

Stewardship

2/25-26/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,960.00
Loose	\$52.00
Stipend	\$20.00
Restricted	\$100.00
Total	\$2,132.00

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
MT Energy Alliance	\$2,216.82
NorthWestern Energy	\$770.52
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$4,628.38

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-February

Big Sky Sprinklers	\$205.00
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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

"The shepherds - simple souls - came to adore the Infant Savior. Mary rejoiced at seeing their homage and willing offerings they made to her Jesus... How happy is the loving soul when it has found Jesus with Mary, His Mother! They who know the Tabernacle where He dwells, they who receive Him into their souls, know that His conversation is full of divine sweetness, His consolation ravishing, His peace superabundant, and the familiarity of His love and His Heart ineffable,"

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Dcn. Kyle Tannehill.

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, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Mary Pat Sullivan, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schauber, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, Kim Schauber, Paul Friend, Amy Ghorsen, Frank and Sally Majszak, John Clark, Don Larsen, Carl Lorentzen, Dan and Marie Stover, Roy, Mary McWhorter, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, John Woodring, Julie Whitman, Nancy Martin, Nicki Ito, Karen Susag, Kadence Saxton, Bob Graveley, Laura Toeckes, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark

Did You Know ?

Do you know the difference between a bishop, an archbishop, a cardinal, and the pope.

A bishop and archbishop are almost the same. A bishop lead a diocese where as an archbishop leads an archdiocese. The difference between an archdiocese and a diocese are population and prestige. Archdiocese tend to be historically significant or the first diocese in a region. Cardinals are advisors to the Pope. Cardinals can be bishops, archbishops, priests, laymen, and laywomen. The church still allows for a woman to be a cardinal. Only cardinal bishops who are under 80 years old can enter conclave and be elected pope. The Pope is the bishop of Rome and the highest authority of the temporal Catholic church. He acts as Christ's delegate to lead the Church.

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

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

Holy Cross Parish

March 5, 2023

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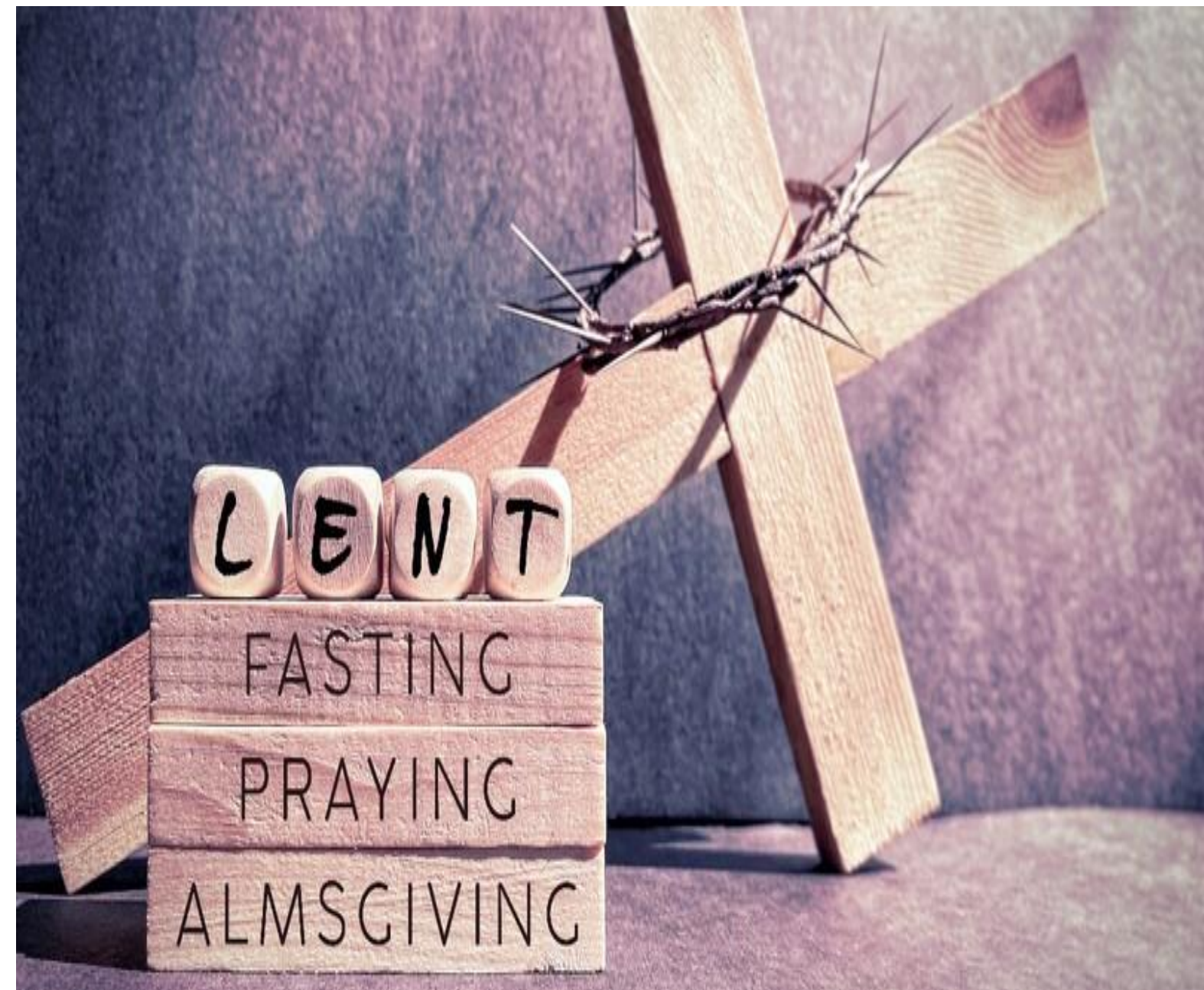
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Racism is one of my least favorite topics to discuss in the realm of social ethics. The church is very clear on the morality of this issue: treat all people with respect and the dignity they deserve. Regardless of the Church's stance on basic social issues, the topic of racism is still very prevalent in today's society with many social and personal implications.

Two major camps exist in the realm of social justice and racism. The first camp argues that we need to treat all people as equal and ignore differences of race and skin color. This camp has some good points. True justice requires that we acknowledge all people as equal and strive to base all judgments on the person and not their physical attributes. This camp, however, fails to notice the differences between races and the benefits of human diversity. The second camp argues that issues of race exist. Some races are genetically or culturally better at specific tasks than other races. Therefore we ought to recognize and celebrate these differences. Although the idea of celebrating diversity is a great aim, we as humans tend to alienate and separate as opposed to celebrate and unite. Both of these camps have points that are true and dark sides that hinder true justice and equality. In order to be both responsive to differences and yet respect our commonalities requires choices from each individual. We can celebrate and acknowledges differences amongst human races without prejudice or injustice. We can also strive to treat all humans with equal dignity and respect while still acknowledging that races exist.

The Catholic Church poses a challenge to all people: respect, understand, and promote human dignity. This challenge is much harder than most people realize. Often we find ourselves caught in the trap of building camps and allowing our prejudices to control our minds and tongues. These traps lead us away from our common humanity into a place of division. The most significant way we can change our attitudes and beliefs regarding a race or group of people is to meet and befriend them. Friends celebrate commonalities, enemies emphasize differences. Let us work together to recognize the intrinsic dignity of each individual and fight against racial stereotypes that degrade or dehumanize individuals. Let us celebrate the diversity of humanity and allow it to help us grow our concern for each individual. This builds a just and peaceful world; a world where all people are respected.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Third Sunday of Lent

3-12-2023

Reading 1: Exodus 17:3-7
 Psalm: 95:1-2,6-7,8-9
 Reading 2: Romans 5:1-2,5-8
 Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to 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 March 6	No Mass
Tuesday March 7	No Mass
Wednesday March 8	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE-Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday March 9	Mass 9a Homebound History Series 7p Stations of the Cross 6p
Friday March 10	OFFICE CLOSED Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5p
Saturday March 11	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders Divine Mercy movie 6p
Sunday March 12	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family KOC breakfast after mass Divine Mercy movie after mass

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 11, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Eichinger Family
 Lector: Gay Ann Masolo
 Gifts: Harold and Laura Gibbs
 EM: Marilyn Vandersloot and Karen Simonich

Ministry Schedule

Sunday March 12, 2023

8:00am

Greet: Bleile Family
 Lector: Mary Ellen Schnur
 Gifts: John and Missy Rauser
 EM: John Bleile and Alex Estrada
 Money Counters: Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

Ministry Highlights

Gift Bearers:

most people think of the action of bringing forth the gifts as a practical matter: how else do the bread and wine reach the altar? The action of bringing forward the bread, the wine, and the money is symbolic of giving God ourselves. The bread is formed by grinding wheat into flour and then turning the flour into bread. The wine is formed by crushing grapes and fermenting it into wine. Both the bread and wine take our effort to create and therefore are symbolic of the way we use God's gift to continue his mission. The part that more directly relates to us is the money we offer. The money represents the work we do in the world and our belief that it promotes the Church and God's missions. We are giving our consent through the offering of money for the promotion of the Church. The act of bringing forward these gifts in the Offertory Procession shows us that they are being offered, that we have an important part of the Mass, that we are required to give ourselves to the Mass, and that we want to serve God.



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have raised \$21,900.00

Aid to the Needy:

Most of Jesus' commands to us center on the care of the people around us. We often don't see the incredible work the Church does throughout the world to care for victims of disasters and promote the common good of humanity. Many Catholic organizations throughout the world spend billions of dollars each year to help promote the good of all people and help people in times of need. We are the greatest philanthropic organization in the world and spend more than any other organization on the common good. In our community we should have a similar focus. We are participants in the Food Bank and join with the other churches to provide food for those in need. We are also part of the ministerial association whose account helps support those in need and those traveling through out town. I would like to build a committee whose aim is to find ways to help promote the good of the people in Townsend and our parish.



We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website (holycrossmt.org).

All RE Ski Day

On March 12th, we are hosting an all RE ski day. The parish will pay for lift tickets. Parents are responsible for any other gear as well as transportation to Showdown. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Cody.



Relevant Radio out of Helena has expressed a desire to install a tower for their radio station in

Townsend. If anyone is interested in working on this project and helping to bring Relevant Radio to Townsend, please contact Fr. Cody.

Announcements

52 SUNDAYS Beginning January 1, 2023 a new, free online resource that can help Catholic families make the most of their Sunday worship is available. Sign up to receive a weekly email that is filled with prayers, activities, recipes and more to support and extend the lessons of each Sunday mass. More information at www.52sundays.com.



Have A Seat!

After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as those who came to the parish meetings, we are moving forward with buying new pews. This project contains several parts. The first part is new pews and kneelers. In addition to the new pews, we will be adding cushioning to the pews to make them more comfortable. This part of the project will cost approximately \$75,000. As we remove the pews, the goal is remove the carpet and put in new, easier to clean flooring. This part of the project will cost \$45,000. The total amount to be raised is \$120,000. Don't let this number alarm you. Through special donations we have already raised \$35,000. I have written a few grants to help with the cost of the pews. If we get them, I will let you know. The goal is to keep working at raising money until we have enough to complete both parts of the project. If you are interested in donating to the pew project - Have A Seat! - simply write a check with "pews" in the memo line. I will keep you updated on our progress.



In celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God, USCCB is offering a 5-video Sunday Seminar Series about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. The videos, along with discussion/reflection questions, will be available in English and Spanish, beginning January 22 at <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>. Through these videos, USCCB aims to "bring people into an encounter with the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel" with the hope that God's people will be "inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with scripture in a new, prayerful way."



An Opportunity to Help Your Parish!

It's time for the **ANNUAL PARISH ENDOWMENT MATCH** program!

\$300 is how much the FOUNDATION will give each parish endowment.

\$300 If a parish receives \$300 worth of gifts to the church endowment by March 31, 2023, the church will receive another . . .

+\$300 matching gift from the FOUNDATION!

\$900 Will be added to your parish endowment to help perpetuate our faith for generations to come!

Last year the FOUNDATION gave \$30,000 to our parishes through these grants and matches!



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena

Mail your tax deductible donation to **FDOH, PO Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624** and put the name of your parish on the memo line, or **donate online at fdoh.org/giving**. Questions? Contact the Foundation at 406-389-7050.

Match donations must be postmarked by March 31, 2023.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SPRING 2023 | FEB 22 - APR 2



Fish Fry



Come One Come All

Knights of Columbus

Council #2360

When: March 10th and March 24th
starting at 5p and ending at 7p

What: Fish, tater tots, clam chowder, mac & cheese and coleslaw

Where: Holy Cross in the parish center
101 S Walnut
Townsend, MT

Please RSVP to Richard at 406-980-1447 or Mike at 406-438-5534



Help for those in Turkey and Syria



In response to those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Bishop Vetter has asked us to hold a second collection to help out. Below are two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- Catholic Near East Welfare Association has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would prefer to mail a check rather than give online can mail it to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).
- Catholic Relief Services, If you would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (please indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).

March 25-26

Eucharistic Congress & CYC Convention

An all-ages event designed to ignite and inspire our faith. Families and people of all ages are invited to this inspiring, faith-filled weekend centered around the Eucharist and our theme: "Called to the Truth."

Details

- ✓ Location: Carroll College
- ✓ Who: All-ages
- ✓ Cost: (Includes all meals and programming)
 - Adults: \$100
 - College Student: \$50
 - High School Youth (Grade 9-12): \$100
 - Children in Grades K-8: \$30

(No family pays more than \$250)

[DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS](https://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)