

Stewardship

7-2-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

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| Envelopes | \$1,850.00 |
| Loose | \$10.00 |
| Pews | \$240.00 |
| Total | \$2,100.00 |

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-May

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| City of Townsend | \$173.41 |
| Flocknote | \$36.00 |
| Spectrum | \$144.97 |
| NorthWestern Energy | \$615.18 |
| Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena | \$3,415.06 |

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

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| Short Term | \$100.00 |
| Long Term | |
| Grave Sites | |
| Total | \$100.00 |

Cemetery Expenses-May

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| NorthWestern Energy | \$54.44 |
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Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"The Piety of the Christian people has always very rightly sensed a profound link between devotion to the Blessed Virgin and worship of the Eucharist: this is a fact that can be seen in the liturgy of both the West and East, in the traditions of religious families, in the modern movements of spirituality, including those of youth and in the pastoral practice of Marian Shrines. Mary guides the faithful to the Eucharist,"

- 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.

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:

Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark, Scott Scoffield, Bill Kearns, Chad Graveley, Graveley family



Did You Know!

The word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means "toward the whole." Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered by Christ to all 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.



Holy Cross Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

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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The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Gift of Fortitude

The gift of fortitude is the easiest of the virtues to understand and one of the most valuable in the spiritual life and for sanctity. Fortitude comes from the word "fort" which is a defensive structure protecting a city against invaders. With that image in mind, the gift of fortitude strengthens a person's resolve to fight evil, to strive for virtue and holiness, and to overcome laxity or lukewarmness. Often we think of fortitude with the sense of a fiery energy that endows the person with extra strength and allows them to rise to the challenge like those scenes common in sports movies. The gift of fortitude is not like that. The gift is far more subtle than the surge of energy we commonly see. Fortitude is linked with promptness, endurance, and perseverance. A person with this gift would joyfully accept their challenges with the goal of persevering in virtue and fighting against sin.

The gift of fortitude is directly linked with the virtue of fortitude and sanctity. The virtue of fortitude is a habit that we can build through virtuous living. If we choose to persevere through our challenges, desire to live well, and strive to fight against the sins in our lives, then we will grow in the virtue of fortitude. The gift of fortitude, however, is through supernatural inspiration. A person is infused with a special strength beyond their preparation and good habits giving that person the ability to overcome a special challenge, persevere through a trial, or stand firm against an aggressor. We normally see this type of infusion of grace with the martyrs. Hence, the connection of fortitude and sanctity. The ones who persevere to the end and strive to live good, holy lives show us this gift and its end goal, our salvation.

Fr. Cody

Come and fill me, O blessed Spirit of Fortitude. Protect my soul in times of trouble and adversity. Sustain my efforts in holiness, strengthen me in my weakness, and give me courage against all the assaults and temptations of my enemies that I may not be overcome and separated from you, my God and greatest good. Amen.

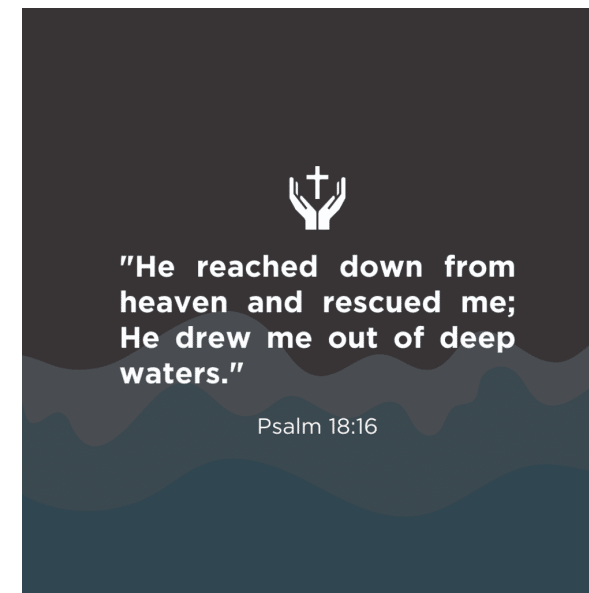
Scripture Readings



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7-16-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm: 65:10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13, 14
Reading 2: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



| MASS | Schedule |
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| Monday July 10 | Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a First Responders |
| Tuesday July 11 | Mass 9a KOC 7p |
| Wednesday July 12 | No Mass |
| Thursday July 13 | No Mass |
| Friday July 14 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| Saturday July 15 | No Mass |
| Sunday July 16 | Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family |



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

Saturday July 16, 2023

4:30pm

Greet:

Keith and Robin Kirscher

Lector:

Gay Ann Masolo

Gifts:

Fisette Family

EM:

Karen Simonich and Buffy Woodring

Money Counters:

Juanita Bray and Karen Susag



RETROUVAILLE
A Lifeline for Marriages

August 4-6, 2023

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.



2023

 **CSSM**

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Benefitting Catholic Social Services of Montana

Catholic Social Services of Montana

will host its 24th Annual charity golf tournament on July 14th, 2023, at Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course in Helena. All funds raised benefit CSSM's adoption and family support ministries across Montana. Teams of 4 can register before July 7th. The registration fee includes 9 or 18 holes of golf, lunch, player gifts, a small donation to CSSM, and a fun day at the course with opportunities to win great prizes! For more details, including online registration, visit <https://cssm-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.

Come have fun playing a round of golf and support a wonderful Catholic charity serving Montana!

Let's pray the Rosary

for the Holy Father, the Church, Priests, all Marriages, Families & children



July 9 - Joyful Mysteries

July 16 - Luminous Mysteries

July 23 - Sorrowful Mysteries

July 30 - Glorious Mysteries



Sundays
4:10pm



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cornhole Tournament.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RE Fun Day 5-7p July 18th
No Mass July 25th
No Mass or Adoration July 31st



Registration Information
Parishioner Registration Forms. We are about to transition to a new parish management program which will provide some new opportunities for the parish. Many of the phone numbers and addresses in our system are wrong. If you received copy of our file in the mail, please make any of the necessary corrections and return it to the office. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, this means that you are not registered. Please contact the office or talk to Fr. Cody about getting a parish registration form. Once they forms are compiled and entered, then we will print a new parish directory.



Thank you to Dillon Armstrong and Anthony Olmes for their service to our parish this summer. Please keep praying for them as they discern their vocation and continue in seminary.



We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website (holycrossmt.org).

We could use someone to help with the livestream. If you are in-



Thank you to all who helped organize, decorate lead, or help with Vacation Bible School. We had a lot of fun and it went really well.



Have A Seat!

Catholic Extension is giving us a \$30,000 grant to help get new pews. There is one catch. We must match the money \$2 for every \$1 they give us. Basically we need to raise \$60,000 by Dec. 31, 2023. This may seem like a daunting or difficult task. We have already raised \$20,546 of it through donations that came after the grant was submitted. We received a generous donation of \$30,000 before the grant was submitted. If we raise the requisite \$60,000, then we will reach our goal of \$125,000.

I ask you to be generous and help us get this incredible grant. If each household donates \$500 by Dec. 31 to the pews, then the project is set to be completed next summer. Know that I am pledging my \$500 to this project. Thank you for your generosity.



Congratulations to Fr. Kyle Tannehill who was ordained a priest on June 23rd. He is currently serving at Resurrection parish in Bozeman.