

# Stewardship

11-12-2023

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,005
Loose	\$163.10
Holy Day	\$50.00
Restricted	\$1,100.00
Reimbursement	\$574.81
Youth	\$8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,901.91</b>

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-October

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$419.78
Geisser Services	\$725.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,715.05
Edith Mountain Sprinklers	\$120.00
Special K Plumbing & Heating	\$520.00
Diocese of Helena	\$220.00
Broadwater County News	\$76.50

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
<b>Total</b>

### Cemetery Expenses-October

Geisser Services	\$1,425.00
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Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

*THANK YOU!*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life - to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect."

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### 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, Chris and 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

## Did You Know!

The name Jesus is Yeshua in Hebrew. "Ya" is a derivative of Yahweh and "shua" means saves. The name Jesus means "God saves." The name Jesus was very common in the Jewish world of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC through the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. The people of Israel desperately wanted a savior who would remove Roman rule and bring the Judaism back, hence, they named their kids Yeshua. On another note, the name Mary was also a very common name. The name Mary means either, drop or star of the sea, bitterness, or beloved.

**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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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The Revelation of Jesus

Before we can venture into the complicated world of the Jesus controversies of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> centuries, we need to address and understand one principle point: everything we know about Jesus was revealed to us. The document *Dei Verbum* (On the Word of God) from the Second Vatican Council makes this point abundantly clear: the fullness of revelation is Jesus. Everything we need to know and know about God came from Jesus.

When Jesus came into the human scene in human form, God walked amongst his humans once again. Like in the time in the desert when God dwelt in the Meeting Tent and revealed himself as a pillar of fire or a column of smoke, God now has a human face and can look at us in the eyes. This starting point teaches us a great deal about the nature of God. God is humble. He is willing to become his creatures out of love for us. He is willing to efface himself and subject himself to the laws of human nature just to save us. God is love. Love means to give himself as a sacrifice as a gift of himself. No greater event shows God's willingness to give himself to us than the Sacrifice of the Cross. Jesus revealed to us the extent of God's humility and love.

On a more important note for the upcoming parts of this series, God revealed himself as a community of persons. We could have never guessed or philosophized that God would be a community of persons. The Old Testament clearly stated that God is one and there are no other gods than he. So, how could God exist as a community of persons? Can Jesus call himself God and show forth his godliness without breaking the rule that God is one? These answers only came through revelation. Jesus entering the human scene and showing God's triune self at his Baptism and Transfiguration proved the communal nature of God.

Finally, on a theological point, Jesus revealed the fullness of the Jewish prophecies and laws. Through his teaching and examples, which were hotly debated by Jewish scholars, rabbis, and prophets, he brought to the world the fullness of God's laws and God's desire for humanity. We couldn't have figured out the connection between the laws and the prophets without these revelations. But Jesus' teachings were not the end of the revelation. He continues to expound upon his revelation to us today as we continue to express and understand the fullness of the revelation of God than came through Jesus in our theology, practices, prayer, and work as a community of believers.

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

11-26-2023

Reading 1: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 Psalm: 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5-6  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



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

MASS	Schedule
Monday November 20	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a No Catholicism 101
Tuesday November 21	Mass 9a
Wednesday November 22	No Mass
Thursday November 23 Thanksgiving	Mass 11a
Friday November 24	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 25	No Mass Holy Hour 9a-12p Confessions 9a-12p
Sunday November 26	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family NO RE Parish Potluck

**Ministry Schedule**

**Sunday November 26, 2023** **4:30pm**

Greet:	Larry and Buffy Woodring
Lector:	Mary Duede
Gifts:	John and Missy Rauser
EM:	Monte Montonario and Megan Bleile
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

No Catholicism 101 on Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

No RE on Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

The Mass honoring the Immaculate Conception of Mary:  
Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6: 30p



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Diocese of Helena

The Diocesan Capital Campaign has kicked off. The goal is to raise \$30 million as a Diocese in 5 years. These funds will create endowments for seminarian education and promotion of vocations, retired priests, spreading our faith, and supporting parishes. We get back 40% of all money raised in this parish. Please take a prayer card and pray for the success of the campaign. Fr. Cody will be calling everyone and setting up meeting to discuss this campaign and hear your desires for our parish.

### Help Wanted:

Installing base molding

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Fr. Cody



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 November 25th

We could still use some help in the following ministries:

Prayers of the Faithful  
Newcomers welcome group  
Livestream Group  
Environmental Group



### Have A Seat!

Our match for the Pews has been met! Due to a few generous donations, we have reached the goal meaning that we have gained an extra \$30,000 for our pews. Once I have signed some contracts, I will give you exact numbers for the remainder of the cost. We will have new pews next summer!

# Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

## FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

## FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month  
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center  
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

~~Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?~~

~~Nov. 5th: Who am I?~~

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?



A Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11 am. One of the customs of the church is to bring the bread that will be eaten at the Thanksgiving Day meal to be blessed at the Mass.

## Thanksgiving Meal Prayer

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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 58% of our goal. We need to raise \$8,850 to go to reach our goal.

DECEMBER 2, 2023

Cathedral of St. Helena

Adult : \$35  
Student : \$25

Supported by Knights of Columbus Insurance

# MONTANA CATHOLIC MEN'S Conference

REGISTER THROUGH THE QR CODE OR AT: MONTANA CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE GROUP ON FACEBOOK



*Blessings* 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.

# 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!

The next topic is "Bible Part 4: How do we Understand the Bible?" on Monday, November 27th. 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).

Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children

Sundays 4:10pm



~~Nov. 5 Luminous Mysteries~~

~~Nov. 12 Sorrowful Mysteries~~

~~Nov 19 - Glorious Mysteries~~

Nov 26 - Joyful Mysteries

We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281