

FAITH IN THE FIELD

A Community BBQ & Picnic

Come share a meal and a vision for serving the valley

AUGUST 23
12:15 PM
7330 N MONTANA
(not at the church)

- Food
- Fellowship
- Family Activities
- Prayer for Our Community

Hosted by Our Lady of the Valley

Travel to Our

Guatemala Mission

Fall 2026
October 1-8

The Diocese of Helena invites adults (30+) to participate on a journey to the Mission, Clinic, and La Asunción School in Guatemala. The cost is \$2,500 and includes airfare, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation. Sign Up Now! Limited slots available.

Contact Maggie Phelan: 406.389.7053 mphelelan@dohmt.org

Information and Signup: diocesehelena.org/guatemala

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS @ 4PM

AUG. 2 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

AUG. 9 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

AUG. 16 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

AUG. 23 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

AUG. 30 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES



Holy Cross Parish

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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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Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We have started an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series. 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 the church office.

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HABEMUS PAPAM

Annual Catholic Appeal



Holy Cross Parish Goal:

\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 52% of our parish goal, with \$10,450 to go!



Are you interested in hearing the homily again? Father Joe has a podcast where his homilies can be heard. You can access his homilies on the Holy Cross Church website at **holycrossmt.org/podcast** or by clicking on the "Fr. Joe's Homilies" tab at the top of the home page.

All bulletin information and mass announcement 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



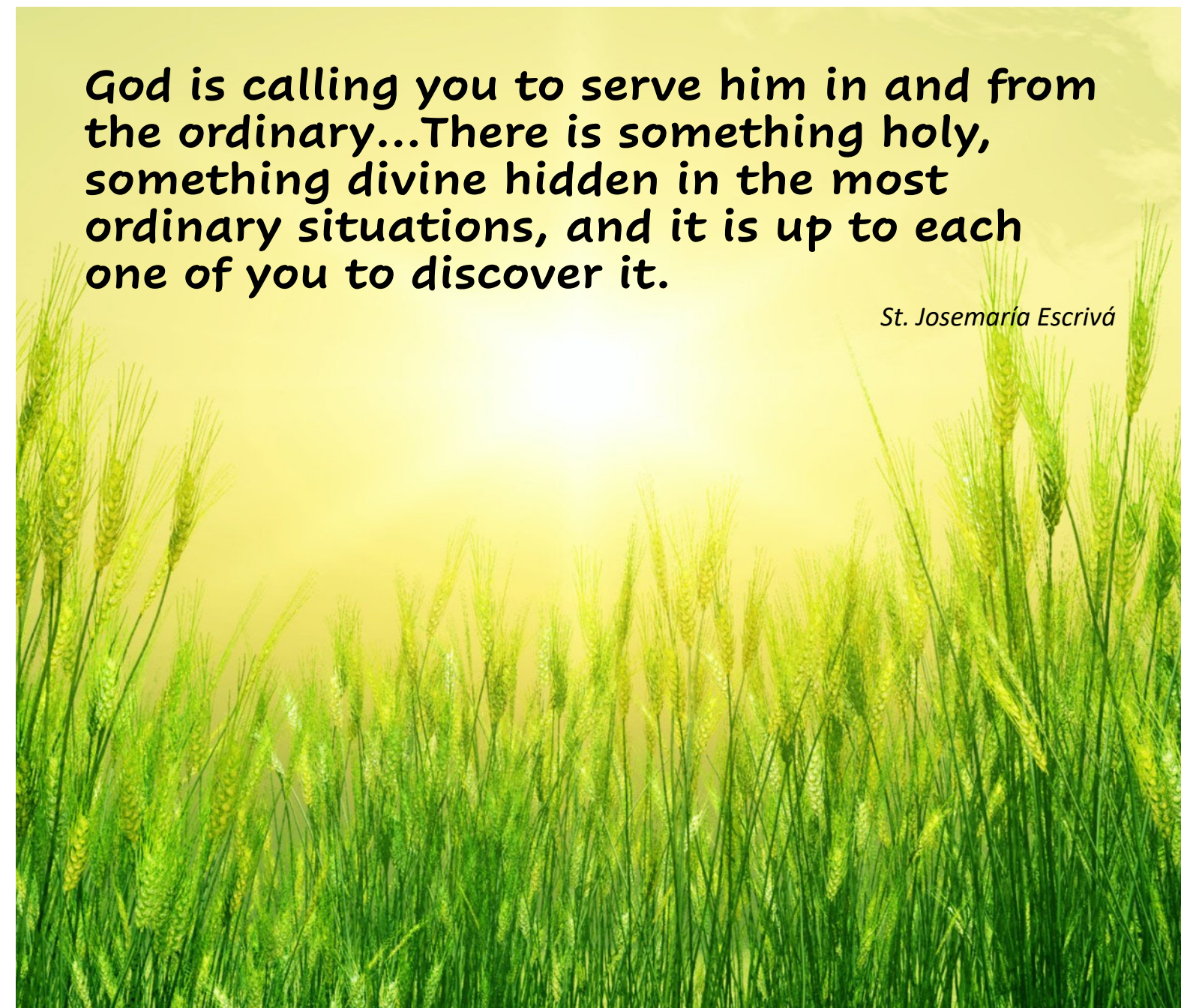
The Holy Cross music ministry team is in need of more members, especially those who can play the piano and provide accompaniment. All individuals with any musical talent to share are welcome. Please contact Father Joe or the church office if you are interested.

Faith Formation

Seeking individuals who are willing to share their faith with the young people of our parish and join our religious education teaching team. If God is calling you to this important ministry or to learn more about it please contact Shawna Wickens.

God is calling you to serve him in and from the ordinary...There is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it.

St. Josemaría Escrivá



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although most of you have likely already heard the announcement at Mass, I wanted to write and provide some more context and detail regarding the upcoming schedule changes for the three parishes I am responsible for. First off, here is the new schedule, which will go into effect on **Sunday, August 16**.

Sunday Mass Schedule

9am- Holy Cross (confessions from 8-845am)
1pm- St. Bartholomew (confessions from 12-1245pm)
5pm (4:30pm in winter months)- St. Joseph (confessions from 4-445pm)

Weekdays

Monday- Harlowton (Mass- 12pm, Adoration- 1245-330pm; confessions- 1245-145pm)
Tuesday- White Sulphur Springs (Mass- 11am; Adoration and confessions- 1145-1245pm)
Wednesday and Thursday- Townsend (Mass- 12pm; Adoration and confessions on Wed- 1245-145pm)

The main thrust behind these changes is minimizing driving time and thereby maximizing the amount of time and energy I have to spend with you while reducing stress and wear and tear on me personally. Currently the schedule is quite hectic and I’m often scrambling from one place to another, from one thing to another and this just isn’t desirable or sustainable. The lynchpin in all of this is, of course, Sunday since I’m driving the full distance of my territory twice and then doing it again during the week with the current schedule. Therefore, it makes most sense to start on Sunday in Townsend and finish in Harlowton, stay overnight there and then work my way back to Townsend during the week. Another key factor is building in more leeway between the Sunday Masses, which allows more time upfront for travel and for confessions, and on the back end allows me to spend more time at the various locations after Mass vs. rushing off.

You will also notice a concerted effort to make sure each location has confessions and Adoration during the week, giving each more opportunities to encounter our Lord! Saturday will remain unchanged for now, continuing to function as a flex day for me to catch up on items that get deferred as I’m bouncing around from location to location, to attend to various ministerial needs (i.e. weddings, funerals, homebound visits) and to attend to personal needs such as shopping and exercise that also get deferred.

I realize that some of the adjustments being made are not ideal. But at the same time, some of the current scheduled items are less than ideal as well. Given our geographical layout, we just have a number of limitations that make things difficult and require tradeoffs. And you probably know that better than me, the newcomer! So, I do thank you for being open to yet another set of changes and ask for your patience as this all plays out. We will reassess things over time and make adjustments as needed. But for now, let’s remain open to the graces and blessings that the Lord wants to lavish upon us as we move forward together. This is a golden opportunity to strengthen our communities and grow together in Him, relying more on Him and less on ourselves. Let us then walk with Him and love each other all the more in this time of transition!

Thanks again and God bless!
Fr. Joe

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending August 2nd

Envelopes \$1,590.00
Loose \$139.10
Online \$539.02

Total Weekly Contribution \$2,268.12

Total Weekly Goal \$2,807.69

Monthly Summary

Week 1 \$2,268.12

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Total Monthly Contribution \$2,268.12

% Monthly Contribution 16%

Total Year to Date \$13,551.73

% Year to Date 119%

Yearly Goal \$146,000.00

Scripture Readings



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08-16-2025

Reading 1: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Reading 2: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"What happiness do we not feel in the Presence of God, when we are alone at His feet... Redouble your fervor; you are alone to adore your God; His eyes rest upon you alone,"

- St. John Vianney

Mass Schedule

Monday
August 10
Mass 9:00a
Lauren Haynes rb Heather Higgs
Adoration 9:30a

Tuesday
August 11
Mass 9:00a
Kelli Gibbs rb Heather Higgs

Wednesday
August 12

Thursday
August 13

Friday
August 14

Saturday
August 15

Sunday
August 16
Confession 8:00a
Mass 9:00a
Parish Family

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, 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, Don and Jenny Schaubert, Franklin Silfka, Jim, Kim and Teddy Woodring, repose of the soul of Kammy Law, Mary Duede, Repose of the soul of Mark Suta

Ministry Schedule

Sunday August 16, 2026 4:30pm

Greet: [Redacted]
Altar Servers: Lucas Bleile, Brendon Estrada, and Taylor Bleile
Lector: Alex Estrada
Gifts: Bleile Family
EM: Niki Weiss and Joy Haggard
Money Counters: Marge Kroedger and Joy Haggard