

## Stewardship

9-24/9-25-2022

### Holy Cross

#### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$3,072.00
Loose	\$103.00
Total	\$3,175.00

#### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-September

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$134.97
Montana Energy Alliance	\$4,861.37
NorthWestern Energy	\$392.65
Geisser Services	\$750.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$6,386.11
Diocese of Helena	\$1000.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Grave Sites	
Total	\$100.00

#### Cemetery Expenses-September

NorthWestern Energy	\$66.57
Geisser Services	\$750.00

Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Her [Mary's] motherhood extends beyond view. In the will of the Son, she becomes at once mother and maid sheltering him, but sheltered in him, forming him, but formed by him. When she pronounces the words 'Be it done to me according to thy word, the Mother conceives the mystery from the Trinity, in order to give it to the Son. The Son gives the word back to the Trinity by giving everything he has back to the Father in the Spirit. Then, after the Father has received it again, it is distributed to mankind by means of that extravagant expansion—the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit.'"

- Adrienne von Speyr

### 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, 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, Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Mary Pat Sullivan, Mike and Jeannie Ferguson, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, David Deitz, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, Marj Kohn, Kim Schaubert, Paul Friend, Amy Ghorsen, Frank and Sally Majszak, John Clark, Margaret's prayer request, Don Larsen, Joann Shindoll, Carl Lorentzen, Laura Obert, CoraLee Horne, Dan and Marie Stover, Roy, Mary McWhorter, Bob Masolo, Obrigewitch family



### Did You Know ?

The Catholic Church consists of more than just the Roman Catholic Church. There are 23 Eastern Rites that are in full communion with Rome and although they go by different names, they are every bit as much a part of the Catholic Church. The Rite we celebrate, or the one most people are familiar with, is the Latin Rite. Other rites include: The Ambrosian Rite (found only in one church in Spain), the Byzantine Rite, the Coptic Rite, the Armenian Rite, the Anglican Rite (formed in 2009), and the Maronite Rite.

**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.**



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Holy Cross Parish

October 2, 2022

## Mass Schedule Change!!!!

October 16th mass at 11a Confession at 10a



### Annual Holy Cross Parish

# FALL BAZAAR

101 S. Walnut Townsend, MT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 12-3PM

**TURKEY DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE PRIZES, CASH PRIZES, CRAFTS, AND MORE!!**

**PRE-SALE: \$25/IMMEDIATE FAMILY, \$10/ADULT, \$7/6-12 YEARS, UNDER 6 FREE**

**AT THE DOOR: \$30/IMMEDIATE FAMILY, \$12/ADULT, \$8/6-12 YEARS, UNDER 6 FREE**

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances..."

~Thess. 5:16-18

Please contact the Parish office at 406-266-4811 for more info.





# Announcements



## The Bazaar is coming soon!

The Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday October 16th from 12p-3p. Please plan on coming and enjoying the festivities. We still need more help in a variety of ways. Sign up sheets are on the table in the entrance to the church. We need everyone's help to make this Bazaar a success.

In a move to save money and give ourselves some energy independence, we have transitioned to underground propane tanks and to using Montana Energy Alliance to supply our propane. Don't worry, the grass removed for digging the big hole for the propane tanks will grow back.



There are ministry sign-up sheets in the pews. If you have not filled one out yet please do so.



## RE Schedule

Starting September 14th

Prek-5th grade 5-6:30p  
Middle School and High School 6:15-8p  
we are looking for any parents or parish members who are willing to sign up to provide dinner for our middle school and high school youth on Wednesday nights to please contact Shawna at [re@holycrossmt.org](mailto:re@holycrossmt.org) or 406-594-3714 or if anyone would like to donate snacks for the younger kids.



This is the last weekend to get your Magnificat subscription ordered! If you're interested please contact the parish office. If you haven't paid for your subscription please be sure to get that into the office.

## The History of the Catholic Church



Part 1: 1st through 11th Centuries  
Thurs. Sept. 22 – Dec. 15th: 7-8:30 pm  
See flier for more information

## Scripture Readings



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10-9-2022

Reading 1: 2 Kings 5:14-17  
Psalm: 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4  
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



Mass	Schedule
Monday October 3	No Mass
Tuesday October 4	No Mass
Wednesday October 5	Mass 9a Youth Adoration 9:30a Family Night 6-7:30p
Thursday October 6	Mass 9a First Responders Church History Series 7p
Friday October 7	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday October 8	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p Homebound
Sunday October 9	Confession 7:30-7:45a Anointing of the sick Mass 8a Parish Family Knights Breakfast

### Ministry Schedule

Saturday October 8, 2022

5:00pm

Greet:

Martin and Doris Mingay

Lector:

Chris Wright

Gifts:

Tom Aced and Cathy Armstrong

### Ministry Schedule

Sunday October 9, 2022

8:00 am

Greet:

Bleile Family

Lector:

Mary Duede

Gifts:

John and Missy Rauser

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

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



# Ministry Highlights

## Homebound Ministry:

Often we forget how many people of our parish are confined to their homes due to sickness or age. These people often receive few visitors and feel forgotten by society and their loved ones. Homebound ministers provide an incredible service of being a loving witness to our community's support of those who are homebound by connecting them to the parish and providing Communion for them. Please keep these parishioners in your prayers and consider being homebound minister.



## The Environment team :

A group of dedicated parishioners who decorate our church for the changing seasons. Beauty lifts the mind to God and therefore they strive to help us celebrate the cycle of the year through their decorations. If you are interested in this ministry or feel you have some artistic talent that might serve the good of this church, consider exploring or trying this ministry this next year.



### 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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Morality part 48

Medical Ethics

Euthanasia

Most people can dismiss or understand the mentality of a nurse or doctor who gave a lethal dose of morphine to alleviate the pain and suffering of a terminally ill patient. But that's where this topic begins. Once we head down the route where we are the authors of death and life and can choose who deserves to live or die, life no longer has dignity and death is used for control.

Now for the examples. Iceland was criticized for outlawing Down Syndrome in the country. This is not accurate. Iceland strongly encouraged women to have a prenatal screening and if the child tested positive for Down Syndrome, were encouraged to have an abortion. Regardless of what the press says about the processes and procedures around Down Syndrome, abortion, and Iceland, the number of Down Syndrome children fell by 100% and Great Britain followed suit just a few years later. Although the facts are slightly misleading, the reality is still there. People do not want children with deformities and are willing to kill children with abnormalities like Down Syndrome. Iceland and Great Britain both show the effects of a sanitized culture in which we do not want to see suffering and we want to eradicate certain genetic or social conditions. Iceland has denied the pressure put on women and the effects of the prenatal screening. Yet, the drops to 0 Down Syndrome children tells another story.

I wish Iceland was the worst-case scenario but the idea of eugenics, killing people based on their genetics, and euthanasia are far more prevalent than most people realize. For years China's one child per family law encouraged many women to leave their girls in the woods to die. Both Rwanda, Nazi Germany, and the Armenian genocide have shown that modern people are willing to kill people due to their genetic makeup. Furthering this notion, a man in Switzerland developed a suicide pod. Like portable restroom, the goal was to have a mobile pod that can travel anywhere and reduce the medical issues regarding euthanasia. A person enters this machine that puts them to sleep, deprives them of oxygen, and then someone comes and takes the pod away. Simple as that. Although this idea may horrify some, the concept is not new nor novel. Many are developing ways to deal with death in a simpler way. Ironically, as the state of Montana is trying to fight suicide and encourage a culture of life, the other parts of society are trying to find cheaper and easier ways to die.

The main issue surrounding euthanasia is one we must always reflect on: the value of life. Life is valuable at any stage and regardless of our circumstances. We can see the process of dying as something gruesome and to be avoided or something with its own dignity and beauty. In a similar way we can see our own lives as a drudgery without meaning or worth or recognize the value God has placed on each and every one of us cultivating this mentality in ourselves and encouraging it in others. The decision is always ours. What value do you place on your life?

Fr. Cody







## TECH CREW NEEDED!

A new laptop was donated to our church to help with livestreaming Masses. I need a

few people who are willing to run the livestream for Mass. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cody.



## Anointing of the Sick Mass Oct. 8/9

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings the community together to pray for the healing for those affected by illness and old age. The following are the requirements to receive the anointing of the sick:

1. Serious illness that leads a person to be in danger of death
2. A medical procedure that could lead to death (technically anything procedure that puts a person asleep qualifies)
3. Diagnosis of a new medical condition
4. A chronic condition gets worse
5. Complication due to old age



If you meet any of these requirements and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the Mass on Oct. 8/9, you must contact Fr. Cody in advance. I also encourage all parishioners to help bring those who are homebound or sick to that Mass so that we can pray over them and for them as a community.



RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriages

October 28-30, 2022

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana

**Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase** – The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins October 28, 2022. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



October 5th at 6p

Family Night change of plans

July Ann McNulty is no longer able to join us to talk about the work we do in Guatemala. Instead we will have an interactive Rosary night including a matching the mysteries event and a living Rosary. Dinner at 6 pm followed by the Rosary event at 6:30. All are welcome and encouraged to come.



## The Bishop is Coming!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bishop Vetter will be visiting our parish Saturday November 5th for the 5p mass and dinner afterwards. The dinner will be a potluck with the parish providing roast and pies. You are welcome to bring a side, salad, or bread. Due to his visit, the Sunday 8a mass will be cancelled. Please come hear our Bishop preach and speak to us about the state of the Diocese.

Please join us for the Fall 40 Days for Life Events



**Kickoff Rally:** Sunday, September 25, 2022 6:00 PM at Friendship Baptist Church, 5 Friendship Ln, Montana City, MT  
**Midway Vigil:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 6:00 PM at Helena Alliance Church, 1400 Stuart Street, Helena, MT  
 Guest Speakers Robin Sertell from Abortion Survivors and Matt Britton, Special Council for 40 Days for Life. Planned Parenthood for Candlelight Vigil  
**Closing Rally:** Sunday, November 6, 2022 6:00 PM at Bridge Assembly Church, 725 Granit Ave, Helena, MT  
**POT LUCK EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR FELLOWSHIP!**

You can sign up for your vigil times at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/helena>

These events are sponsored by Pro-Life Helena, and hosted by Friendship Baptist Church, Helena Alliance, and Bridge Assembly. Please come watch the short video "Baby Olivia", and listen to remarks by Pro-Life Helena Kickoff Leaders, & others, on how to participate and WHY it is important to be present on the sidewalks. We will hear testimony from those who have participated on the pavement & how this has affected all of us.

If you have any questions, or would like to help on this Fall Campaign, please email

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE  
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION



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