

Stewardship

3/25-26/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,087.00
Loose	\$29.00
Stipend	\$20.00
Restricted	\$400.00
Other	\$415.00
Total	\$2,951.00

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-March

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$789.23
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,470.04
Geisser Services	\$720.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

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

Cemetery Expenses-March

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Let us go with confidence to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace,"
- (Heb. 4:16)

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 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, 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, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark

Did You Know!

Over the past several centuries, God has chosen to remove the veil that prevents us from seeing the change in the bread and wine so that we can see his flesh and blood commonly known as a Eucharistic Miracle. Over 32 reports cases of these miracles have occurred. Some of these events include the host bleeding or turning into heart tissues. Sometime the consecrated wine turns into blood or drops of blood are visible in the consecrated wine. After scientific investigations into these events, the findings are always the same. The flesh is living human flesh with type AB+ blood and from the heart muscle. The blood is always type AB+.

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

Palm Sunday

April 2, 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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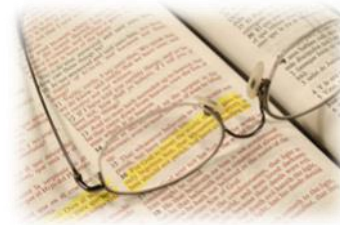
Before moving onto the next topic in the social ethics realm, I want to take a moment and explore the interplay between faith and education. God makes a point throughout all of Scripture that faith is not merely the idea of believing but building o knowing God. The first of the 10 Commandments tells us that we shall have no other gods but him. In order to choose God as our god and have no other gods means that we must know him and continually build our understanding of God. The wisdom books echo this same sentiment. In the book of Proverbs, Solomon writes, "Fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge, wisdom and instruction fools despise" (Proverbs 1:7). Jesus continues this theme of the importance of knowing God as the precursor to loving him when he says, "my sheep hear my voice and they come to me." How else would the sheep know the sound of his voice and come if they didn't already know the shepherd?

Knowledge of God comes through several different avenues. The first and primary avenue is prayer. The vast majority of the major spiritual works of the Church were written by people who spent many hours in prayer. Many of them didn't have a higher education or spent hours studying Scripture or the works of the Christian Church. They spent hours in prayer conversing with God and coming to know him. The second major way is through the study of Scripture. Many people are off put by the study of Scripture because of its complexities. The people who studied it well and came to know God through it didn't worry about understanding every word or phrase but took the passages to prayer and let God reveal the truth. To understand Scripture well and come to know God through it requires us to study the Catholic faith and know it well. The more we study our faith, the better we will understand Scripture. The better we understand Scripture, the better we can pray. The better we pray, the more we come to know God. The ultimate aim in studying our faith is not to know the things of our faith but to know God.

Education is more than knowing facts and memorizing information. The entire goal of education and social ethics is to come to know God's ways, cultivate them in our lives, and then live good and upright lives.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Easter Sunday
4-9-2023

Reading 1: Acts 10:34a,37-43
 Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4
 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 Gospel: John 20:1-9



Palm Sunday

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

MASS	Schedule
Monday April 3	No Mass
Tuesday April 4	No Mass
Wednesday April 5	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth Family Night 6p
Thursday April 6 Holy Thursday	Mass 7p
Friday April 7 Good Friday	OFFICE CLOSED Stations of the Cross 3p Liturgy 7p
Saturday April 8 Holy Saturday	Mass 9p
Sunday April 9 Easter Sunday	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family Easter Egg Hunt after mass

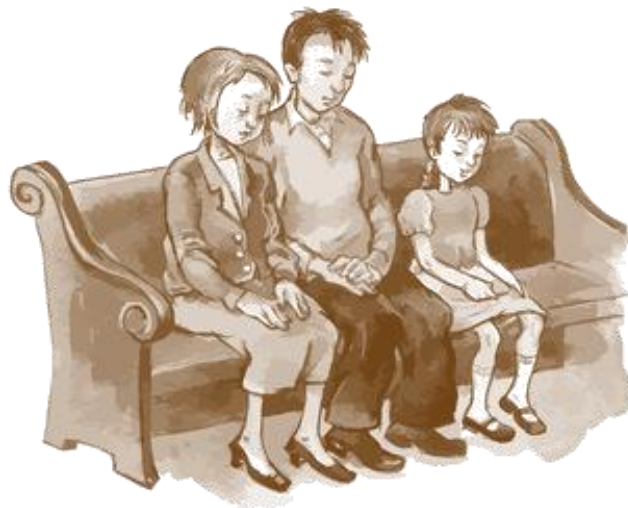
Ministry Schedule	
Saturday April 8, 2023	
9:00pm	
Greet:	Poe Family
Lector:	1. [Redacted] 2. [Redacted]
Gifts:	Poe Family
EM:	[Redacted] [Redacted]
Ministry Schedule	
Sunday April 9, 2023	
8:00am	
Greet:	[Redacted]
Lector:	Karen Simonich
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	[Redacted] [Redacted]
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

Holy Week Schedule

- April 6th - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p
- April 7th - Stations of the Cross 3p
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7p
- April 8th - Easter Vigil 9p
- April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass 8a



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 to 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 \$35,000. 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.

Announcements

The Foundation of the Diocese of Helena is offering grant money up to \$15,000 for any parish who is working to evangelize their local community. I would like to apply for this grant and working towards evangelization. I am appealing to the parish for ideas of way we can reach out to our community and share our faith. If you have any ideas, please contact Fr. Cody. Thank you.



FOUNDATION
for the Diocese of Helena



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off. The Diocesan goal is \$2 million. Our parish goal is \$20,700. Every little bit counts. We have raised \$22,100.00

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Coming April 9th after mass

We are needing plastic eggs either empty or filled with candy donated for the egg hunt. If you'd like to donate please bring them to the parish office by March 31st.



Come explore the interactive Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 5th

Dinner at 6 pm

Interactive stations at 6:30pm



**PARISH MASSES
LIVE STREAMING**



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).

“Come to Me”

~ Matt 11:28



Catholic Women's
CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023 – 5:30 PM
ROSARY & MASS OFFERED FOR FAMILIES
FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

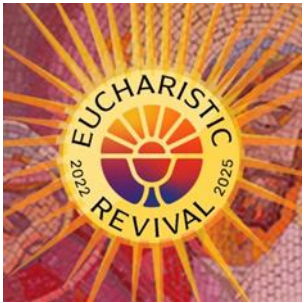
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SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL
Join women from Montana
and beyond for prayer,
speakers, music,
fellowship, and more!
Our “Spa Day” includes Mass.



SAVE THE DATE for Eucharistic Revival 2023, Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement.” Join us May 5 & 6, 2023 at Billings Central Catholic H.S. with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery – The Most Holy Eucharist. We’ll explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Ticket prices start at \$15. Visit diocesegfb.org/revival to learn more or register. Seating is limited!



Help for those in Turkey and Syria



In response to those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Bishop Vetter has asked us to hold a second collection to help out. Below are two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- Catholic Near East Welfare Association has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would prefer to mail a check rather than give online can mail it to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).
- Catholic Relief Services, If you would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (please indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).



Please join us for our KNEH Banquet, Carroll College, Friday, April 21st, 5p with guest speaker, Fr. James Kubicki of Relevant Radio. Tickets at kneh.org or call 406-410-0968. Tickets are \$40 or reserve a table of 8 for \$300. Support Helena Catholic Relevant Radio 97.3FM