

**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 14th 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 11th 2026

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

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



Holy Cross Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 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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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.

Western Montana Catholic Women’s
CONFERENCE

“COME TO ME” Matt 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](https://helenacwc.org)





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



Western Montana
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

“Come to Me” Matt 11:28

April 11, 2026 – Civic Center, Helena, MT
www.helenacwc.org / 406.603.0175



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!



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.

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

Sunday, February 22nd at 5:15 PM

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

All are welcome!



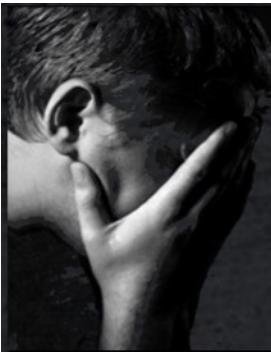
Parish potlucks

Every 4th 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



The Struggle is Real!

Anxious, worried, stressed out,
suffering, overwhelmed?
Aren't we all!
There's another way

Friday, February 6th at 6 pm at the Lodge
Come hear testimonies and find support
amidst life's challenges
Free dinner and child care

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending January 26th

Envelopes \$975.00

Loose \$182.78

Online \$557.40

Total Weekly Contribution \$1,715.18

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

Total Monthly Contribution \$9,308.13

Total Year to Date \$114,624.89

Yearly Goal \$140,000.00

Mass	Schedule
Monday February 2	Mass 5:30p Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Tuesday February 3	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday February 4	
Thursday February 5	
Friday February 6	6:00p "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 5:30p Knight's Superbowl Party (NO RE)



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 406-431-7544

HELP NEEDED!

To make our evangelization event -"The Struggle is Real," on Friday, February 6th a success, we need your help! The night will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by testimony talks and discussion from 6:30-8. If you would like to help please volunteer on the sign up sheets in the Narthex or contact Father Cody.

Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

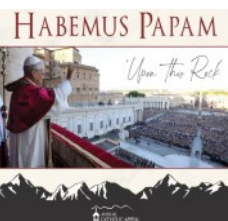
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Reading 1: Isaiah 58:7-10

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

Reading 2: I Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



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

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

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

INFO & SIGN UP





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

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 Schaubert, Judy & Franklin Silfka, Mary Garman, Bakum family, Karen Simonich

Ministry Schedule

Sunday February 8, 2026

4:30pm

Greet: Reiman Family

Altar Servers: Alex Weiss, Lucas Bleile, and Brendon Estrada

Lector: Megan Bleile

Gifts: Reiman Family

EM: John Bleile and Lucas Bleile

Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

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

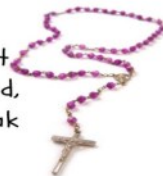
Food Pantry new phone #: 406-916-0043



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.

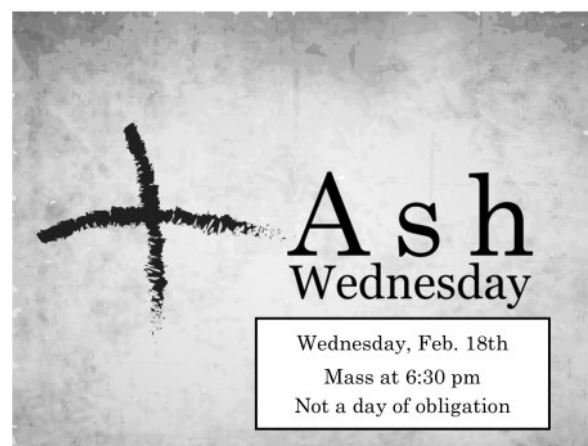


Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mass

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)



Holy Cross' Knight's 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.

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

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!

