

HOLY CROSS PARISH BOOK STUDY
IMITATION OF CHRIST
 by Thomas a Kempis
WE'LL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS AT 9AM - 11AM

March 5	April 23
March 19	May 7
April 9	May 21

Open to men and women
Drop-ins are welcome
Meet downstairs in the quilting room..
For more info: Please contact Marge Kroeger 406-293-0514

NOTES

- There are light bulbs free for the taking in the Narthex.
- All guides from Father Cody's "A Year with the Church's Fathers" series are printed on the table in the Narthex. Please take them for your reference.
- **There will be no daily Mass or Adoration on Monday, May 25th or Tuesday, May 26th**



Holy Cross Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

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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Billings Catholic Radio
 Presents
FULTON SHEEN
Declaration of Dependence
 June 26-27, 2026
 Register by May 15 and save!




Parish potlucks

May 24: **No Potluck** (Memorial Day Weekend)
 June 28: Hope (10th anniversary of Ordination celebration and going away party for Father Cody)

In honor of America's 250th year, Billings Catholic Radio and the Fulton Sheen Institute invite you to a dynamic live event on the life and message of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Through engaging storytelling and rich insight, Dr. Peter Howard—one of the world's leading Sheen scholars—will show how Sheen's timeless witness can help us renew our "declaration of dependence" on Christ.

Women's Tea Party



A brunch will be offered, which would include tea-delicious delicacies. And tea, of course!
 We strongly encourage you to invite your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and friends.


May Holy Cross Parish
 Friday 15th 101 S Walnut St,
 9:00-11:00 Townsend, MT 59644
 RSVP by May 10th
 Marge (406) 293-0514

Please pick up a new parish directory from the Narthex for your household!


Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We will start an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series soon. This process is for anyone who is not baptized but can also include those who are baptized and need the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are interested in joining the church but would like more information are welcome to attend. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, contact Fr. Cody.



HABEMUS PAPAM *Upon the Rock*



Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:
\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 50% of our parish goal, with \$10,925 to go!

All bulletin information and mass announcements requests need to be submitted by email to
bulletin@holycrossmt.org
 Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed
Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10a



Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of mothers, who nurture our faith and guide us with love. May their hearts be filled with joy and strength as they fulfill their sacred calling. Bless them with Your grace, and let them feel our appreciation for their sacrifices and unwavering devotion. May they continue to inspire us in our journey of faith. Amen.

The Basis for the Anointing of the Sick

The biblical foundation for the Anointing of the Sick comes from two primary sources. The first, and most obvious, is the Gospels. Jesus healed so many people that we should expect some element of the Church to express this focus on healing. Yet, we can expand the ministry of healing beyond the ministry of Jesus. When Jesus sent out his disciples to prepare for his entry into the surrounding towns, he gave them power to heal the sick and to cast out demons. Part of his charge to them is that whatever house they enter, they should heal the sick in it as they proclaim the mystery of the Kingdom. Jesus' healing ministry extended to his disciples even before Jesus died and rose. The same applies to other disciples. At one point James and John come up to Jesus with a problem. Some of his disciples were casting out demons in Jesus' name who are not with the disciples. Already, before all the major events happened, the power of Jesus' name was being used to heal and cast out demons.

The passage used to defend the Sacrament but also as part of the rite for the Anointing of the Sick is James 5:13-15. This passage contains several elements that describe the Sacrament from the perspective of the earliest Christians. First, it starts by stating "if there are sick among you." Clearly, the process of becoming Christian didn't eliminate sickness or diseases. Yet, the passage could have stopped there by stating to pray over them or to pray for them. It doesn't. The second part of the passage says, "send for the priests of the Church." Clearly the earliest Christians understood that the priesthood contains a greater strength or power than the ordinary Christian. Therefore they needed the ministry of the priests for the sake of the sick. What do the priests do? The third part says, "let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." Again, prayer is not sufficient. The ministry of healing came through two sources: the priests and the anointing with oil. Lastly James says, "the prayer of faith will save the sick persons and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven." This action of prayer and anointing by the priests confers so much more than the request of God to bring healing. This Sacrament, this ritual, the event, brought healing from sins as well as a share in the Resurrection of Jesus. James is clearly describing something more than a prayer event and something more than a request for healing. The early Church already had a Sacrament set apart from the rest simply to continue the ministry of Jesus through his priests to bring both healing of body and soul.

From these two sources come our justification for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We didn't invent the Sacrament nor did we create it simply to help those who are sick. The Sacrament was already part of the early church and understood as the continuation of Jesus' healing ministry and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



The Ascension of the Lord

05-17-2025

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
 Reading 2: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending May 3rd

Envelopes	\$1,115.00
Loose	\$245.76
Online	\$411.94
Total Weekly Contribution	\$1,772.70
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$1,772.70
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$1,772.70
Total Year to Date	\$146,450.50
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4PM

- MAY 3 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES
- MAY 10 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
- MAY 17 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
- MAY 24 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
- MAY 31 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Mass	Schedule
Monday May 11	Mass 9:00a seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday May 12	Mass 9:00a Vera McElrath rb Gibbs Family
Wednesday May 13	
Thursday May 14	
Friday May 15	Women's Tea Party 9:00-11:00a
Saturday May 16	
Sunday May 17	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Knight's Dinner 5:30p

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.

Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersback, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum

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, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Slifka, Repose of the soul of Mary Garman, Stover family, Daylene Hanson, Arnold Woodring, Dennis

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 17, 2026 4:30pm

Greet: Tony and Paula Van Houdt
 Altar Servers: Alex Weiss, Malikai Fisetbe, and Mathyas Fisetbe
 Lector: Megan Bleile
 Gifts: Larry and Buffy Woodring
 EM: Nikki Weiss and Tacy Swanton
 Money Counters: Marge Kroeger and Joy Haggard