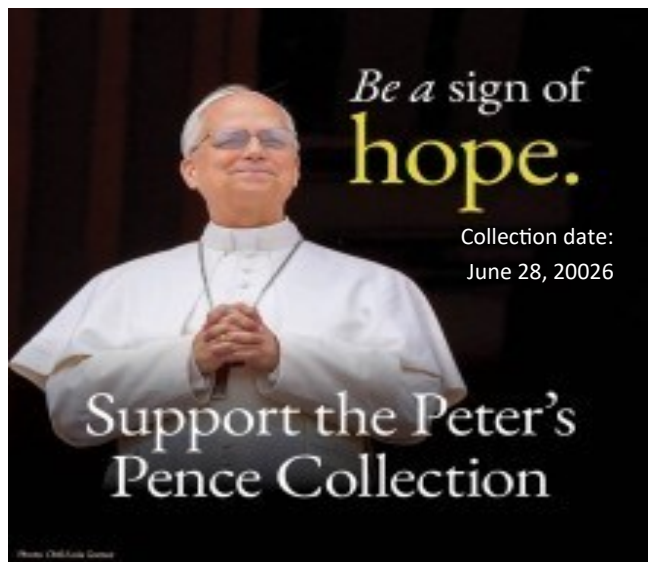




FAITH IN THE FIELD
A Community BBQ & Picnic
 Come share a meal and a vision for serving the valley

AUGUST 23
12:15 PM
7330 N MONTANA
 (not at the church)

Food
 Fellowship
 Family Activities
 Prayer for Our Community

Hosted by Our Lady of the Valley

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We will start an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults series soon. This process is for anyone who is not baptized but can also include those who are baptized and need the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are interested in joining the church but would like more information are welcome to attend. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, contact Fr. Cody.

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THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Nate Brown and Big B Ready Mix for their donation of gravel for underneath the lawn shed and the donation of concrete for the pad outside the back door of the church.

HABEMUS PAPAM
Upon the Rock

Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Cross Parish Goal:
\$21,900.00

We have currently reached 51% of our parish goal, with \$10,675 to go!

Father Cody's final mass at Holy Cross will be on July 5th. Father Joe Paddock's first mass at Holy Cross will be on July 12th.

Let us pray for both of them on their new assignments!

Don't let your mental health slow you down!

You are not alone. We're here for you.

Your mental health affects your spirituality, vocations, relationships, and all parts of your life. Take care of it!

- ✓ Our therapists are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of your therapy, although it is not required.
- ✓ You can meet with a therapist in-person or online.
- ✓ Therapists specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, and marriage/family.
- ✓ Therapy is completely confidential. We'll walk with you on your journey to achieve your goals.
- ✓ Your consultation is free. Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, some EAP, and private pay (discounts are available) are accepted for additional sessions.

To get started:
 Call us at (406)442-4130 or
 Message us at cssmt.org.

All bulletin information and mass announcement 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

Holy Cross Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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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God is calling you to serve him in and from the ordinary...There is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it.

St. Josemaría Escrivá

Last Rites

I finally get to the most confusing part of the Anointing of the Sick and the part that causes the most challenges. Last Rites is not the Anointing of the Sick. Unlike the Anointing of the Sick which can be conferred on anyone who has a serious malady or ailment, Last Rites is only for those who are dying. Given the complexities of our modern society, I rarely celebrate Last Rites. In my 10 years as a priest, I have celebrated it 3 times. You may think this is strange, so hear me out. Last Rites is a combination of 3 Sacraments: The Anointing of the Sick, The Sacrament of Penance, and the Eucharist. By the time most people are in a state to receive Last Rites either they are comatose and cannot speak or they cannot eat meaning that I cannot celebrate Last Rites.

What is Last Rites? Last Rites is a combination of Sacraments and rites that prepares a person for death. The rites start with Confession. Think about what this moment means. The person has one last chance to confess any sins they have committed, one last chance to clear their conscience, one last chance to eliminate those sins from their lives before meeting God. This act alone would bring more healing than the rest of the rite. Therefore the Church prepares this person for the afterlife by encouraging one last chance to go to Confession and be freed from all sins. The next part of the rite is the Anointing of the Sick. Much like the Sacrament outside of Last Rites, we pray over the person, the priest lays his hands on the person, and the person is anointing with the Oil of the Sick for their healing. You may ask, “why anoint someone who is dying? They aren’t going to get better.” The answer is simple: the act of anointing someone gives them hope against doubt, faith against despair, and healing of mind, body, and soul to help them prepare and be ready for eternal life. We don’t anoint a person for the sole purpose of bringing health in this life but to connect them to the Passion of Jesus for eternal healing. Finally the rite ends with receiving Communion called Viaticum. Viaticum comes from the Latin words meaning “food for the journey.” We are giving the person the Eucharist for the final time to sustain and support them as they journey to God where they will eat at the table in his Kingdom. Notice that all these parts, Sacraments, give a final sending, a parting gift, to the person who is dying.

Can someone receive Last Rites twice? Technically yes, but it’s complicated. Once a person has received Last Rites, they are ready for their journey to God and need no other Sacraments. In the event that the person recovers, lives their live again, and then becomes in danger of death again, then the person can receive Last Rites a second time. This is very rare.

I want to make one last clarifying point: The Anointing of the Sick, for the living who are burdened by the challenges due to sickness or old age, can be received many times. Last Rites is for those who are actively dying to prepare them for eternal life and is normally only received once.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

07-05-2025

Reading 1: Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm: 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Reading 2: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Holy Cross Parish Contributions

Week ending June 21st

Envelopes \$1,440.00
Loose \$600.00

Online \$797.98

Total Weekly Contribution \$2,837.98

Total Weekly Goal \$2,629.31

Monthly Summary

Week 1 \$3,658.34

Week 2 \$1,752.34

Week 3 \$2,837.98

Week 4

Total Monthly Contribution \$8,248.66

Total Year to Date \$163,609.15

Yearly Goal \$140,000.00

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY
SUNDAYS @ 4PM

JUNE 7 - JOYFUL MYSTERIES

JUNE 14 - LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

JUNE 21 - SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

JUNE 28 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



No Mass or Adoration on Tuesday
June 30th, Monday July 6th or
Tuesday July 7th



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"The faith I have when I am in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is so strong that I find it impossible to express what I feel....When the time comes to leave I must force myself to overcome the inclination to prolong my stay with Jesus."

- St. Anthony Mary Claret

Schedule

Mass

Monday

June 29

Mass 9:00a

Ola Kelly rb Gibbs Family

Adoration 9:30a

Funeral Luncheon for Diane Gravely 1:30pm

Tuesday

June 30

No Mass

Wednesday

July 1

Thursday

July 2

Friday

July 3

Saturday

July 4

No Adoration or Confession

Sunday

July 5

Confession 3:30p

Mass 4:30p

Parish Family

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.

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, Franklin Slifka, Repose of the soul of Arnold Woodring, Repose of the soul of Judy Slifka, Nora Bazuin, Repose of the soul of Margaret Erickson

Ministry Schedule

Sunday July 5, 2026

4:30pm

Greet:

Fox and Monica Benton

Altar Servers:

Alex Weiss, Malikai Fisetbe and Mathyas Fisetbe

Lector:

Mary Duede

Gifts:

Estrada Family

EM:

Niki Weiss and Joy Haggard

Money Counters:

Karee Reiman and Kristi Gersch