

Stewardship

10-1-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,620.00
Loose	\$131.00
Restricted	\$630.00
Total	\$2,381.00

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-September

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$281.76
Geisser Services	\$975.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-September

NorthWestern Energy	\$76.65
Geisser Services	\$725.00

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O how unspeakable is this Sacrament which sets our affections ablaze with charity. It is the fulfillment of Christ's Mystical Body."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Townsend Community

Did You Know!

Most hospitals were started by the Catholic church. For centuries hospitals were opened and run either by religious or people. About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to 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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

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 the Catholicism part 11

Faith

The greatest challenge that anyone of faith or a person without faith has is coming to know God. I saw a saying years ago that brings this issue into a new light: For those who believe, no amount of proof is necessary. For those who do not believe, no amount of proof is sufficient. Although this statement makes some good points about the challenges of faith, it dismisses some very critical ones. First, people often change their beliefs, stances, or ideologies. We are human and change is a good thing. We should strive to find truth and to adhere to truth. Second, it implies that once we have set our ways, we will not change. For some people this is true. Most people, however, desire to know the truth even at the cost of being wrong. Therefore this statement helps us to see our own inclinations and challenges but also challenges us to grow.

Regardless of whether we want to admit it, we all have faith. We believe in many different things of varying degrees of truth. We believe that the sun will rise tomorrow morning because it has for billions of years. We believe that our family and friends care about us because for the most part it is true. We believe that the Earth revolves around the sun because evidence suggests it. We believe that our favorite sports team will do well this year and win their next game because we hope in them. Everyone believes in something. Even atheists believe that there is no God. Our beliefs form the fundamental structure of our person and some of our core identities. Beliefs inform the way we understand the world and engage with each other. Beliefs are critical for our ability to function as humans.

Not all beliefs are equal. Even though we use the words faith and belief interchangeably with the definition of "something not seen," beliefs are grounded in reality, in something tangible and relatable. The more a belief is grounded in reality, the truer the belief. Often people accept beliefs for simplicity sake: its easier to accept the belief than find the truth. I hope that we as people of faith find greater merit in seeking out truth, truth that comes to help us understand God. We should strive not just to accept ideas on faith but to challenge our beliefs so that we can find what is true and live it well. Faith is an essential part of who we are and correct beliefs change who we are.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10-15-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm: 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6
Reading 2: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



MASS	Schedule
Monday October 9	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday October 10	Mass 9a
Wednesday October 11	NO MASS
Thursday October 12	NO MASS
Friday October 13	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday October 14	Mass 9:30a
Sunday October 15	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p Knights Dinner after mass Blessing table in the narthex

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

Sunday October 15, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

Lector:

Robin Kirscher

Gifts:

Eichinger Family

EM:

Martin and Doris Mingay

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

Mark Your Calendars!

Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1st Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2nd Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3rd Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4th Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5th Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.



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 raised a total of \$54,247. We have raised \$25,000 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$35,000. 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.

Catholic Radio Station for Townsend

We have the option of applying for, and possibly getting, a Catholic radio station for Townsend. The programming will be the same as Relevant Radio out of Helena except that we can add some of our own material. To help us get started, KNEH out of Helena is giving us the money we need to begin the project along with an antenna. The big question: would anyone listen to it? If you are interested in listening to our own Catholic radio station please reply to the Flocknote sent out last week or email Fr. Cody. We want to make sure this is something the community could benefit from.



Holy Hour at a new time and more time for Confessions

With all my schedule changes and other responsibilities, I moved the Holy Hour to the 4th Saturday of each month from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to come to the church, pray, and spend some time with our Lord. Also, I will be hearing confessions during these hours.

Next Holy Hour October 28th

Parish Service forms are available. Lots of help is needed! Please prayerfully consider how you will help you parish this years. Some opportunities are available in the new form so read it carefully. This parish needs a lot of support from all of you to continue functioning. Please be generous in your service of this parish. Parish registration forms also need to be returned. We are needing to update our new database with the correct information to publish a new directory. Please return by October 15th

The Synod on Synodality begins today. This is a historical moment in the Church in that representatives from around the world will gather to discuss the ways the church can support the people of the world. Please pray for those involved with the Synod.

Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

Oct. 1st: What does it mean to be human?

Nov. 5th: Who am I?

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

Catholicism 101

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about Catholicism? Would you like to know your faith a little better? Then, this series is for you!

Mondays 7-8:30

Starting Monday September 11th

Schedule of the topics on the bench in the entryway.

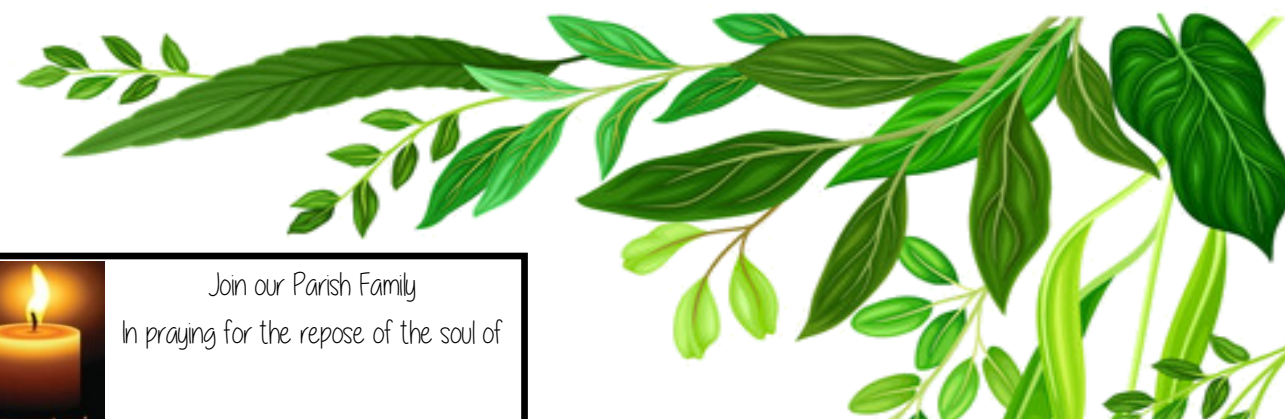
A livestream option for Catholicism 101 will be available on Mondays from 7-8:30 and on Thursdays from 6:30-8. Please invite your friends and family members who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

The next topic is "Who is the Holy Spirit?" on Monday, October 9th. The notes are posted on the website and a livestream version is available. If you would like to join the livestream version, send an email to frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org.

We are looking for volunteers to either provide dinner or help cook dinner for the RE youth, their families and other members of the parish who wish to attend. RE dinner time is on Sundays following mass from 5:30 – 6:00pm. Meals need to be ones that can be either cooked in a crockpot or cooked ahead of time and can be kept warm. Because dinners include all ages of the youth and their families this year plus a few extras from the parish, we should plan on feeding around 100 people every Sunday. Please prayerfully consider either providing a meal (planning, purchasing food and cooking) or simply just preparing/cooking the meal (parish supplies the food). We encourage you to partner up with another member/family of the parish to help ease the burden of feeding that many people. The following dates are needed:

11/19/23 and 12/17/23

You can sign up by scanning the QR code, visiting the sign up genius website at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ABAB2AA4FBCF8-refamily>, by writing your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthax or by contacting Shawna Wickens at the parish office.



Join our Parish Family
In praying for the repose of the soul of



In Memory...
of the Faithful Departed

Michael Ferguson

May his soul and the souls
of the faithful departed
Rest in peace, Amen

Funeral services are scheduled for
Friday, October 13th at 12p
Holy Cross Parish

Ministry training schedule:

Saturday October 28th:

Newcomers Group – 1 pm

Greeters = 2pm

Prayers of the Faithful Team – 3 pm

Aid to the Needy = 4 pm

Blessings

There will be a Blessing Table beginning the third Sunday in October. If you would like any items blessed please place them on the table and Father Cody will bless them after mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month.



Let's pray the
Rosary

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



Sundays
4:10pm

We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281



Oct. 1 Joyful Mysteries

Oct. 8- Luminous Mysteries

Oct. 15- Sorrowful Mysteries

Oct. 22 - Glorious Mysteries

Oct. 29 - Divine Mercy Chaplet