

Stewardship

2-11-2024

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,846.00
Stole Gift	\$20.00
Loose	\$34.25
Other	\$600.00
Total	\$2,500.25

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-January

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$745.22
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,946.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Wix	\$324.00
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$1,356.93

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites	
Short Term	
Long Term	
Open & Close Gravesite	
Memorial	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00

Cemetery Expenses-January

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O You who are mad about Your creature! true God and true Man, You have left Yourself wholly to us, as food, so that we will not fall through weariness during our pilgrimage in this life, but will be fortified by You, celestial nourishment,"

- St. Catherine of Siena

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:

Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder



Did You Know!

The color purple with signifies the Seasons of Lent and Advent was a very expensive color. The color purple was made from harvesting a specific type of sea snail. The glands from 1000's of snails were extracted, dried, crushed into powder, and then made into a dye. Since this process is incredibly labor intensive and difficult to make, only the rich could afford dyes of this color. Thus the color purple was associated with royalty giving the Seasons of Advent and Lent a royal character. A group of Italians are trying to recreate the process of creating this dye. You can watch a video about the process on YouTube.

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.



The First Sunday of Lent

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

Holy Cross Parish

February 18, 2024

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Office: 406-266-4811

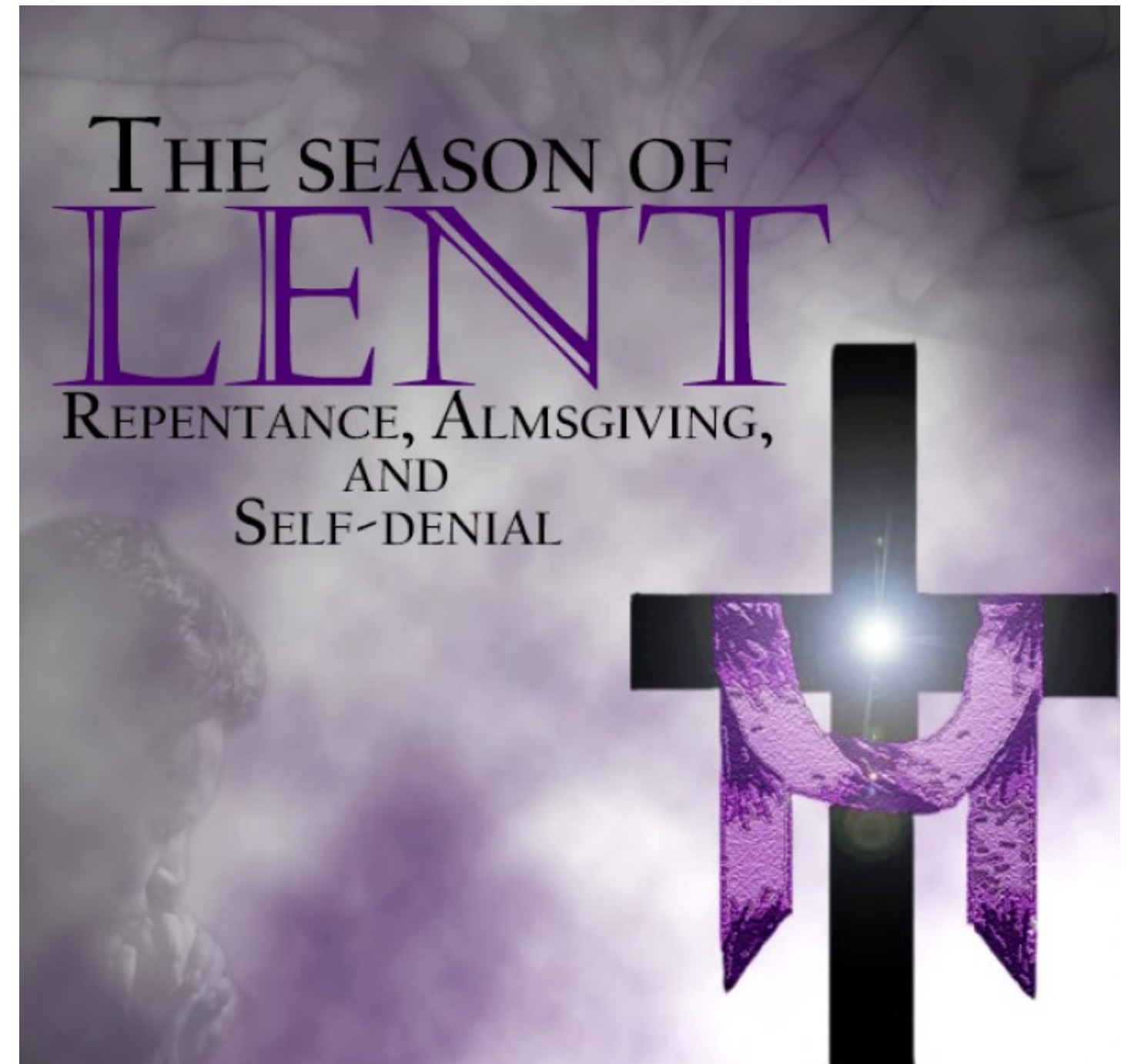
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Basics of Catholicism part 27:

The Liturgical Year

Our church year, called the Liturgical Year, has many different parts to it. The year is divided into cycles, seasons, and days.

Cycles: Each year has a specific set of readings that follow a three-year cycle. The first cycle is called "Cycle A." On a cycle A year we read from the Gospel of Matthew. Last year was cycle A. The second cycle is called "Cycle B," On a cycle B year we read from the Gospel of Mark with some parts from the Gospel of John. Cycle B years are always on years divisible by 3. The third cycle is called "Cycle C." On a cycle C year we read from the Gospel of Luke. Next year will be a cycle C year. Throughout the course of three years, we will read all four Gospels in their entirety. The new cycle for a year always begins the 1st Sunday of Advent and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The cycles above are for Sunday readings. The weekday readings, or the readings for weekday Mass, follow a two-year cycle. These cycles are named "Cycle I" and "Cycle II." They have no specific characteristics that designate one cycle from another. Cycle II tends to have more readings from the Old Testament than Cycle I. Even years are Cycle II and odd years are Cycle I. The weekday cycle of readings read continuously through a Gospel and complete the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in a year. The first reading for daily readings will read continuously through a book of the Bible.

Seasons: the liturgical year contains 6 seasons. The Season of Advent prepares us for the Christmas season by reflecting on the prophecies that led to the Messiah. The Season of Christmas celebrates the coming of the Messiah. The Season of Lent is our preparation for Easter and a time of renewal and simplicity. The Sacred Triduum is only three days long and encompasses the time from Holy Thursday until Easter. The Season of Easter celebrates Jesus' Resurrection and the new life that came from him. The Season of Ordinary Time encompasses the rest of the year. During Ordinary Time we walk through the life of Jesus and explore his ministry, teachings, and miracles as they help understand the new life that came through Jesus and instruct us on our lives of faith.

Days: each day of the year has its own designation. Some days are very important and are called Solemnities. On other days we celebrate important events in Jesus' life or the Church called Feast Days. On other days we celebrate the lives of the saints and other important events called Memorials. Some days are part of important seasons of the year and are called Seasonal Days. The lowest days of the year are called ferial days. Ferial was the word used to describe a feast day which later became the way to describe a day of the week, i.e. Ferial Monday. Any day without a specific feast or celebration is called a ferial day. These are only in Ordinary Time.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Second Sunday of Lent
2-25-2024

Reading 1: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Psalm: 116:10 and 15, 16-17, 18-19
 Reading 2: Romans 8:31b-34
 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



MASS	Schedule
Monday February 19	No Mass No Adoration Catholicism 101 7p RE SKI Day
Tuesday February 20	Mass 9a
Wednesday February 21	No Mass
Thursday February 22	No Mass
Friday February 23	No Mass
Saturday February 24	No Mass Holy Hour 9a-12p
Sunday February 25	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:45-7p Parish Potluck

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 February 25, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Fisette Family
Lector:	Debbie Miller
Gifts:	Wickens Family
EM:	Tom Aced and Monte Montonario
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.

Out of a desire to use our faith and our parish to help the world, I would like to start a program to support needs throughout the world. These acts of support will come from the parish resources and will not be a second collection or another appeal. If you have causes or people throughout the world that you would like to support, send an email to frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org.



The Diocesan Capital Campaign has kicked off. The goal is to raise \$30 million as a Diocese in 5 years. These funds will create endowments for seminarian education and promotion of vocations, retired priests, spreading our faith, and supporting parishes. We get back 40% of all money raised in this parish. Please take a prayer card and pray for the success of the campaign. Fr. Cody will be calling everyone and setting up meeting to discuss this campaign and hear your desires for our parish.

On the third Sunday of each month a blessing table will be set up in the entrance of the church. You are welcome to bring any objects of devotion that you would like blessed and Fr. Cody will bless them after Mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month.

Blessings

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Mass or Adoration on Monday, Feb. 19th
 Holy Hour 9a-12p Saturday, Feb. 24th
 Lenten Penance Service March 5th at 6:30p

The Eucharistic Congress is quickly approaching. Scholarships are available to help pay for registration costs.



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1st Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "What is the human person?" on Monday, February 19th. 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.

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

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!



Every 4th Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you wish. Resources will be available to help you pray and make the most of the time you have. I encourage everyone to come and use this opportunity.

Next Holy Hour February 24th

Have A Seat!



We have raised all the money we need to proceed with the project. After talking with several groups of people and pondering our space, I plan to make a few minor changes as part of this update. The full list of changes is on the doors to the church. I am planning to make the following changes: increase the area for handicap seating and decrease the space to accommodate more handicap seating, decrease the length of the pews to allow more space on the outside aisles, move the baptismal font to the center near the doors to the church, add server benches in replacement of the chairs to accommodate more servers, create a music area to help the music team, and replace the ambo with one that matches the pews. I plan to contact the companies in a few weeks and make arrangements for this project to be completed this summer.

CREATED GOOD

Townsend Community Family Night

DINNER PROVIDED



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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

When: 1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm
Where: Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S. Walnut St.

~~Jan. 7th: Christmas Party~~
~~Feb. 4th: What do I do with my life?~~
March 3rd: What does it mean to be forgiven?
April 7th: Easter Party
May 5th: How do I make strong relationships?

FREE EVENT

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

The Annual Catholic Appeal is in full swing. Our goal is to raise \$21,100 for the purpose of the Diocese, the parishes of the Diocese, and the mission of the Diocese. Please consider and make a donation to the ACA. We are currently at 78% of our goal with only \$5,100 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

RE Ski Day on Feb. 19th for Presidents day. Parents are responsible for transportation to Showdown. The church provides lift tickets and lunch for youth. Parents are encouraged to come.



Thank YOU!

We are so grateful for all who participated in our Change for Life Campaign.

Together we stand for LIFE, HOPE, & FAMILIES



If you forgot to return your baby bottle, please swing it by Options Clinic, or bring it to the church as soon as possible.

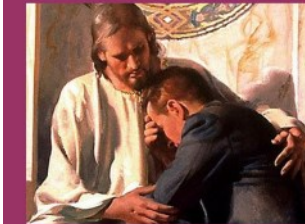


Offering Hope. Building Families.
1005 Partridge Pl., Ste. 1, Helena, MT 59602
406-422-1011

If you have not returned your baby bottles for the Options clinic baby bottle drive, please do so soon.

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 5th
6:30 pm



Following God's Pedagogy



An Introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP
author & catechetical consultant

March 4th	Holy Rosary Parish Bozeman	7:00 - 8:30pm
March 5th	Cathedral of St. Helena	6:00 - 7:30pm
March 6th	St. Anthony Parish Life Center Missoula	6:15 - 7:00m



2024 SUMMER SEASON CAMPS SCHEDULE

JUNE 16-JUNE 21	JUNIOR HIGH #1	JUNE 23-JUNE 28	HIGH SCHOOL #1
JULY 7-JULY 12	5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS	JULY 14-JULY 19	HIGH SCHOOL #2
JULY 21-JULY 26	JUNIOR HIGH #2	JULY 28-AUGUST 2	5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS

Registration for camp opens January 1, 2024
Early Bird Pricing: Save \$20/camper when you register by January 31st!



FAMILY CAMP
JUNE 30-JULY 2

Registration opens
March 1, 2024



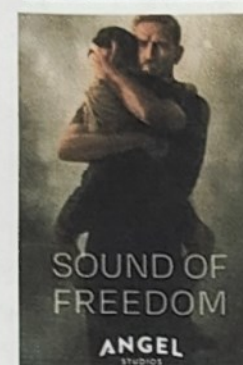
LEGENDARY ADVENTURE CAMP

Session #1
JULY 14-19

Session #2
JULY 21-26

Registration details coming soon

legendarylodge.org | Find Us on Facebook



40 Days for Life Spring Mid Rally

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Prolife Montana is hosting a showing of "Sound of Freedom" at Big Sky Fellowship (7610 Roughsawn Dr, Helena, MT 59602) on March 2nd.

Concessions will be available for your enjoyment; doors open at 6pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. Donations are gladly accepted and will benefit Pro-life Montana as we continue to provide quality events, education and resources to promote the value of life from conception to natural death.