

## Stewardship

3-3-2024

Holy Cross

### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,977.00
Loose	\$53.45
Total	\$2,030.45

### Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$647.92
Montana Energy Alliance	\$2,594.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Special K Plumbing and Heating	\$400.00
One License	\$425.00

### Cemetery

#### Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites	
Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Open & Close Gravesite	
Memorial	
Total	\$100.00

#### Cemetery Expenses-February

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

*THANK YOU!*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Blessed be Thou, my Lord Jesus Christ, who didst foretell Thy death before the time, and in the Last Supper didst wonderfully consecrate Thy precious Body of material bread, and also charitably gave it to Thy Apostles, in memory of Thy most worthy Passion,"

- *St. Bridget*

### Pray for our Seminararians

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, 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. Monte Schnur



### POP QUIZ:

- Why do we use the color purple during Advent and Lent?  
Advent and Lent are royal seasons so we use a royal color to indicate their dignity and importance. The color purple is also much darker than the other colors that we use showing a subdued or saddened tone to the seasons, hence, they are penitential seasons.
- Could the liturgical color be purple for any other days of the year?  
Yes. On penitential days or days that we want to express sorrow or a need for God's mercy the color for the day can be purple. Some of the common days include, funeral Masses, on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, on ember days, and other days that focus on a need for God's mercy.
- What days of the Season of Lent do we sing the Gloria?

This question is a little complicated. The only days that we would sing the Gloria during Lent are any Feasts or Solemnities that fall within the Season of Lent. Normally the Solemnity of St. Joseph and the Annunciation fall during Lent. This year only the Solemnity of St. Joseph is during Lent. Solemnities and Feasts always trump the fasts of the season since they are days of celebration. We are a celebratory 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.**



The Fourth 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

March 10, 2024

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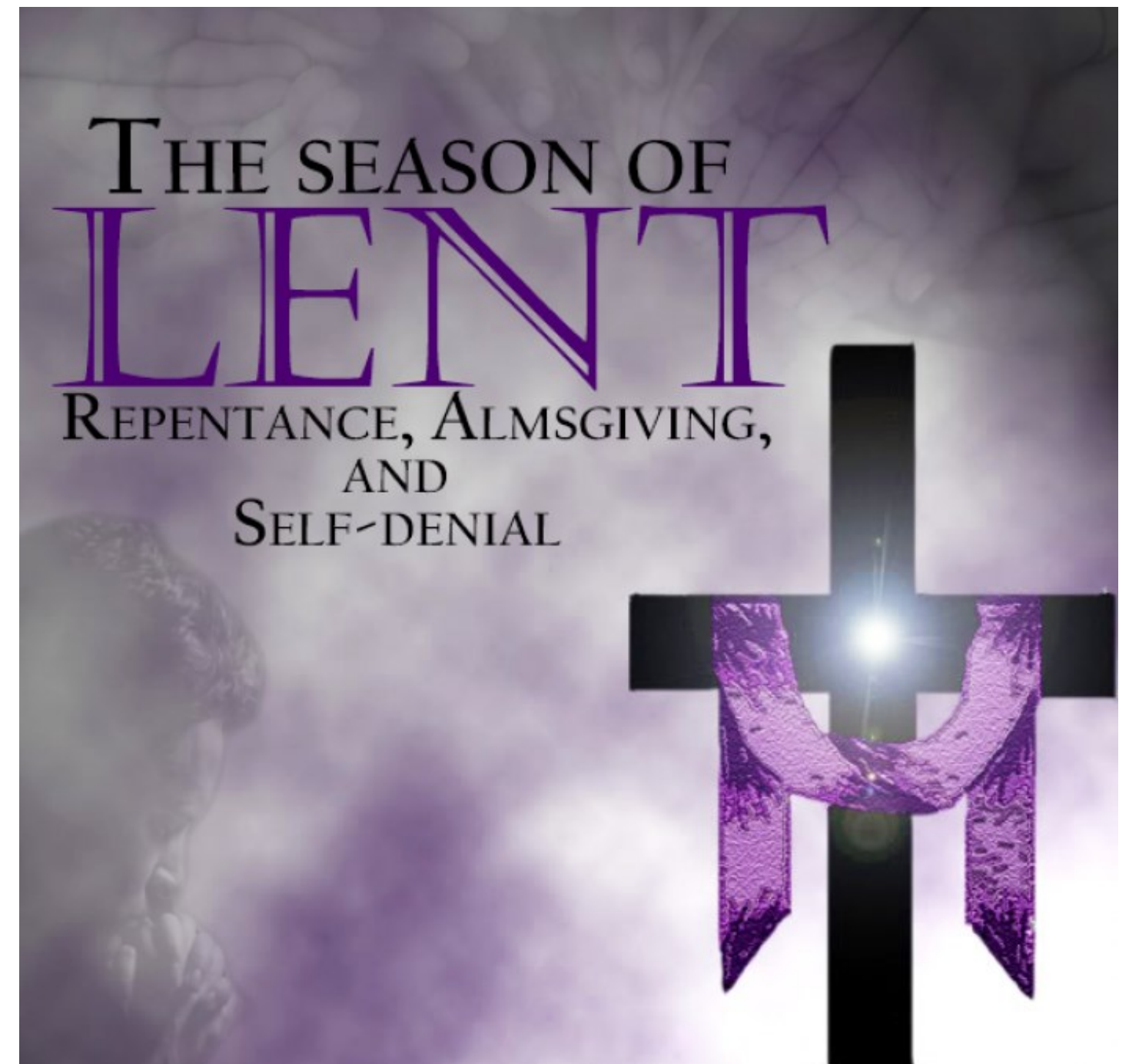
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Basics of Catholicism part 30

Feast Days and Privileged Seasons

The days of the year fall into five different categories that indicate to us their level of importance.

**Solemnities:** the highest days of the year are called solemnities. These days include Christmas (12/25), Easter (date depends on the year), the octaves of Christmas and Easter, Annunciation (3/25), the Assumption of Mary (8/15), St. Joseph (3/19), St. John the Baptist (6/24), Sts. Peter and Paul (6/29), All Saints Day (11/1), the Immaculate Conception of Mary (12/8), and every Sunday of the year. These days are the most critical for understanding our salvation and God's action. Therefore the Church requires you to celebrate these days and participate in Mass unless they are on Mondays or Saturdays. The color for Solemnities is always white.

**Feasts:** lesser in importance than solemnities are feasts. Feasts are important events in the life of the Church but not the most central for understanding our faith. Some of the feast days include, the Feast of the Archangels (9/29), the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (2/22), the Conversion of St. Paul (1/25), most of the Apostles of the Church, the Transfiguration of Jesus (8/6), and some others. If the person celebrated was a martyr, the color is red. If the person was not a martyr, the color is white.

**Memorials:** the next level below Feasts is memorials. Memorials are celebrations of saints or other important aspects of our faith that have lesser importance than feasts. Memorials can either be obligatory, meaning we have to celebrate it, or optional, which means I can choose between a few different options for saints or not celebrate the saint on that day. Some memorials are optional because they are only important in certain parts of the world. For instance the memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha or St. Andre Bessette are more important for the Americas than any other country. The color for martyrs is red and the color for everyone else is white.

**Seasonal days:** in between memorials and the ordinary days of the year are seasonal days. Seasonal days are the days of a privileged season like the days of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter that don't already have a saint, feast, or another important event celebrated on that day. Seasonal days are more important than ordinary days and sometimes more important than memorials. During the Season of Lent, all memorials are suppressed for the sake of the Season of Lent. During Advent, Christmas, and Easter most memorials become optional.

**Ferial Days:** the word "ferial" comes from the Latin word for "feast." Thus even the most ordinary days of the year are still a cause for celebration. Ferial days only occur during the Season of Ordinary Time. On ferial days, the Church gives the priest the option to choose the ordinary day of the year or a votive Mass. Votive Masses are special Masses celebrated for a cause dependent on the desires of the community, i.e. perseveration of peace and justice, a saint, civil needs, good weather, and many more.

Fr. Cody

*Scripture Readings*



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
3-17-2024

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15  
 Reading 2: Hebrews 5:7-9  
 Gospel: John 12:20-33



MASS	Schedule	
Monday March 11	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p	
Tuesday March 12	Mass 9a Aventin G. and Mary Sue Montonario RB Monte Montonario	
Wednesday March 13	No Mass Stations of the Cross 6:30p	
Thursday March 14	No Mass	
Friday March 15	No Mass Knight of Columbus Fish Fry 5p	
Saturday March 16	No Mass	
Sunday March 17	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:45-7p	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](mailto: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 March 17, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector:	Debbie Miller
Gifts:	Dan and Bernadette Swenson
EM:	Missy Cox and Marilyn Vandersloot
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "What is Sin?" on Monday, March 11th. 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](mailto: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!

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. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

*Blessings*



Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 April 27th



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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~ Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent through March 27th at 6:30p
- ~ Knights Fish Fry Friday March 15th at 5p



Knights of Columbus



When: March 15th  
Time: 5-7p

Menu: Fish, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese. Potatoes, and Coleslaw

Prices: \$15 per plate and \$40 for families of four or more. \$6 for just Clam Chowder. \$4 for just Mac & Cheese

Please reach out to Richard Majszak 406-980-1447 for any questions

### Saturday, March 23, 2024 Resurrection Cemetery on North Montana Ave

#### 40 Days for Life Spring Closing Rally

Please join us in front of the Cemetery to form a life chain from 11am—1pm. We will hold signs and worship with Isaac Carroll and by our presence be a testimony to the value of all life from conception to natural death. I will be there with my motorhome to provide warm beverages and signs—or feel free to make your own signs and bring them to share your own personal message.



# 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

The Chrism Mass is a special Mass when the Bishop consecrates all the new oils for use with the Sacraments for the entire Diocese for the upcoming year. All are welcome to attend. The Chrism Mass is on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at the Cathedral in Helena.

### Triduum Schedule:

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm  
Easter Sunday Mass – Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm



Save The Date  
for the Holy Cross

# Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th  
More details to come soon!



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

## DIocese OF HELENA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



MARCH 22-24, 2024  
CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

ENCOUNTER THE LORD | ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK |  
PROCLAIM HIS LOVE

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

DR. JOHN BERGSMA | CHIKA ANYANWU | CHRIS MUELLER |  
SR. FAUSTINA MARIA PIA, SV | SR. ANTONIANA MARIA, SV

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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 80% of our goal with only \$4,140 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

### Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

I would like to lead a pilgrimage for any parishioners who would like to go. I would like your input. If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, let me know which location you would prefer.

1. Rome and Italy
2. The Holy Land
3. Greece and Turkey to follow the route of St. Paul
4. Spain and the way of St. James
5. Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Wisconsin and the only approved Marian apparition in the US as well as the sites of the martyrs in the northeast.

