

Stewardship

4/22-23/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$3,017.00
Loose	\$99.00
Reimbursement	\$547.36
Restricted	\$40.00
Total	\$3,703.36

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-March

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$789.23
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$2,470.04
Geisser Services	\$720.00
Montana Energy Alliance	\$1,144.08

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-March

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"O King of glory, though you hide your beauty, yet the eye of my soul rends the veil I see the angelic choirs giving you honor without cease."

- St. Mary Faustina Kowalska

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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Dcn. Kyle Tannehill.

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 Schauber, Kadence Saxton, Laura Toeckes, David Kearns, Lisa Larson, Tom Arensmeyer, Jana Melling, Wally Johnston, Kay Clark

Did You Know!

The St. Michael the Archangel prayer was given to Pope Leo XIII in a vision. During this vision he saw the next 100 years as a particular time of trial and dominion by Satan.

Pope Leo XIII required this prayer as well as three Hail Marys and one Our Father to be said after each Mass in order to quell the horrors that would befall the 20th century. This prayer is one of the few exorcism prayers that the laity can use to help ward against demons, protect against temptation, and to aid in spiritual trials. The inclusion of these prayers ended with the reforms of the Mass in 1965

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p



April 30, 2023

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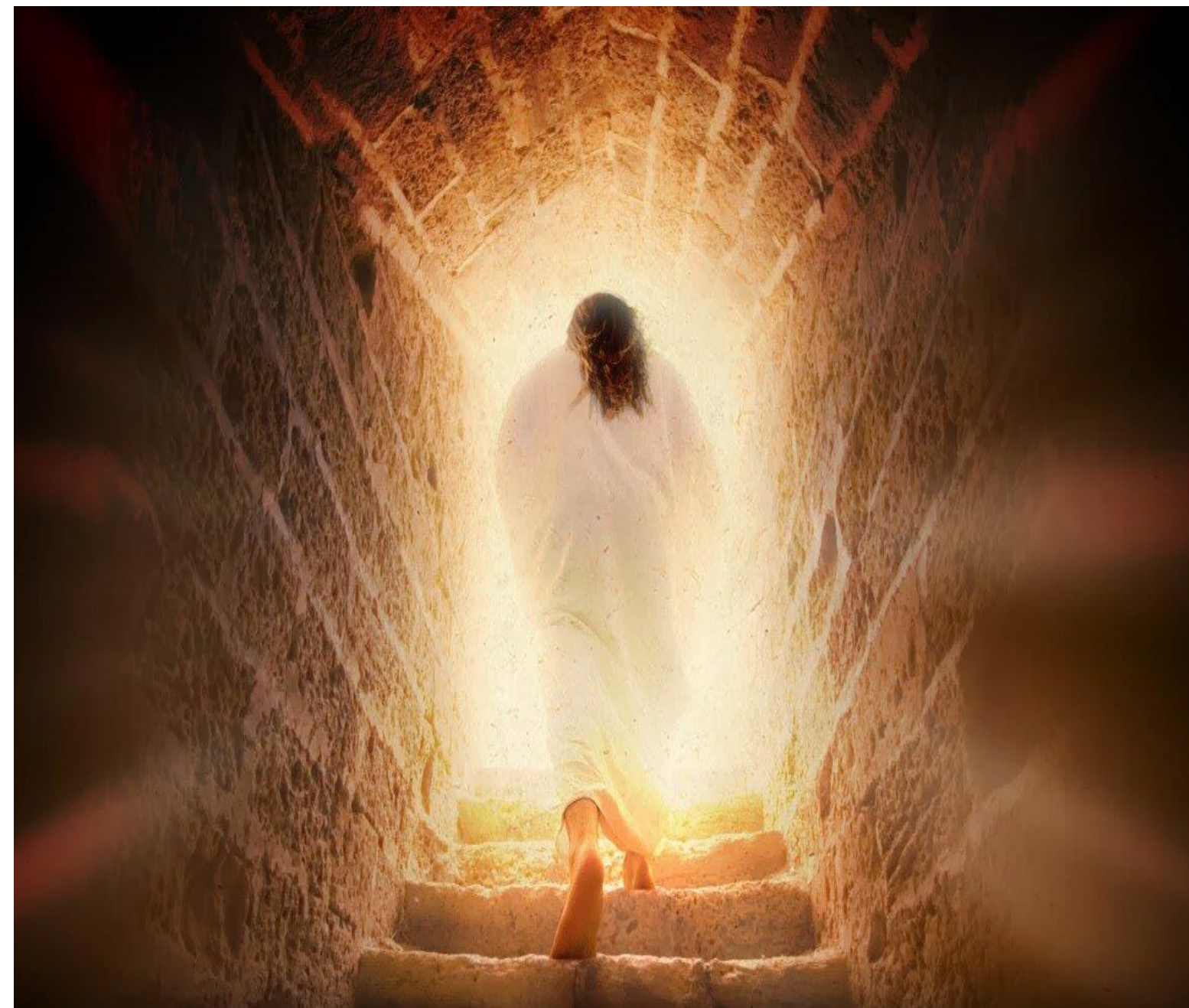
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The greatest challenge in finding a good environmental ethics is that the ethic is bounded by two necessities: the necessity to use the materials of the earth and the need to preserve the earth. In this part, I want to focus on expanding upon these two points before reaching a conclusion.

We cannot dismiss our dependance on the earth. We depend on the raw materials of the earth for everything that we do including breathing, eating, machinery, pleasure, and everything. Anyone who dismisses this point ultimately claims that we can live independent of the earth and its resources, which is a blatant disregard for reality. The other extreme is the belief that our goal is to exploit the earth and gain as many resources as possible. This ideology dismisses the fact that we must live here and cannot escape. Therefore we must come to a middle ground where we acknowledge our need and dependance on earthly resources and our dependence on living on this planet. Common solutions include recycling, reusing, and sustainability. Recycling focuses on taking products and breaking them down to their constituent parts so that they can be used for other goods. Reusing means to use the same product for the same or similar purpose again. Sustainability focuses on our ability to continue to reuse or remain using the raw materials. All of these are ways to find the middle ground between our needs and our limitations.

We cannot dismiss the second issue regarding environmental ethics: our need to preserve the earth. The idea of "persevering the earth" carries a wide range of topics, ideas, and solutions. On one extreme some people understand the necessity to preserve the earth as to keep all species, ecosystem, and biomes in their pre-humanized state, to remove the influence of humanity from the world. The opposite extreme focuses on persevering our ability to live and use the resources of the planet. Both have their important points. The ecosystems of the planet are necessary for our survival. No advance of technology is going to surpass the ability for plants to create oxygen and remove carbon dioxide. No amount of work on our part is going to clean up the environment like the animals, plants, and fungi can. Basically, we economically benefit from the environment as it is and we are dependent on the environment for our survival. Preserving the earth is necessary for our survival and the good of humanity.

Our ultimate challenge is to find a way to bring all these ideas together into a feasible route forward. The next part will start to explore the ethicality of environmentalism.

Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday of Easter
5-7-2023

Reading 1: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
Reading 2: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12



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

MASS	Schedule
Monday May 1	No Mass
Tuesday May 2	No Mass
Wednesday May 3	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Youth Family Night 6p
Thursday May 4	Mass 9a Homebound
Friday May 5	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday May 6	Adoration 12-4p Confession 4-4:45p Rosary 4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday May 7	Confession 7:30-7:45a Rosary 7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday May 6, 2023

5:00pm

Greet: Fisetbe Family
Lector: Karen Simonich
Gifts: Harold and Laura Gibbs
EM: Debbie Miller and Missy Cox

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 7, 2023

8:00am

Greet: Eichinger Family
Lector: Megan Bleile
Gifts: Larry and Buffy Woodring
EM: Jesus Garcia and Ryan Racht
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

The Last day of RE is Wednesday, May 17th. Stay tuned for summer activities.



SAVE THE DATE for Eucharistic Revival 2023, Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement." Join us May 5 & 6, 2023 at Billings Central Catholic H.S. with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery – The Most Holy Eucharist. We'll explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Ticket prices start at \$15. Visit diocesegfb.org/revival to learn more or register. Seating is limited!



The Month of Mary

In celebration of the month of Mary we will be praying the rosary every week-end during May starting 15 minutes prior to mass.

Saturdays starting at 4:45p

Sundays starting at 7:45a



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 \$15,000 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.



Announcements



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK



Holy Cross is responsible for staffing the Food Bank in June. Doris Mingay, who lead our efforts to find people to help serve, has stepped down as our coordinator. We thank her for her work in helping the Food Bank and coordinating with our parish. We are still looking for someone who would like to be our liaison with the Food Bank and help to coordinate our efforts to support those in need. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cody.

Mass schedule change proposal:

Recently, I announced my proposal to change the Mass schedule in Townsend to celebrating only one Mass on a weekend. The one Mass would be on Sunday at 4:30 pm.

The reasons why I am proposing this change are as follows:

1. Our Mass attendance is so low that we can all fit into one Mass with space to spare.
2. This would give us the chance to celebrate together as a community and have events after Mass together including the Knights meals and Family Night.
3. I am struggling to get ministers to cover both Masses.
4. Its late enough that you would drive home in the light most of the year and could do fun activities likes sports and vacationing and still be back in time for Mass.
5. I need Saturdays for a lot of other events and opportunities in our community and Diocese.

If you can think of a better schedule that includes Mass times and driving for White Sulphur, Harlowton, and Townsend, please let me know.



- ♦ Wed. May 3rd
- ♦ Dinner at 6 pm
- ♦ Activities at 6:30 pm
- ♦ See the empty tomb
- ♦ Feel the power of the Spirit



Come explore the Resurrection and coming of the Holy Spirit!!!



Mark your calendars for vacation bible school. Kids age preschool - 5th grade are invited to attend Holy Cross's Stellar VBS program on June 12th, 13th & 14th. Time schedule and more details to come. As always there are a variety of things that need to be done in planning and executing a successful program. If you are willing to help with VBS in any way please contact Shawna Wickens at the parish office, via email at re@holycrossmt.org or calling or texting 406-594-3714.



FOUNDATION
to the Diocese of Helena

Did Taxes Hurt This Year?

*If your taxes were
painful this year, the
Foundation for the Diocese
may be able to help.*



We offer annuities that can help you give a gift to your favorite parish or ministry AND receive a 40% TAX CREDIT on your Montana taxes.

You can donate stock or cash and the Foundation can provide you an illustration to show how it may help your tax situation.

If you would like to learn more, contact Daniel Thies, at the Foundation, (406)389-7051 dthies@dohmt.org.



Karen Simonich is starting a Divine Mercy group to help us explore and grow our devotion to God's immense mercy for us. The next group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at 7 pm. Come watch and discuss the movie Divine Mercy and how you can increase your sense of God's mercy in your life.



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).



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!