

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

**2026 - SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT  
SPONSORED BY THE IRONMEN CATHOLIC MEN'S SEMINAR  
SERIES**

*Remember Jesus gave his life for you!*

*We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us;  
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

**1 Timothy 2:6**

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 -- 7:15am to 4:00pm  
St. Ann's Parish -- 2100 Farragut St. -- Butte, MT

Open to men of all faiths, parishes and ages.

This retreat is being offered at no charge compliments of St. Ann's Parish  
Light breakfast, full lunch & refreshments will be provided.

**RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**

For more information text or call: Jim Bellandi @ 560-2857

Please arrive in time for the start of Mass @ 7:15am



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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## Marriage

Now Jesus enters the discussion on marriage. We should no longer be surprised that Jesus' first miracle and the beginning of his ministry happened at a wedding. At the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus arrived with his disciples to celebrate the feast. John makes an important note about this feast: the bride and groom are not present. Nowhere in this Gospel are the bride and groom mentioned in any way. John is making a point for us: Jesus is the groom and the Church is his bride. How can we make such a leap? When the water had turned to wine and the head waiter had tasted it, he makes the point that this is best wine served at this feast. Until this point all marriages and all that the Scriptures had taught paled in comparison to what is coming, the true marriage, the completion of what God started from the beginning.

Clearly marriage is important for Jesus. Not only was his miracle at a wedding feast but several of his teachings on marriage clearly strengthen the previous teachings. When confronted with the issue of divorce, Jesus takes a stronger stance than the Books of Law and the Pharisees stating that divorce should not be the norm and only allowed for "unlawful" marriages. When he was challenged on adultery and lust, he states that even looking at someone with lust is committing adultery. Jesus' stance on marriage is harsh and clear. Marriage was meant to be a life-long commitment without dissolution. God intended marriage as something more than simply a covenant or pact between two parties. So what did he intend?

Now we turn to the book of Revelation. The final act of this book showcases the incredible value and dignity that God had planned for marriage from the beginning. Whereas God took the people of Israel as his bride, his spouse, his one love, Jesus takes the Church. In chapter 21, Jesus summons his bride to be with him, the bride who has been washed clean in his blood and now wears a white garment. We cannot dismiss the importance of this event. Twice at the end of the Book of Revelation the bride is mentioned as the culmination and completion of all things. God's intention was to take his bride, the Church, to himself and live with her forever. Who is this bride? The Church: the people of God who have been grafted into Jesus by his blood and by baptism so as to become one with him.

Scripture paints an incredible picture of marriage. Marriage is a quality of God's love for his people. From the Old Testament to its completion in the New Testament, God makes it clear that his love for his people is one of singular devotion. He desires his people with an eternal love in which he will love them regardless of what they do. God will remain faithful to his people even to the end of time symbolized by the eternal covenant of marriage. In these passages we have the core and context of the Church's teaching on marriage and the strength and elevation that Jesus gave to this covenant to make it a Sacrament.

Fr. Cody

## Western Montana Catholic Women's CONFERENCE

"COME TO ME" MATTHEW 11:28



Sister Jacinta  
Phipps



Celeste  
Bebe



Jessica  
Echeverry

### There Is No Place Like Home

Friday, April 10, 2026 ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

5:30 pm Mass and Rosary ~ All are welcome

Saturday, April 11, 2026 ~ 7 am check-in

Women's Conference, Speakers,  
Confessions, Vendors, Fellowship

(including special "Montana Strong" speakers: Allison Bell, Kaylyn Lybeck, Lynnette Nilan)

Helena Civic Center

visit [HelenaCWC.org](http://HelenaCWC.org)



Lord Jesus, thank you for the constant love you have for me. Thank you for the gift of life and the gift of faith. Today, take me into your Sacred Heart and renew me. I open my heart to your grace, to be healed where healing is needed. Replace any wounds or worries with your peace and joy. Send your Holy Spirit into my whole being: body, mind, and soul. Guide me to be the woman you have created me to be: your beloved daughter, disciple, and friend. Please remove any obstacles that keep me from living this way. Make me a woman of faith, hope, and charity. Lord, pour out your grace upon the upcoming Catholic Women's Conference, upon the planning efforts, and upon many women that they may hear your invitation and say "yes." May the conference be a time of spiritual renewal, healing, reconciliation, and joy for all who attend. Thank you Lord Jesus for all this, I pray in your sweet name. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



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Mother Mary, Gate of Heaven



Gate of Heaven, you are the sweetest, the tenderest, the kindest of mothers, constantly watching me with eyes of love as I travel my weary way through this same valley of tears that was once marked by your own blessed footsteps. How surely does devotion to you open the heavenly portals to numberless souls! Be the Gate of Heaven to me by obtaining through your prayers all the graces I need to live a holy life and to enter the gates of heaven. Amen.

St. Monica intercessor

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica, we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Amen.



Mother Mary, Gate of Heaven, pray for us.  
St. Monica, pray for us. Amen.

## Celebrating MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF  
COUPLES // RECEPTION //

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA  
6:00PM

BISHOP VETTER EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES, FROM THE NEWEST OF NEWLYWEDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMMEMORATED OVER SIX DECADES, TO A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.

### EVENT DETAILS

BEGINS WITH MASS // RECEPTION  
TO FOLLOW // HEAVY APPETIZERS  
AND DESSERT INCLUDED // SEMI  
FORMAL ATTIRE // FREE CHILDCARE  
WHILE SPACES LAST // \$25 PER  
COUPLE



**Join Our Lady of the Valley's annual Chili Feed and Silent Auction**

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 PM**

**Enjoy delicious chili, great company, and support St. Andrews' furnace repair.**

**All are welcome!**



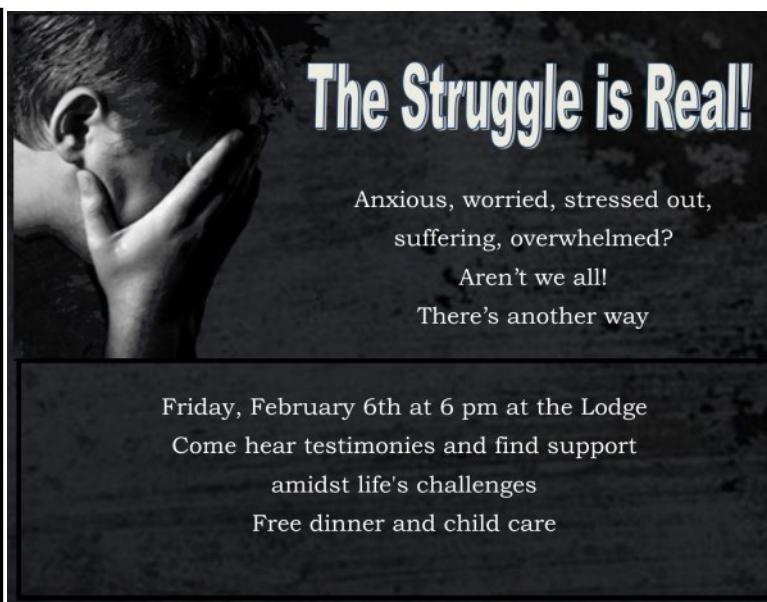
## Parish potlucks

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. Their responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

February 22: Hope

March 22: Love

April 26: Peace



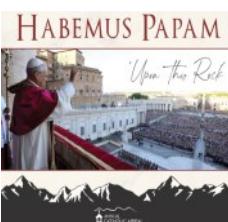
### CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: ALL ARE INVITED!

This is your opportunity to attend a 3-day weekend retreat seeking guidance by the Holy Spirit into a deeper experience of Christian community, prayer, discussion, reflection and enlightenment!

Men's Weekend  
St Cyril and Methodius, East Helena

February 12-15th 2026

Contact: [Helenacursillorector@gmail.com](mailto:Helenacursillorector@gmail.com) 406-431-7544



### Annual Catholic Appeal

#### Holy Cross Parish Goal:

**\$21,900.00**

We have currently reached 48% of our parish goal, with \$11,300 to go!

All bulletin information and mass announcements requests need to be submitted by email to

[bulletin@holycrossmt.org](mailto:bulletin@holycrossmt.org)

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10a



## Men's SKI RETREAT

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1

Join Fr. Cody Williams and other men for a weekend of prayer, skiing/snowboarding, and fraternal time. For more information go to [holycrossmt.org/skiretreat](http://holycrossmt.org/skiretreat)

**\$50**  
(covers food & lodging; lift ticket not included)



## Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending January 26th

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes                         | \$975.00          |
| Loose                             | \$182.78          |
| Online                            | \$557.40          |
| <b>Total Weekly Contribution</b>  | <b>\$1,715.18</b> |
| Total Weekly Goal                 | \$2,629.31        |
| Monthly Summary                   |                   |
| Week 1                            | \$1,890.61        |
| Week 2                            | \$1,659.24        |
| Week 3                            | \$4,043.10        |
| Week 4                            | \$1,715.18        |
| <b>Total Monthly Contribution</b> | <b>\$9,308.13</b> |
| Total Year to Date                | \$114,624.89      |
| Yearly Goal                       | \$140,000.00      |

## Mass

Monday

Mass 5:30p

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2

Tuesday

Mass 9:00a

Homebound Parishioners

Wednesday

February 4

Thursday

February 5

Friday

February 6

600p "The struggle is Real" community event at the Lodge

Saturday

February 7

Mass 9:20a

Adoration & confession 2:00-4:00p

Sunday

February 8

Confession 3:30p

Mass 4:30p

Parish Family

530p Knight's superbowl Party (NO RE)

## Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

02-08-2026

Reading 1:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm:

112:4-5, 6-7, 8, 9

Reading 2:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-16

## 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.

Deacon Kaleb Mitchell, 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, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Don and Jenny Schauber, Judy & Franklin Silifka, Mary Garman, Bakkum family, Karen Simonich

## Ministry Schedule

Sunday February 8, 2026

4:30pm

Reiman Family

Greet:

Alex Weiss, Lucas Bleile, and Brendon Estrada

Megan Bleile

Reiman Family

Altar Servers:

Lector:

Gifts:

EM:

Money Counters:

John Bleile and Lucas Bleile

Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Every time we come before the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus He touches the heart of all humanity! The Blessed Sacrament is the heartbeat of evangelization."

- Excerpts from "The Sacred Eucharistic Heart of Jesus" audio tape

## A Year with the Church Fathers

Mondays from 6:30-8 pm  
Starting Monday, Oct. 27th  
Explore the lives of the fathers.  
Read their theology and writing.  
Come to understand their value in the Church.  
See flyer for more information.



The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Holy Cross will be helping out during the month of February. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, there are sign up sheets available on the table in the Narthex or you can contact Paul VanHoudt.

Food items needed this month are:

1# packages of ground beef, canned meat, canned stews, canned soups, canned chili, mac & cheese and peanut butter

Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

**Broadwater Food Pantry**  
PO Box 1164  
Townsend, MT 59644

Food Pantry new phone #: 406-916-0043



You can make a difference!

- Grab a baby bottle.
- Fill it with cash, check, or change.
- Return it to church.

Return by February 8th

Learn more or give online!

**Options**  
clinic  
Change for Life



## LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY SUNDAYS @ 4PM

FEB 1 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES  
FEB 8 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES  
FEB 15 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES  
FEB 22 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES  
MAR 1 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

We need someone to lead the rosary on Sunday at 4pm at least once a month. If you're interested, please contact the office or speak with Shawna.

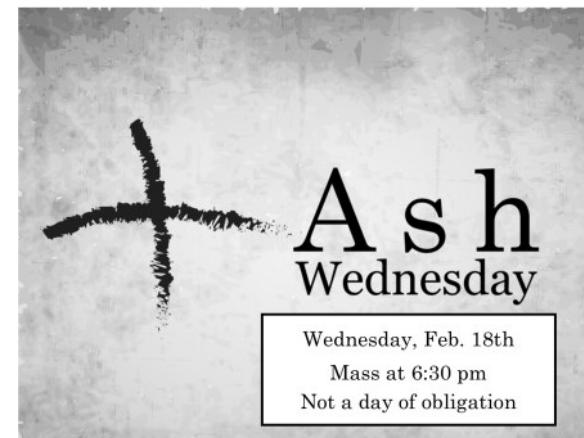


### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mass

Monday, February 2, 2026

5:30 pm

There will be no 9:00 am daily mass or Adoration on this day!



### Women's Fun Night



#### Bunco Dice Game

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

IN THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROOM

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

BYOB

THIS IS A FUN GAME THAT YOU CAN LEARN  
QUICKLY.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, CALL FRAN WRIGHT AT  
856-379-5699

# Faith Formation

## Youth Schedule

2/1/26: RE Class (Eucharistic Prayer Part 2)

2/8/26: NO RE (Superbowl Sunday)

2/15/26: RE Class (Praying with the Mass)

2/22/26: RE Class (What is Prayer)



## Moms & Littles

Winter is long, get out & have some fun! Ideal for Moms with littles 4 and under

February 6

11-12:30pm

Story Time & Valentines Crafts  
\*supplies provided\*

Please RSVP  
Natalie (949) 200-2315  
Location: Holy Cross Church



Holy Cross' Knights of Columbus group is hosting a

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 8th  
5:30 pm (after mass)

Serving pizza and wings!

Please come out and join us!

## Attention Adults

Join us for an adult group that will meet after mass on Sundays during RE class times. The adult group will discuss and explore the same topics as the youth. This year's focus is on Sacraments, the Mass, and prayer. Parents that join can continue the discussion and learning at home with their children.



Holy Cross Parish is offering assistance for the cost of Legendary Lodge that can be used at the time of registration. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child to attend camp, please contact the parish office before registering your child.

We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner after mass on some Sundays prior to RE. If you are interested in helping please contact Shawna Wickens or scan the sign up genius QR code.

Thank you for supporting our parish youth!

