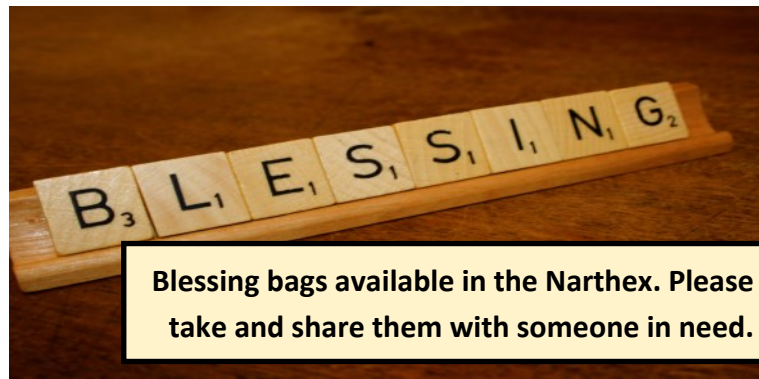


**We are hiring!**

We are looking for a part-time groundskeeper/building manager. This person is responsible for repairs and maintenance for our building as well as upkeep of our grounds. If you or someone you know is interested, check out the website for a complete job description and application or talk with

Fr. Cody



**Blessing bags available in the Narthex. Please take and share them with someone in need.**

**The Holy Cross Quilters have wonderful baby items due to the generosity of our parishioners.**

**If you know of someone in the Townsend community, who is in need of baby essentials, or, for a family member who is expecting, adopting or taking guardianship of an infant or toddler, please contact the Holy Cross office at:**

**(406) 266-4811**



# Holy Cross Parish

Corpus Christi

June 22, 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

Fr. Cody Williams, Pastor Email: [frwilliams@holycrossmt.org](mailto:frwilliams@holycrossmt.org)

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Townsend, Montana 59644



## YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

“Experience the Bible”

**11:00am –3:00pm**

**Open to all ages PreK through high school!**

**Lunch provided!**

July 8th - Baptism

August 6th - Transfiguration

Congratulations to those who have received first Holy Communion this year!



- Taylor Bleile
- Mathyas Fisette
- Declan Toney
- Roger Reiman
- Derek Weiss

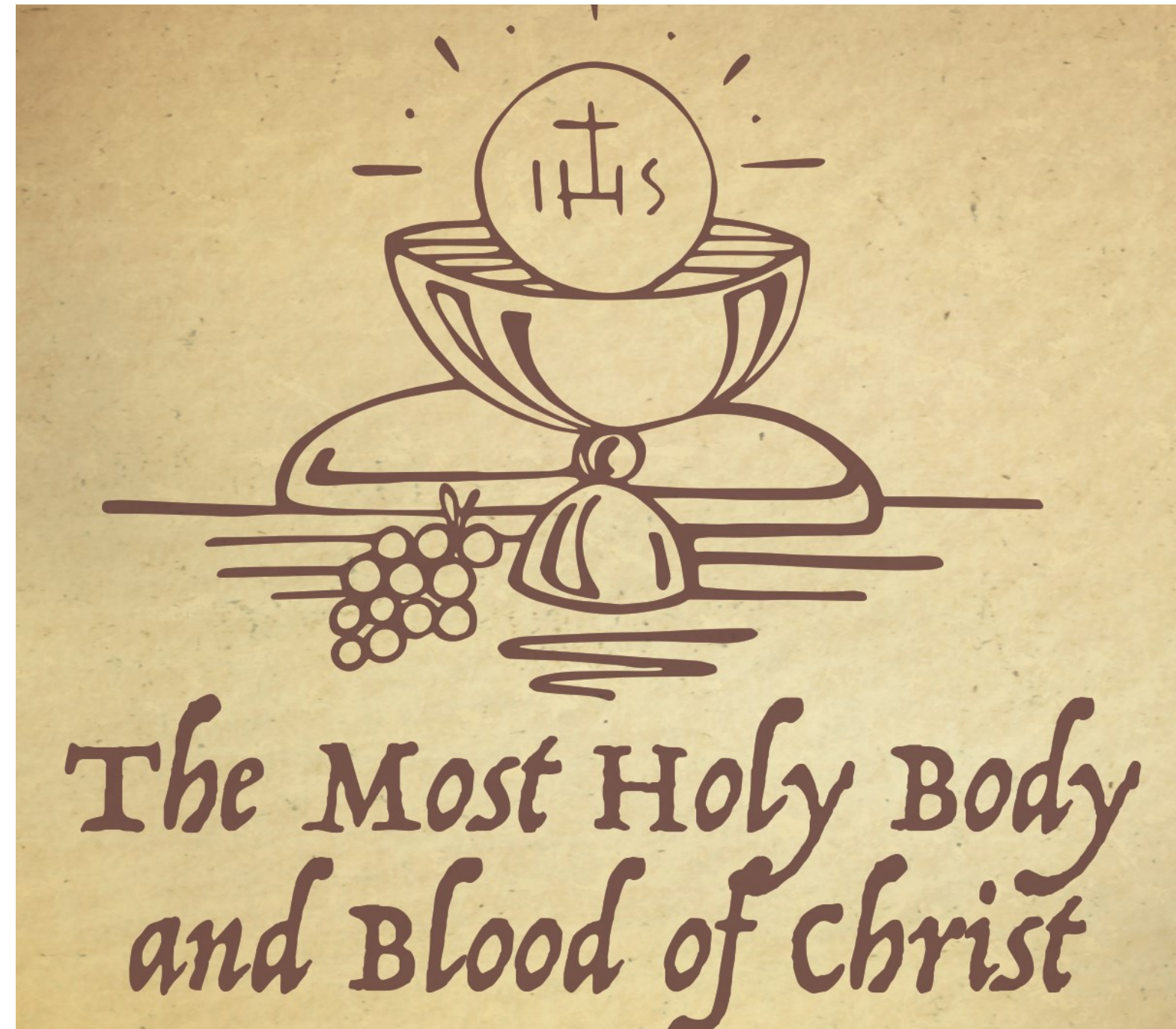
## HELP NEEDED!

Is there anyone who has a trailer that can pick up items cleaned out during the parish clean up day and haul them to the transfer station?

These items are sitting outside near the parking lot.

**Please contact Father Cody if you are able to help!**

## THANK YOU!



Basics of Catholicism part 89

The evolution of the priesthood

Several events marked the development of the Sacramental Priesthood from a supportive role for the bishop to becoming ministers of the Sacraments. The most important development was the development of a theological understanding of the nature of the priest as connected with Jesus. As the first century came to a close, the idea of Jesus as high priest and that he established a priesthood among his believers was fact. Many of the 1<sup>st</sup> century writers would comment on the nature of the priesthood, recognize their role in a priestly way, or comment on the roles of the priests in relation to the people. The Letter to the Hebrews is the best example of the synthesis of Christian thought on the priesthood. Not only does this letter explain and clarify the role of Jesus as high priest and the sacrificial victim but it also emphasizes this connection to the faithful. The early Christians understood three fundamental truths related to the priesthood of Jesus and the Sacramental priesthood.

Jesus is the high priest who fulfilled the Old Testament covenants. The Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus performed a priestly role by offering his body on the Cross for our redemption. Similarly, he fulfilled the commandments by giving over the one true sacrifice, his body, thus bringing to completion the need for sacrificial animals. As high priest, no other person could take the priestly role of Jesus nor could they be a priesthood outside or on par with his priesthood. All priests are priests through Jesus and with Jesus.

The role of the priest did not end with Jesus. Through the example of his followers, the disciples, and the commandment to "do this in memory of me," Jesus clearly established a ritual through which the sacrifices and priesthood of the New Covenant would take place. The sacrifices switched from the death of an animal to the remembrance of Jesus' death. The sacrifices of the people switched from offering animals to offering bread and wine. The priesthood changed from a role in the slaughter and offering of animals to the offering of bread and wine and the role of re-presenting the one sacrificial event.

Jesus disciples became priests in a way that fulfilled the Old Testament. Although most people focus on the Old Testament priesthood as one that offered the bloody sacrifices of animals, it was intended to have several functions. One of the functions often ignored was the offering of thanksgiving and harvest sacrifices. People would bring grain, cereal, and herbs as a gift of thanksgiving to God for graces in their lives or for a bountiful harvest. The offering of Abraham to the high priest Melchizedek in the Book of Genesis is a great example. In thanksgiving for God protecting them from their enemies, Abraham offered God a sacrifice of bread and wine. Additionally, the priesthood of the Old Testament was a teaching group. One of their primary roles was to instruct the people in the law and help them to follow to God's law. Therefore, the priesthood of the New Testament retained these emphases in the teaching of the people and the offering of thanksgiving sacrifices. The term "eucharist" means "thanksgiving." The earliest Christians understood that the sacrificial character of the Mass was not one of sorrow and contrition but one of thanksgiving for God's act of bringing them salvation.

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Dcn. Dillon Armstrong will be ordained a priest on Friday, June 27, at 3 pm at the Cathedral. Please consider going to this ordination both to support him and encourage him.

Holy Cross Parish

Finances

Week ended June 15th

Total for the week  
 Budget \$2900.00  
 Variance  
 Year to Date  
 Total  
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 Variance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Scripture Readings



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles  
 06-29-2025

Reading 1: Acts 12:1-11  
 Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Reading 2: 2 Timothy: 4:6-8, 17-18  
 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation"

"...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

- St. Francis of Assisi

Mass	Schedule
Monday June 23	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday June 24	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday June 25	
Thursday June 26	
Friday June 27	Priestly ordination of Deacon Dillon Armstrong - 3:00p (Cathedral of St. Helena)
Saturday June 28	
Sunday June 29	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

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.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

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, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced, Richard Majszak, Repose for the soul of Marilyn Gagen

Ministry Schedule

Sunday June 29, 2025 4:30pm

Greet: Anthony & Paula VanHoudt  
 Lector: Mary Duede  
 Gifts: Eichinger Family  
 EM: Shawna Wickens and Abby Wickens  
 Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag