



# Holy Cross Parish

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 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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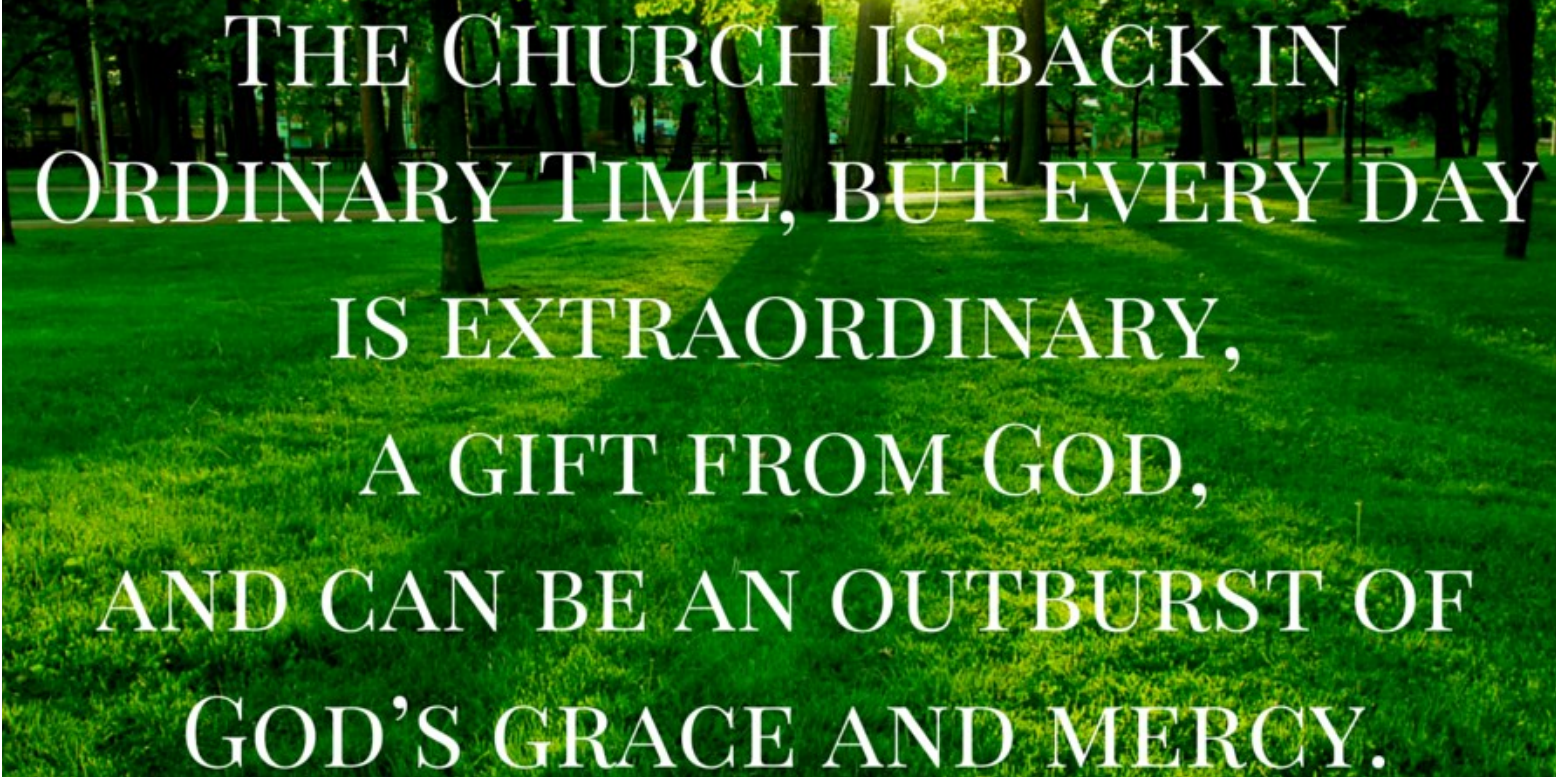
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THE CHURCH IS BACK IN  
ORDINARY TIME, BUT EVERY DAY  
IS EXTRAORDINARY,  
A GIFT FROM GOD,  
AND CAN BE AN OUTBURST OF  
GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN



How do you become a priest?

The process of becoming a priest is much more extensive than becoming a permanent deacon. Generally, the process of discerning a call to the priesthood begins in the local parish. Most people do not realize the effect of parishioners on a man discerning a call to become a priest. The level of involvement they allow, their prayer support, the strength of the community are some of the factors that help a man discern a call. Yet, the number one greatest factor is the priest the man grew up with. The vast majority of men who are called to be a priest can trace their interest to a priest they knew that inspired them. Whether a man continues to discern and is willing to enter seminary is largely dependent on his family and his local church. I want to stress the importance of the local parish community in helping men discern a call to the priesthood.

Once he has an inkling towards the priesthood, he begins a process called discernment. Discernment involves many different aspects of his life which aid in helping him answer the question: is God calling me to be a priest? Most men like to become more involved in their church, take on ministries and roles, and use these opportunities to explore the possibility of leadership in the church. Prayer is a critical component. Spending time in personal prayer, active involvement in liturgical prayer, coupled with spiritual direction are necessary for proper discernment. At some point in this process, the man feels that God is calling him to be a priest. At this point he contacts the Vocation Director for his diocese and begins the application process. The application process includes a psychological evaluation, physical examination, and meetings with the bishop, the seminary, and the diocesan board. If all of these tests and groups approve of him, he is then accepted to seminary.

Seminary is a continuation of the discernment process. Through his theological and philosophical studies, pastoral ministry, spiritual formation, and human formation, he continues to discern with the Church whether he is called to be a priest. That last part is very important. The call to become a priest is not limited to the individual man but is a process involving the church. Does the Church want this man as a priest? Will he care for her and provide for the flock? Seminary is meant to continue this formation in union with the Church.

Many people wonder about seminary and what happens there. The first year of most seminaries is called a propaedeutic year meaning that the first year is meant for prayer and discernment. This helps the man discern properly before continuing with the rest of the discernment process. After the first year, he has a combination of philosophy and theology classes, spiritual conference and days of spiritual formation, an assignment outside of seminary to help grow his pastoral skills, and lives with the other seminarians developing his interpersonal skills. Each year he works with a formation director who guides and evaluates his process including giving recommendations and recommending whether he continues. If his bishop, vocation director, and formation director believe in his call to become a priest, he advances to the next year. Continuing to advance each year for seven years until ordination to a priest.

Fr. Cody



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<https://diocesehelena.org/legendarytruck>

\*black lab not included



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.

- October 26: Peace
- November 23: Hope
- December 28: Love



If you are interested in joining St. Cyril and Methodius in their day of prayer outside Planned Parenthood on October 9th in Helena, please text Monica Benton (713-385-0870). She has volunteered to coordinate with St. Cyril and drive a group of Holy Cross parishioners in.

Magnificats

It's that time of year again to start planning for next years Magnificat subscriptions. They offer regular print and large print. Regular print is \$39 each and large print is \$69 each. Please order and pay at the parish office. Orders are due by October 31st.

**Adhering to the Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policy, Holy Cross Parish requires all employees and all volunteers who work in any capacity involving young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults to have had a background check and be Virtus trained every five years. Monthly online training bulletins are completed as well. Protecting our most sacred responsibilities—the children, youth, and vulnerable adults who have been entrusted to our care is of utmost value. To learn more or if you are interested in becoming Virtus certified please contact Shawna Wickens.**

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Week ending September 28th |              |
| Envelopes                  | \$1,179.00   |
| Loose                      | \$138.05     |
| Online                     | \$988.74     |
| Total Weekly Contribution  | \$2,305.79   |
| Total Weekly Goal          | \$2,629.31   |
| Monthly Summary            |              |
| Week 1                     | \$8376.05    |
| Week 2                     | \$2,506.29   |
| Week 3                     | \$3,513.44   |
| Week 4                     | \$2,305.79   |
| Total Monthly Contribution | \$16,701.57  |
| Total Year to Date         | \$49,347.11  |
| Yearly Goal                | \$140,000.00 |

Thank you for your generosity

| Mass                   | Schedule  |
|------------------------|---|
| Monday<br>October 6    | No Mass or Adoration  |
| Tuesday<br>October 7   | No Mass   |
| Wednesday<br>October 8 |   |
| Thursday<br>October 9  |   |
| Friday<br>October 10   |   |
| Saturday<br>October 11 |   |
| Sunday<br>October 12   | Confession 3:30p<br>Mass 4:30p<br>Parish Family<br>RE 5:30p – 7:30p |

Welcome the Circle of Peace

Two of our circles are rather small and would like to merge. Therefore the Circles of Compassion and Understanding are merging into the Circle of Peace. If you have concerns about this merge or would like to join this circle, please contact Fr. Cody. The current circle members are as follows:

Circle of Love

Bakken Family, Bleile Family,  
Boylan Family, Bill & Mary Duede,  
Estrada Family, Terri & Emmalin Fischer,  
Jill Flynn, Marge & Lewayen Kroeger,  
Kucinski Family, Pat & Debbie Miller,  
Iwy & Sharon Obrigewitch,  
John & Missy Rauser,  
Rachelle Rauser Family, Karen Simonich,  
Carol Taylor, Weiss Family,  
Scott & Shawna Wickens Family

Circle of Hope

Eichinger/Reiman Family,  
Fisette Family, Larry & Kristi Gersch,  
Holmes Family, Richard Majszak,  
Chuck & Carole Plymale,  
Poe Family, Janet Riddle,  
Dan & Bernadette Swenson,  
Jess e& LaReissa Swenson Family,  
Karen Susag, Swanton Family,  
Montey & Mary Ellen Schnur,  
Rich & Cyrilla Vetsch,  
Vince & Phyllis Vogl,  
Arnold & Lorraine Woodring,  
Larry & Buffy Woodring

Circle of Peace

(formerly Compassion & Understanding)  
Missy Cox, Mike & Miscese Gagen,  
Harold & Laura Gibbs,  
George & Brigid Jenkins, Steve & Jay Kitt,  
Bob & Gay Ann Masolo,  
Tim & Jan McAlpine, Fran & Iris Wright,  
Juanita Bray, Barb DeMartin,  
Jack & Mary Garman, Marilyn Lane,  
Tom & Julie Lethert, Terry Love,  
Julie Van Camp

If you are a parishioner not listed in a circle and would like to join one please contact Fr. Cody or the parish office.

Scripture Readings



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10-12-2025

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| Reading 1: | 2 Kings 5:14-17       |
| Psalms:    | Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 |
| Reading 2: | 2 Timothy 2:8-13      |
| Gospel:    | Luke 17:11-19         |



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.'"

- St. Bernadette Soubirous

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

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, Kammy Law, Mary Garman, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Silifka

Ministry Schedule

Sunday October 12, 2025 4:30pm

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Greet:          | Bleile Family                       |
| Lector:         | Fran Wright                         |
| Gifts:          | Reiman Family                       |
| EM:             | John Bleile and Lucas Bleile        |
| Money Counters: | Tacy Swanton and Bernadette Swenson |



# Ask A Priest



Monday, October 20th—dinner at 6 pm and presentation at 6:30

101 S. Walnut St. Townsend

Everyone welcome with science Experiments for the kids

Got Questions? This is the night for you.

## LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4:00

OCT. 5 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

OCT. 12 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

OCT. 19 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

OCT. 26 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

**There will be no Mass or Adoration  
on Monday (10/6), Tuesday (10/7),  
Monday (10/13), or Tuesday  
(10/14)**

# Faith Formation

## Youth Schedule

10/5/25: RE Class (Penance)

10/12/25: RE Class (Marriage)

10/19/25: RE Class (Holy Orders)

10/26/2025: RE Class (Feasts/Season Liturgical Year)

**10/29/2025: Possible Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat  
Night (Middle school and High school youth only)  
More information to come later.**

## Attention Adults

Join us for an adult group that will meet after mass on Sundays during RE class times. The adult group will discuss and explore the same topics as the youth. This year's focus is on Sacraments, the Mass, and prayer. Parents that join can continue the discussion and learning at home with their children.

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*

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all it's confidence in God" - Saint Faustina



Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered at the Broadwater Food Pantry in September. Your kindness to our community is such a blessing!

**Town Pump is matching monetary donations given to the food pantry from September thru November.**

Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

**Broadwater Food Pantry**

**PO Box 1164**

**Townsend, MT 59644**



### Catholic Mental Health Counseling

CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20 communities in Montana and is ready to serve you!

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone.
- We specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and perinatal concerns.
- You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in-person with a counselor.
- We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available.

**To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2' or send us a message at [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).**

## JUNIOR HIGH RALLY

"EXALTED IN HUMILITY"

October 25



A day of faith and fun for young people in grades 6-8. The day will move between prayer, talks, music, games, liturgy, and more.

Grades 6-8 | 10am-9pm  
at Butte Central High School

COST:  
**\$ 55**  
(FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE)

Information and Registration at:  
[diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally](http://diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally)



## LEGENDARY NEEDS LOGS

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Bishop's  
*Gala*

OCTOBER 10, 2025  
5:00 PM  
CARROLL COLLEGE



This October 10th, the Bishop's Gala returns with all proceeds to benefit Legendary Lodge. This will not be your usual Gala. Be prepared for camp sights and sounds, tastes and smells! Our theme is "Western Glamping", so get creative dressing the part with cowboy hats and fun accessories.

Get your tickets, or reserve your table, today!



[WWW.DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/BISHOPSGALA](http://WWW.DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/BISHOPSGALA)



Divine Mercy Academy is excited announce that we are hosting our very first Ignatius Book Fair! The Book Fair will offer a thoughtful selection of Catholic and curated secular works and we would like to invite the public to come! Tuesday, October 21st, from 6 to 8 PM, will be a Parents Only shopping night with wine, cheese, and other goodies. We would also like to welcome you from 4-6 PM on October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Please contact Carolyn Nealen ([carolyn.nealen@dmamt.org](mailto:carolyn.nealen@dmamt.org)) with any questions and/or with your RSVP for the Parents Only night.

If your 6th, 7th or 8th grade youth would like to attend the Junior High youth Rally, please contact

We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner after mass on some Sundays prior to RE. If you are interested in helping please contact Shawna Wickens or scan the sign up genius QR code. Thank you for supporting our parish youth!

