciate the things in our church

Kelsey Thompson is leading a Healing Service on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of the Valley in Helena. She has special training in leading healing prayer services and wants to invite those who would like healing either physical, emotional, or spiritual to come.

**Saturday, March 23, 2024 Resurrection Cemetery on North Montana Ave**

### 40 Days for Life Spring Closing Rally

Please join us in front of the Cemetery to form a life chain from 11am—1pm. We will hold signs and worship with Isaac Carroll and by our presence be a testimony to the value of all life from conception to natural death. I will be there with my motorhome to provide warm beverages and signs—or feel free to make your own signs and bring them to share your own personal message.



# 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 Chrism Mass is a special Mass when the Bishop consecrates all the new oils for use with the Sacraments for the entire Diocese for the upcoming year. All are welcome to attend. The Chrism Mass is on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at the Cathedral in Helena.

### Triduum Schedule:

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm  
Easter Sunday Mass – Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm



Save The Date  
for the Holy Cross

## Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th  
More details to come soon!



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

## EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



MARCH 22-24, 2024  
CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

ENCOUNTER THE LORD | ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK | PROCLAIM HIS LOVE

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

DR. JOHN BERGSMAN | CHIKA ANYANWU | CHRIS MUELLER | SR. FAUSTINA MARIA PIA, SV | SR. ANTONIANA MARIA, SV

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT: [diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress](https://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)



FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

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 \$4,140 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

### 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

