


| Stewardship | |
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| 1/7-8/2023 | |
| Holy Cross | |
| Holy Cross Weekly Income | |
| Envelopes | \$2,288.00 |
| Loose | \$99.00 |
| Restricted | \$2,000.00 |
| Total | \$4,387.00 |
| Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-December | |
| City of Townsend | \$173.41 |
| Flocknote | \$36.00 |
| Spectrum | \$134.97 |
| MT Energy Alliance | \$3,426.37 |
| Geisser Services | \$1,450.00 |
| NorthWestern Energy | \$748.51 |
| Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena | \$1,254.02 |
| Diocese of Helena-Special Collection Funds | \$592.00 |
| Cemetery | |
| Cemetery Weekly Income | |
| Short Term | \$100.00 |
| Long Term | |
| Grave Sites | |
| Total | \$100.00 |
| Cemetery Expenses-December | |
| Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers. | |
| THANK YOU! | |



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"God in his omnipotence could not give more, in His wisdom He knew not how to give more, in His riches He had not more to give, than the Eucharist."

- St. Augustine

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 Don. 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 Schaubert, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, Kim Schaubert, 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

Did You Know ?

The Church set a minimum requirement for what it means to be a practicing Catholic. Although some of these may surprise you, these come directly from the Catechism and are called the "5 Precepts of the Church"

- 1) To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation.
- 2) To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
- 3) To confess one's sins at least once a year.
- 4) To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
- 5) To tithe/ contribute to the support of 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.



Holy Cross Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

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

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Ordinary Time

The morality of contraception requires two parts to fully explain and address many of the standard concerns. This, the first part, will focus on the morality of contraception, whereas the second part will focus on common objections to the Church’s stance on contraception and the Church’s response. Out of all the moral teachings of the Church, contraception is the most controversial. When St. Pope Paul VI wrote his groundbreaking encyclical *Humane Vitae* in 1968, the world was in uproar. Due to such backlash against his encyclical, he never wrote another encyclical during the rest of his pontificate.

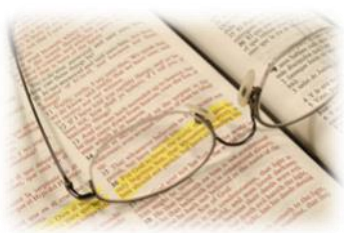
Contraception is the use of a chemical or physical barrier with the intention of preventing pregnancies. Common uses include birth control, chemical barrier, and condoms. Other forms, which are considered contraception, include vasectomies and hysterectomies. I want to emphasize two parts of this definition: a non-natural form of preventing pregnancies and the intention of preventing pregnancies.

The Church declares that any form of contraception used for the purpose of preventing pregnancies is immoral. As I mentioned in previous parts of the morality series, marriage has two ends: the good of the spouses and the pro-creation of children. If one of those ends is intentionally eliminated from the good of marriage, then the ends of marriage cannot be met causing harm to the marriage. Contraception separates the act of sex within marriage from its end which is children. Therefore the spouses cannot live their marriage vows with the same vivacity since they are separating themselves from the good that the marriage intends.

St. Pope Paul VI emphasized the social challenge that contraception imposes of the good of the social order. When the use of contraception becomes widespread and normal, then unhindered sex will dominant relationships. Basically, the unmitigated use of contraception leads to increased sexual activity and leads people to think of sex as mundane or recreative. Sex, then, loses its unitive function as well as becomes separated from the life-giving nature of sex. The Church’s stance that contraception is immoral maintains the dignity of sex and requires all people to reflect on the nature of sex and its social and relational effects.



Scripture Readings



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1-22-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Psalm: 27:1,4,13-14
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



| Mass | Schedule |
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| Monday January 16 | No Mass server training and party 10a |
| Tuesday January 17 | No Mass |
| Wednesday January 18 | Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth RE- prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p |
| Thursday January 19 | Mass 9a Fr. Sean Raftis RB Gibbs Family |
| Friday January 20 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| Saturday January 21 | Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders High School movie/game night after mass |
| Sunday January 22 | Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family Coffee Hour |

| Ministry Schedule | |
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| Saturday January 14, 2023 | |
| Greet: | Jenny Schaubert |
| Lector: | Karen Simonich |
| Gifts: | Fisette Family |
| EM: | Shari Toney and Marilyn Vandersloot |

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

| Ministry Schedule | |
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| Sunday January 15, 2023 | |
| Greet: | John and Missy Rauser |
| Lector: | Mary Ellen Schnur |
| Gifts: | Larry and Buffy Woodring |
| EM: | Alex Estrada and John Bleile |
| Money Counters: | Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch |

Ministry Highlights

Sacristan:

Sacristans play an important background role in the celebration of the Mass. Everything from putting out the vessels, turning on the lights, adjusting the amount of host and wine, and various other tasks are part of the role of the Sacristan. They also help during the Mass if the priest needs something.

Small Groups:

when we think of small groups, we tend to think of support or self-help groups. The newest wave of Catholic thought is trying to revive small groups from their medieval pinnacle. The goal of a small group is for a small number of people to get together and support each other on the walk of faith. Small groups can meet for time with the focus of reading a book, studying a topic, or praying together. Or they can have continual meetings and continue to develop their practice of the faith. If you would like to join a small group (given that we have few at the parish), contact Fr. Cody

The History of the Catholic Church

Part 2: 11th through 20th Centuries
Thurs. Jan 26th – March 28th 7-8:30p
See flier for more information



Server Training and party! Monday, January 16th at 10 am. For those who are interested in serving or would like update, the training is at 10 am. Then all servers are welcome to come bowling after the training. I will need parent help in transporting children. Please contact Fr. Cody with any questions.



Hey High Schoolers! We are hosting a movie/ game night on Saturday, January 21st after the 5 pm Mass. Come chill and watch a movie on our big screen or play some games and eat some pizza.

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 \$25,000. 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.

St. Mary's Church in Helena is hosting a in-person Virtus training for all those who are interested. The training is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st at 6 pm. All those who work with the homebound and children are required to be Virtus compliant (have attended the training and read the monthly bulletins). If you are interested, sign up for the training on virtus.org.




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).



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have currently raised \$19,715.00





DATE NIGHT

@ Lewis and Clark Brewing

The Cathedral of St. Helena is sponsoring a belated New Year's Date Night!

We've reserved a room at the Lewis and Clark Taproom for our couples and will provide **FREE** childcare at the Brondel Center from 5:30-8:30pm on January 27th.

Take advantage of this opportunity to get in some one-on-one time after the busyness of the holiday season. We will offer a few conversation starters so that you can take on the new year as a couple with a plan. First beer is on us!



Please join us

Options Clinic Baby Bottle Drive

January 22 - February 12

Grab a baby bottle from the basket on **January 22** to take home and fill with spare change, bills or write a check – then return the baby bottle with money to the collection basket by **Sunday February 12th**.

Donations go to enhance support services of the Options Clinic. Money and baby bottles will go back to Options Clinic the week of Feb. 13th. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

info@optionshelena.org

