

# Stewardship

8-27-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,375.00
Loose	\$135.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Pews	\$254.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Magnificats	\$117.00
Total	\$1,941.00

## 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

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term	
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	

### 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

"Blessed be Thou, my Lord Jesus Christ, who didst foretell Thy death before the time, and in the Last Supper didst wonderfully consecrate Thy precious Body of material bread, and also charitably gave it to Thy Apostles, in memory of Thy most worthy Passion,"

- St. Bridget

### 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

## Did You Know!

Since the 12<sup>th</sup> century the Church has used the image of the pelican to depict Jesus. For centuries people noticed that when a parent pelican is starving and need to feed their young, the parents feed them with a red substance that looks like blood. They thought that the pelican pecked its breast until it bled and then fed their young with their blood. Turns out that when the chicks are hungry, they peck at their mother's chest to get to the fish. The imagery is still beautiful even if inaccurate: the mother feeding her chicks with her own blood is like Christ feeding us with his own blood.

**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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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 6

### Attributes of God

I assume that many of us can name some of the attributes of God – one, all-knowing, all-present, good – but what do these attributes mean? How do they help us understand the nature of God and his relationship with us? We will explore these questions over the next three parts of this series.

#### God as one

Although this attribute is more important when we describe the Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the “oneness” of God is more vast than simply stating that “we believe in one God.” The oneness of God describes God’s nature. He is simple. God is not a collection of parts like the rest of creation. We cannot take pieces from God like we could our arms or legs or leaves off a tree. God’s oneness becomes a statement about his nature. God is not made of matter like the rest of us. Sometimes we describe God as having “spiritual matter.” This ultimately leads to greater confusion. Instead the simplicity of God as not having matter, a shape or form, or parts should leave us in place of wonder. How can we depict a God who is so grand and great that he is unlike the rest of creation?

#### God as all-present

Following closely from the oneness of God, is God’s all-presence also called omnipresence. We usually state the God is everywhere. This can easily be misinterpreted as though God is in everything or everywhere at once. Without a body or physical form, God can exist in any space at any time without manifesting himself in physical form. This idea is hard to grasp. We often want to describe this quality of God as part of a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> dimension and take God out of space and time. Instead we must realize that God is unlike the rest of creation and so is not bound by the limitations of matter, space, and time. Instead he exists in all places as the being who keeps all things in existence. Some physicists have noticed that the universe behaves like a giant brain and has boundaries beyond which no matter or space exists. These findings help us grasp the universality of God but ultimately limit him to the space we can perceive. God is still greater than that. He makes everything exist, he is greater than all things that exist, we can see his handiwork in creation without God being creation, and yet he can exist in all places.

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9-10-2023

Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Psalm: 95:1-2,6-7,8-9  
Reading 2: Romans 13:8-10  
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

MASS	Schedule
Monday September 4	Mass 9a Robert Ulmer RB Joyce Ulmer Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday September 5	Mass 9a Sharon Bowen RB Monte and Pat Montonario
Wednesday September 6	No Mass
Thursday September 7	No Mass
Friday September 8	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday September 9	No Mass
Sunday September 10	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p

## ORDINARY TIME

If we look closely we will be able to find God in the ordinary of our lives.

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 September 10, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Monte and Cathy Armstrong

Lector:

Debbie Miller

Gifts:

Harold and Laura Gibbs

EM:

Monte Montonario and Karen Simonich

Money Counters:

Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



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. Subscriptions are due at the end of September

Relevant Radio out of Helena has extended an offer to us here in Townsend to help us put in our own radio transmitter to broadcast their station in Townsend. In order for this to proceed, I need to know who is interested in extending their FM station to Townsend and who would be willing to be part of a board of trustees to oversee this project. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cody.



### Have A Seat!

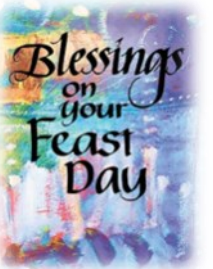


Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have raised a total of \$52,492. We have raised \$23,437 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.

In the parish dining area are a series of posters that explain various Eucharistic Miracles. They are on loan to us for the next month. I encourage everyone to go downstairs and explore these posters about Eucharistic Miracles.



September 14<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Holy Cross, our parish feast day. A special Mass will be celebrated at 9 am for our parish feast day.



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. The first Holy Hour time will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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.

## We're Hiring!



Catholic Social Services of Montana (CSSM) is seeking a Montana licensed mental health counselor/therapist to join us in our mission to serve our neighbors. This position can be based anywhere in Montana and will provide counseling, therapy, and educational services across the state as a part of the new mental health services program at CSSM. This is a full-time position and benefits include—

- 29 paid leave days in the first year.
- A flexible work schedule.
- Employer paid medical, dental, and vision benefits.
- A retirement account with up to a 3% employer match.
- Paid time off to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation.
- The opportunity to practice in a faith-centered workplace.
- A competitive starting salary.

A complete position description can be viewed by visiting [www.cssmt.org/staff-board/](http://www.cssmt.org/staff-board/). Applications must be received by September 27 to be included in the initial candidate review.

# 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!

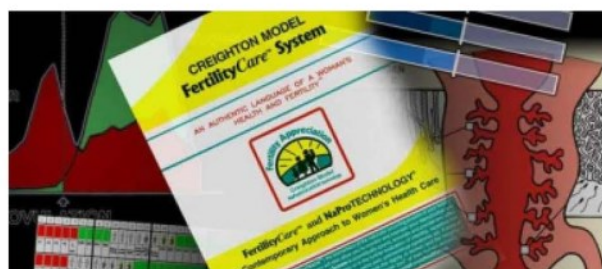
Mondays 7-8:30

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!

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Program Director  
[mphoward.cfce@gmail.com](mailto:mphoward.cfce@gmail.com) or 402.320.9268

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Scholarships available from the Diocese of Helena, contact the Family Life Office @ [akautzky@diocesehelena.org](mailto:akautzky@diocesehelena.org) for an application.

## Volunteers Needed



The Bazaar needs some help. Each year our greatest challenge in successfully hosting the Bazaar is leadership. If you are interested and have some passion for the Bazaar and would be willing to organize the Bazaar for this year, please contact Fr. Cody. If no one is interested in organizing the Bazaar, it might go on a year break.

### Family Night

This year our goal is to invite the entire Townsend community to our family night, which means that EVERYONE IS INVITED! The focus of this year is coming to know our goodness as created in God's image. We will spend the year exploring our humanity and its intrinsic goodness through activities and events. I encourage you to invite your friends and family members. Family Night is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month following Mass (from 5:30-7). Free Food!

A change to RE nights that affect all!

With RE on Sundays after Mass, this gives a few new opportunities for everyone. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month we are going to have a parish potluck after Mass. I encourage everyone to bring a dish or side and join us for some community time and good food. Similarly, while the kids are in their various classes, parents and adults will have the option to gather for a series similar to the one for the high schoolers. I encourage all adults to come to this series.



**FOUNDATION**  
for the Diocese of Helena

Since the Foundation's Faith-in-Action Grant Program began in 2007,

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

has received a total of

**\$18,949<sup>65</sup>**

including . . .

**\$4,600 awarded in August**

to create a monthly, family-based faith program.

The Foundation gave **29 grants** for a total of **\$103,379** in this grant cycle.

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