MONTANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Montana Catholic Conference has developed a series of videos addressing various issues related to faithful citizenship as it applies to politics and voting.
You can access these videos at the Montana Catholic Conference website:
https://montanacc.org/stay_informed/

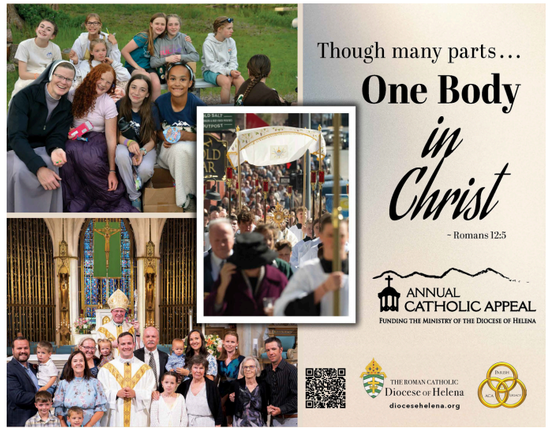


CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: ALL ARE INVITED!

This is your opportunity to attend a 3-day weekend retreat seeking guidance by the Holy Spirit into a deeper experience of Christian community, prayer, discussion, reflection and enlightenment!

Women's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius
January 14-17, 2027
Contact: helenacatholicjourney.women@gmail.com 406-439-4136

Men's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius, East Helena
February 11-14, 2027
Contact: Helenacursillorector@gmail.com 406-459-9902



Donation Price Match

town pump

September 1 - November 30 Town Pump will match any donations to Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar

Mail Donations to: PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644

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 (4th Sunday of the month)
November 22: Peace
December 27: No Potluck
January 25: Hope

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Call (406)389-7050 or
Email foundation@dohmt.org

HOLY CROSS PARISH

All Saints Day ***November 1, 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

Fr. Joseph Paddock, Pastor Email: frjoe@holycrossmt.org
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Townsend, Montana 59644

Faith Formation

- RE Class: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month after 9:00am mass
- Family formation at home encouraged on weekends when there is no RE class - materials provided
- Light Breakfast served to youth prior to class
- See holycrossmt.org for registration or contact Shawna Wickens

PreK-6th grade

- **11/1/26: RE Class**
  - Gospel - Matthew 23:1-12 "Jesus teaches the Beatitudes"
  - Lesson Theme - Following God leads us to happiness
  - Catholic Doctrine -The Beatitudes
- **11/8/26: Family Formation at home**
  - Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13 "Parable of Wise and Foolish Girls"
  - Lesson Theme - We Prepare for God's Kingdom
  - Catholic Doctrine - Sacrament of Matrimony

7th grade - High school

- **11/1/26: RE Class**
  - Theme - Prayer is a Conversation, Not a Performance
  - Core Truth -Jesus wants a relationship with me, and relationships grow through conversation
- **11/8/26: Family Formation at Home**

THE TRIDUUM OF DEATH: HALLOWTIDE

OCT 31 –ALL HALLOW'S EVE NOV 1 – ALL SAINTS' DAY NOV 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

Hallowtide or All HallowTide is a Triduum of the dead, initiated by Pope Gregory III and consists of Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. This is a period in the liturgical year to mock death and to both remember and celebrate the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians. In the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year, Hallowtide stands as a profound and holy moment — a three-day journey through remembrance, sanctity, and hope. Known as the Triduum of the Dead, it invites Christians to reflect on life's fragility and the eternal promise of resurrection. The tradition of Hallowtide dates back to the 8th century, when Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to all the saints. This devotion soon developed into a three-day observance — All Hallow's Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day — forming a sacred unity between the Church Triumphant (saints in heaven), the Church Militant (the faithful on earth), and the Church Suffering (souls in purgatory).

Nov 1- 8 Plenary Indulgence for visiting cemeteries and offering prayers.
---HOW TO GAIN Plenary Indulgences for the Poor Souls in Purgatory This Week---

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." - 2 Macch. 12:46.

1.) A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted each and every day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8, when the faithful devoutly visit a cemetery and there pray, if only mentally, for the departed.

2) A plenary indulgence (again, applicable only the Souls in Purgatory) is also granted when the faithful piously visit a church or a public oratory on November 2, All Souls' Day. In visiting the church or oratory, it is required that one "Our Father" and the Creed be recited.

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****NOTE: A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment due to forgiven sin. In the works here described, the pious works are performed solely for the benefit of the poor souls in Purgatory.***
The usual conditions for the person performing the action to gain the plenary indulgence are as follows:
--Have the intention of gaining the indulgence.
--Be in the state of grace.
--Receive the Sacrament of Penance (usually within 8 days before or after the prescribed action of the indulgence, although the same day is also recommended, if possible).
--Receive the Eucharist (within several days before or after the prescribed action of the indulgence, though the same day is again recommended, if possible).
--Pray the minimum of one "Our Father," one "Hail Mary," and one "Glory Be" for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Holy Cross Contributions

Week ending October 25th	
Total Weekly Contribution	**$2,335.29**
Total Weekly Goal $2,692.31	
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	$2,902.47
Week 2	$1,405.93
Week 3	$3,393.89
Week 4	$2,335.29
Total Monthly Contribution	**$10,082.58**
Sept.'s Monthly Budget Variance	**110%**
Total Year to Date	**$46,926.26**
% Year to Date Goal	**103.7%**

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

Monday (November 2) ***All Souls Day***

Tuesday (November 3)

Wednesday (November 4)

- ***Mass 12:00pm***
- *+Ron Ward rb Heather Higgs*
- ***Adoration and Confession 12:45p***
- *Adult Formation Group 6:00p (Men & Women are From Eden book study)*

Thursday (November 5)

- ***Mass 12:00pm***
  - *+Bobby Duke rb Heather Higgs*
  - *OCIA 7:00pm*

Friday (November 6)

Saturday (November 7)

Sunday (November 8)

- ***Confession 8:00 am*** ***Rosary 8:30am***
- ***Mass 9:00 am***
  - *Parish Family*

November 8, 2026

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading -
Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm - 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading -
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel -
Matthew 25:1-13

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 Schauber, Franklin Silifka, Anthony Van Houdt, Repose of the soul of Juanita Bray

Ministry Schedule

Sunday November 8, 2026 9:00am

Greet:	Reiman Family
Altar Servers:	Alex Weiss, Malikai Fisette, and Mathyas Fisette
Lector:	Mary Ellen Schnur
Gifts:	Tom and Julie Lethert
EM (Precious Body):	Shawna Wickens
EM:	Joy Haggard and Karen Simonich
Money Counters:	Tacy Swanton and Bernadette Swenson