

HOLY CROSS PARISH BOOK STUDY
IMITATION OF CHRIST
 by Thomas a Kempis
WE'LL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS AT 9AM - 11AM

March 5	April 23
March 19	May 7
April 9	May 21

Open to men and women
Drop-ins are welcome
Meet downstairs in the quilting room..
For more info: Please contact Marge Kroeger 406-293-0514

Sweet as can Bee **Mother's Day Tea**
Saturday, May 9th
 3:30 pm @ Big Sky Fellowship
 7610 Roughsawn Dr. Helena 59602

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY to CELEBRATE MOM!

Get your tickets at prolifemontana.com
\$15/Person OR **\$75**/Table for 6

Photo Booth • Tea Games • Tea & Honey Samples • Pollinator Information
 Sweet and Savory Edibles served with unique blends of tea and honey
 Proceeds Benefit Prolife Montana 



Holy Cross Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 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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Billings Catholic Radio
 Presents
FULTON SHEEN
Declaration of Dependence

June 26-27, 2026
 Register by May 15 and save!



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. Each circle takes turns being responsible for facilitating the potluck.

May 24: **No Potluck** (Memorial Day Weekend)
 June 28: Hope (10th anniversary of Ordination celebration and going away party for Father Cody)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Helena is firmly committed to the health, protection, and safety of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. To report allegations of sexual abuse, contact the Diocese of Helena Victim's Advocate at (406)-459-0513 or VictimAssistant@diocesehelena.org.

To obtain information about the Diocese's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People through our Safe Environment policies and programs, visit: <https://diocesehelena.org/safe-environment>

Please pick up a new parish directory from the Narthex for your household!

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




In honor of America's 250th year, Billings Catholic Radio and the Fulton Sheen Institute invite you to a dynamic live event on the life and message of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Through engaging storytelling and rich insight, Dr. Peter Howard—one of the world's leading Sheen scholars—will show how Sheen's timeless witness can help us renew our "declaration of dependence" on Christ.

Pastoral Council

We are seeking a new member for the Pastoral Council. Please take some time to think about who from the parish you trust to represent the needs of the parish or would serve as a good advisor to the pastor. Nomination forms are available on the information table. A nomination doesn't mean that the person will be on the council. Nominations will be accepted until April 26th. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Cody.

HABEMUS PAPAM *Upon the Rock*



Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:
\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 50% of our parish goal, with \$10,925 to go!

Challenges with divorce

For the last section on marriage, I want to focus on some misconceptions about divorce and the Catholic Church to help alleviate or clarify some of the misconceptions.

A divorced Catholic cannot receive Communion

Not entirely true. A Catholic who is divorced can still receive Communion as long as that person has not remarried or done something to forsake their wedding vows. Divorce is a secular decree that doesn't affect the Catholic Church's rules. A divorce degree is a legal document declaring the separation of two married people. A divorced person could be divorced for economic, social, or relationship reasons while still remaining sacramentally married. In these situations, the person may feel that they are still married even though they are physically and legally separated. In this case, they are still married by Church standards even though they are civilly divorced. These people can still receive Communion. A person who is civilly divorced and remarried but has not received a declaration of invalidity from the Church, cannot receive Communion since they have entered into marriage a second time without annulling the first marriage.

The Catholic Church is against divorce

We need to be careful with general statements like this. Many people hear a statement like this and assume that the church looks down on people who have received divorces. Especially today, we realize the many challenges that married people face and the plethora of circumstances that can lead to divorce. The Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis was meant to change this tone and begin a movement towards support and avenues of healing for those who are divorced. Yes, the Church doesn't encourage divorce except in various circumstances. Why? Because we know of the social and relational challenges that come through divorce. But we also recognize that in these situations we need to work towards healing and reconciliation. We need to avoid language and attitudes that look down on or alienate those who are divorced. The Church is meant to be a place of healing not judgment.

Catholics have the lowest divorce rate

Although somewhat true. The average divorce rate in the US is around 40%. The divorce rate among Catholics is around 26%. The lower divorce rate for Catholics is largely due to the amount of time and attention we spend on preparing people for marriage. The annulments in the US accounts for almost 2/3 of all annulments granted by the Church worldwide. We have a lot of work ahead of us to promote marriage, support those who are engaged and married, and work to teach about the good of marriage.

Fr. Cody

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending April 19th

Envelopes	\$2,396.00
Loose	\$148.91
Online	\$461.64
Total Weekly Contribution	\$3,006.55
Total Weekly Goal	\$2,629.31
Monthly Summary	
Week 1	\$4,284.64
Week 2	\$2631.09
Week 3	\$3,006.55
Week 4	
Total Monthly Contribution	\$8,176.83
Total Year to Date	\$142,567.36
Yearly Goal	\$140,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass	Schedule
Monday April 27	Mass 9:00a seminarians Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday April 28	Mass 9:00a Homebound
Wednesday April 29	
Thursday April 30	
Friday May 1	
Saturday May 2	
Sunday May 3	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday of Easter
05-03-2025

Reading 1:	Acts 6:1-7
Psalm:	33:1-24-5.18-19
Reading 2:	1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel:	John 14:1-12



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Farmers everywhere provide bread for all humanity, but it is Christ alone who is the bread of life... Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist... Therefore, I say, Come, all of you, to Christ. He is the bread of life. Come to Christ and you will never be hungry again..."

- Pope John Paul II

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 Slifka, Repose of the soul of Mary Garman, Stover family, Daylene Hanson, Arnold Woodring, Dennis

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 3, 2026 4:30pm

Greet:	Bleile Family
Altar Servers:	Alex Weiss, Brendon Estrada, Taylor Bleile
Lector:	Julie Lethert
Gifts:	Estrada Family
EM:	Megan Bleile and Emmalin Fischer
Money Counters:	Tacy Swanton and Bernadette Swenson