



Let's spruce up the sanctuary with flower bouquets for the Lord placed in front of the altar to help elevate our worship.

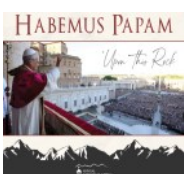
Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of flowers.

Thank you!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We have started an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series. This process is for anyone who is not baptized but can also include those who are baptized and need the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are interested in joining the church but would like more information are welcome to attend. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, contact the church office.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:

\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 55% of our parish goal, with \$9,925 to go! Please consider donating!
ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT TO REACH OUR GOAL!



Are you interested in hearing the homily again? Father Joe has a podcast where his homilies can be heard. You can access his homilies on the Holy Cross Church website at **holycrossmt.org/podcast** or by clicking on the **"Fr. Joe's Homilies"** tab at the top of the home page.

All bulletin information and mass announcement requests need to be submitted by email to

bulletin@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10a

Go on Pilgrimage with the Montana Catholic Pilgrims!

World Youth Day

July 25 - August 10, 2027

Price includes airfare, hotels, transportation in Seoul and all meals during the week of World Youth Day!

<https://versoministries.com/departures/wyd-seoul-2027-montana-catholic-pilgrims/>

Sign up by September 30 before prices increase!

Some financial assistance will be available thanks to the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena + Fundraising help is available!

Seoul, South Korea

Magnificats

It's that time of year again to start planning for next year's Magnificat subscriptions. Regular print and large print available. Regular print is \$42 each for a one year subscription that begins February 2027. Large print is \$69 each for a one year subscription that begins January 2027. Please order and pay at the parish office. Orders due by November 2nd.

Parish potlucks

With the change of mass times to Sunday mornings we would still like to continue our parish potlucks every 4th Sunday of the month. Now it will be a breakfast potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. We will continue to have each circle rotate and be responsible for facilitating the potluck including set-up and clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food.

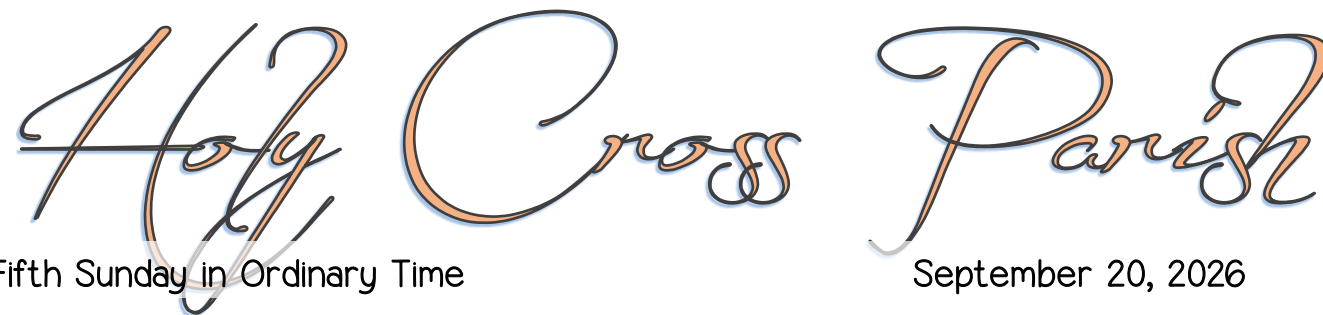
September 27: Hope

October 25: Love

November 22: Peace



The Holy Cross music ministry team is in need of more members, especially those who can play the piano. Training is available. Please contact Father Joe or the church office if you are interested.



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 12:00p

Adoration & Confession: Wednesday 12:45p-1:45p

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Sunday 8:00-8:45a or by appointment

Mass: Sunday Mass 9:00a

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

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SO THE LAST WILL BE
FIRST, AND THE FIRST

WILL BE LAST."

- MATTHEW 20:16

Faith Formation

Religious Education classes for all age groups Preschool through high school will be held on the 1st (first) and 3rd (third) Sundays of the month immediately following 9:00am mass beginning Oct. 4th PreK-6th grade will meet until 11:30am and 7th grade-high school will meet until 12:00pm. A light breakfast will be served prior to starting RE class. We strongly encourage youth and families to participate in our monthly potluck on the 4th (fourth) Sundays after mass as well for community and fellowship time. There will be small activities related to the liturgical season that all parishioners can partake in on these days. Cost is \$50/child with a family max of \$150. Scholarships available if unable to pay the registration fee, contact Shawna Wickens with questions. Scan the QR codes below to register your child/children. In order to register online you will be prompted to create a Camino Life account , which connects you to the Holy Cross parish Software database.

To Register:



To pay Registration fee:



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS 8:30AM
SEPT 6 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
SEPT 13 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
SEPT 20 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
SEPT 27 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



Help Us Keep a Sacred Tradition Alive
Rosary Leaders Needed!

Our parish is in urgent need of volunteers to lead the 8:30 AM Rosary before the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. Leaders can lead from the pews if the wish. Please contact the parish office if you are available to lead.

**No Daily Mass, Adoration, or Confession on
Wednesday, September 23rd or
Thursday, September 24th**

Catechetical Sunday

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending September 13th	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$2,959.73
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,692.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$2,147.97
Week 2	\$2,959.73
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$5,107.70
August's Monthly Budget Variance	103.6%
Total Year to Date	\$30,335.70
% Year to Date Goal	103%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday September 21	
Tuesday September 22	
Wednesday September 23	No Mass No Adoration and Confession Marian Consecration Group 6:00p
Thursday September 24	No Mass
Friday September 25	
Saturday September 26	
Sunday September 27	Confession 8:00a Mass 9:00a Parish Family

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
09-27-2025

Reading 1:	Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm:	25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2:	Philippians 12:1-11
Gospel:	Matthew 21:28-32

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.

Riley Helgoe, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, Peter Fiocchi, Nathan Olmes, and John Cooney

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, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Franklin Silfka, Jim, Kim and Teddy Woodring, Anthony Van Houdt, Repose of the soul of Juanita Bray



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"We cannot please God unless we resemble Jesus Christ, and the Blessed Sacrament [was] instituted for the very purpose of perfecting in us this likeness."

- Edward Leen, CSSp.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday September 27, 2026 4:30pm

Greet:	Fisette Family
Altar Servers:	Lucas Bleile, Malikai Fisette, and Mathyas Fisette
Lector:	Mary Duede
Gifts:	Joy Haggard and Karen Susag
EM:	Niki Weiss and Joy Haggard
Money Counters:	Karee Reiman and Kristi Gersch