

Stewardship

7-23-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,990.00
Loose	\$113.35
Pews	\$877.00
Reimbursement	\$866.12
Total	\$3,846.47

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-June

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$526.45
MT Energy Alliance	\$1,240.29
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$40.81
Geisser Services	\$1,025.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-June

NorthWestern Energy	\$24.24
Geisser Services	\$1,025.25

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

- Pope John Paul II

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, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, and Matt Keck

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, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, Chad Graveley family, LaReissa Swenson

Did You Know!

The word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means "toward the whole." Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered by Christ to all people.

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Basics of Catholicism part 1:

As the summer comes to a close and a new school year dawns, I think like everyone else its time for us a have a new series. This fall I will be leading a series on the basics of Catholicism. This series is designed that anyone could join and begin to explore the depth of the Catholic faith. I encourage you to invite your friends, family, or anyone you know who might be interested in exploring the Catholic faith. In preparation for this new series, I am also going to run a similar series of topics in the bulletin so that we are all exploring our faith together.

Returning to the basics is a good way to solidify our knowledge, remind ourselves of the core values, and guide us to more complex ideas and themes. If I were a football player, my coach may require the team to repeat the basics of throwing and catching a football so that we can master more complicated techniques. The same applies for any craft. If I were competent at sewing, I may want to return to the basics of a stitch so that I can ensure that my lines are straight and their beauty is apparent. In all things, the basics prepare ourselves for the more complex or the higher levels of any activity. In our lives of faith we often take for granted the beauty of the basics or assume that we know them. Although we may like to blame the problems of the church, the errors of the priests, the people of the church, or our lack of strong youth ministry programs as the reason for the decline in church attendance, the truth is that the vast majority of people who leave the church do not know enough about the church and her teachings to have made an informed decision. Similarly, how often can we answer what seems to be basic questions that people ask us? This series is our chance to grow and explore the depths of our theology and to experience anew the beauty of the Catholic Church. I encourage all of you to keep an open mind and allow yourselves to be corrected. If we believe that we cannot be wrong or that we are right in all matters regarding the church, then we will live in a place of animosity with the church and never allow ourselves to experience its beauty. Be open! Allow yourself to be amazed! Let us return to the basics and see the beauty of our Church's theology unfold!

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



The Transfiguration of the Lord

8-6-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-3
 Psalm: 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
 Reading 2: Romans 8:35, 37-39
 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



MASS	Schedule
Monday July 31	No Mass No Adoration
Tuesday August 1	No Mass
Wednesday August 2	No Mass
Thursday August 3	No Mass
Friday August 4	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday August 5	No Mass
Sunday August 6	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

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

Saturday August 6, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Pat and Debbie Miller

Lector:

Karen Simonich

Gifts:

Martin and Doris Mingay

EM:

Missy Cox and Monte Montonario

Money Counters:

Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes



Registration Information

Please return your parishioner information forms. We would like to update our system and create a new parish directory this fall.



RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriages

August 4-6, 2023

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana

Stress in Your Marriage? - There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

In the parish dining area are a series of posters that explain various Eucharistic Miracles. They are on loan to us for the next month. I encourage everyone to go downstairs and explore these posters about Eucharistic Miracles.



Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children



*Sundays
4:10pm*

Aug. 6 - Joyful Mysteries

Aug. 13 - Luminous Mysteries

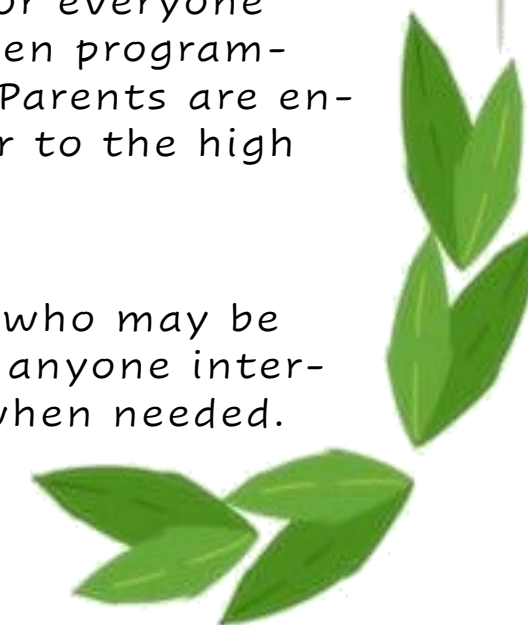
Aug. 20 - Sorrowful Mysteries

Aug. 27 - Glorious Mysteries



The new RE year will formally begin on Sunday, September 10th with all ages meeting after Mass on Sunday. Dinner for everyone from 5:30-6p and then programming from 6-7:15p. Parents are encouraged to stay for a program similar to the high school program.

We are looking for a few more people who may be interested in helping teach as well as anyone interested in filling in from time to time when needed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

No Mass or Adoration August 1st, and August 8th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass August 14th at 6:30p



Have A Seat!

Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have already raised \$20,546 of it through donations that came after the grant was submitted. We received a generous donation of \$30,000 before

the grant was submitted. If we raise the requisite \$60,000, then we will reach our goal of \$125,000. I ask you to be generous and help us get this incredible grant. If each household donates \$500 by Dec. 31 to the pews, then the project is set to be completed next summer. Know that I am pledging my \$500 to this project. Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday August 27th after mass

All are encouraged and welcome to attend

Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism 101 begins September 11th. This new series is designed to allow anyone to join and learn about the Catholic faith. If you know of a friend, a neighbor, or a family member who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, encourage them to come. When we get back to the basics, we make the beauty of our faith shine. I encourage everyone to come to this series.