

Stewardship

10-22-2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,293.00
Loose	\$167.50
Restricted	\$315.00
Total	\$1,775.50

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-September

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$144.97
NorthWestern Energy	\$281.76
Geisser Services	\$975.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-September

NorthWestern Energy	\$76.65
Geisser Services	\$725.00

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"When we worship you in the form of bread... we always see you as an adult. But every year at Christmas, you reveal yourself to us as a child born in a crib. We stand in silent amazement...In silent adoration we stand before the mystery, like Mary when the shepherd came and told her what they had seen and heard: 'She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.'

- Chiara Lubich

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, Tom Arensmeyer, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones

Did You Know!

The name Jesus is Yeshua in Hebrew. "Ya" is a derivative of Yahweh and "shua" means saves. The name Jesus means "God saves." The name Jesus was very common in the Jewish world of the 2nd century BC through the 2nd century AD. The people of Israel desperately wanted a savior who would remove Roman rule and bring the Judaism back, hence, they named their kids Yeshua. On another note, the name Mary was also a very common name. The name Mary means either, drop or star of the sea, bitterness, or beloved.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 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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Modern society gives revelation a bad feel. Given the ways in which it has been used, I sometimes agree. Often divine revelation is used to justify many different types of actions with sometimes devastating consequences. A self-proclaimed prophetess in 2008 convinced many people that she was told by God to begin a project to end all sexual sins starting along the I-8 corridor in Minnesota. A group formed quickly and began to protest and vandalize sex operation like porn shops and prostitute houses. The project lasts around 2 months before all its energy fades and nothing ever became of it. Situations like this one show the challenges with revelation and, more specifically, personal revelations.

Even with the great challenges of people receiving their own revelations and using them for political or cultural gain, divine revelation is a central tenant of Christianity and an incredibly valuable one. Through personal revelation we come to know God, understand his will for our lives, and allow God to be revealed to us and come to know ourselves through him. The church, however, has formed a system for understanding and evaluating the validity of revelation called discernment.

The first principles of discernment focus on the nature of God. Since God is eternal, his will does not change, and he must be true, any revelation must follow from what God has already revealed. God is not going to ask someone to go and believe in another God or start a new religion. He is not going to ask some to murder another person or unjustly treat people. These actions would violate God's laws and make him a fraud. Therefore anything that is received through revelation must match with our understanding of God and his laws.

The second principle for discerning God's revelation is truth. The prophets of the Old Testament are great examples of this concept. If God reveals something to a prophet and the prophesy doesn't come true, the prophet is a false prophet. If someone claims that the end of the world is coming and nothing happens, the person has spoken falsely and their words are not true. In a similar way, we don't have to accept everything that people say that God revealed to them. We have the benefit of time. We can wait until the fulfillment of their words before believing that these ideas were revealed by God. The Church uses this principle to evaluate miracles and apparitions. What did the person who appeared at the apparition say? Is it consistent with the Christian tradition? What happened to the people who heard the message? What were the affects following the apparition? All these questions are necessary so that we can be certain that it was God's will.

Although revelation seems complicated, we should have a sense of confidence that God wants us to know his will and to be able to do it. He remains consistent and has given us this system so that we can figure out his will, listen to him, and have confidence in hearing his voice.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

11-05-2023

Reading 1: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10
 Psalm: 131:1,2,3
 Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13
 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



MASS	Schedule
Monday October 30	Mass 9a Repose of the soul of Tom Arensmeyer Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday October 31	Mass 9a All Saint's Day Mass 6:30p
Wednesday November 1	No Mass
Thursday November 2	All Soul's Day Mass 9a
Friday November 3	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 4	No Mass
Sunday November 5	Confession 3:30-4:15p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:30-7:15p Family Night

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	
Sunday November 5 2023	4:30pm
Greet:	Gene and Bev Determan
Lector:	Mary Ellen Schnur
Gifts:	Fisette Family
EM:	Tom Aced and John Bleile
Money Counters:	Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

Mark Your Calendars!

Schedule of Sunday Events:

- 1st Sunday: Family Night – Parish provides food free to all who come
- 2nd Sunday: Knights Dinner – each month the Knights raise money through their dinners to support various causes
- 3rd Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come
- 4th Sunday: Parish Potluck after Mass – all are welcome to come
- (5th Sunday: RE and those adults who want to come)

Reminder: Family Nights are for everyone! Please invite your friends, family members, random people you meet. These events are designed for anyone and everyone to be able to participate and grow in their faith. This year the focus is coming to know our humanity. Each week of the Fall will focus on the goodness of our humanity and how to live that in our daily lives.

Medjugorje is coming to Resurrection Parish!



Fr. Leon Pereira O.P., chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, will be speaking here at Resurrection Parish on

November 15th and 16th, 2023.

Help Wanted:

- Building a cabinet for the sacristy
- Pounding down the nails on the parking blocks in the parking lot
- Installing a white board
- Installing base molding
- Alter cloth laundering
- Alter server cassocks, surplices and albs washed

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Fr. Cody

All Souls Day Mass
Nov. 2nd at 9a

CATHOLIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE: ALL ARE WELCOME!

This is your opportunity to experience a 3-day weekend of Christian Community, prayer, discussion, reflection, laughter and so much more!

Men's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius, East Helena: January 11-14th 2024

Contact: Helenacursillorector@gmail.com

Women's Weekend held at St Cyril and Methodius: February 15-18th, 2024

Contact: helenacatholicjourney.wome@gmail.com



Knights of
Columbus

Pies by Guys

November 12th after mass

Buy a slice or the whole pie



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 raised a total of \$54,247. We have raised \$25,242 towards the Catholic Extension matching grant. We have four more months to raise an additional \$35,000. 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.



Holy Hour at a new time and more time for Confessions

With all my schedule changes and other responsibilities, I moved the Holy Hour to the 4th Saturday of each month from 9 am – 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to come to the church, pray, and spend some time with our Lord. Also, I will be hearing confessions during these hours.

Next Holy Hour November 25th

Have A Seat!

Created Good

Townsend Community Family Night

FREE DINNER

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S Walnut St.

Topics:

Oct. 1st: ~~What does it mean to be human?~~

Nov. 5th: Who am I?

Dec. 3rd: What is the purpose of life?

Catholic Radio Station Announcement:

KNEH 97.3FM in Helena has been an affiliate of Relevant Radio for over 15 years. Relevant Radio, "Talk Radio for Catholic Life", has over 200 radio stations across the US. While there are some communities in Montana that operate Catholic radio stations, the number is still very small. We recently added a LISTEN LIVE button on our website at kneh.org. Besides streaming Relevant Radio programming, KNEH also broadcasts Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and other information of interest to parishes throughout the Diocese. We wanted to offer a way for all the parishes in western Montana to stay informed and connected to their Diocese and enjoy the benefits of quality Catholic radio programming. I have attached a program grid for Relevant Radio in Montana time zone and an announcement that I hope you will add to your parish bulletin. If you have any questions, please call me. I appreciate the opportunity to let people know about Relevant Radio. It has made a huge difference in our Helena community. Many people have returned to Sunday Mass and others have become Catholic after listening to Relevant Radio. I have heard many testimonies about these things.

"Introducing Relevant Radio, Talk Radio for Catholic Life!

Whatever you may be looking for, be it faith education, today's headlines through a Catholic lens, or a community to pray with, you can find it all on Relevant Radio. It's an entertaining and spiritual way to grow every day. The Relevant Radio network broadcasts coast-to-coast on over 200 stations in the US, including Helena, KNEH, 97.3FM and Bozeman, KOFK, 88.1FM. Programming can also be heard via streaming audio at relevantradio.com and on their free Relevant Radio app. For those of you in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, we suggest streaming audio from Helena's www.kneh.org LISTEN LIVE button. Along with all Relevant Radio's programming, you'll also hear Bishop Vetter's weekly messages and local information of interest to Montana Catholics in our Diocese. We're here to keep you informed and connected to our beautiful Catholic faith here in Montana. We hope you enjoy the national programs on Relevant Radio along with the local Montana connection at kneh.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!

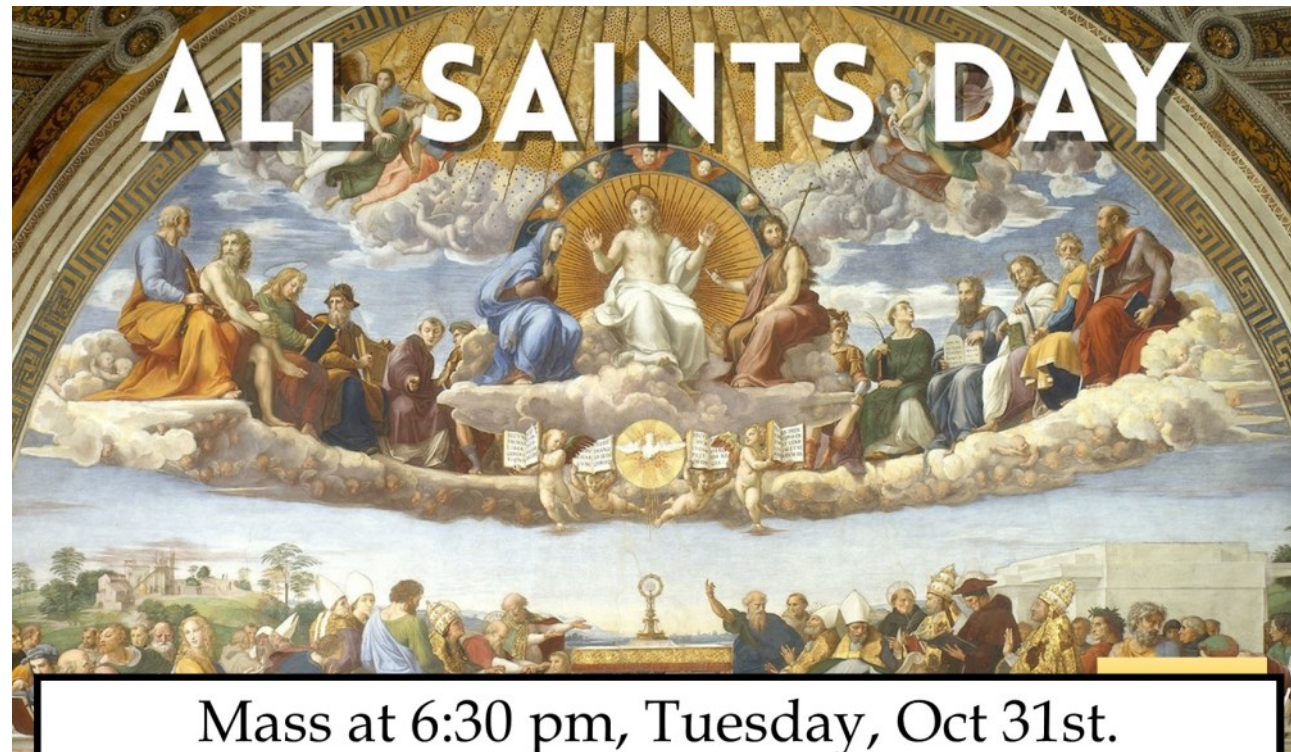
Mondays 7-8:30

Starting Monday September 11th

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!

The next topic is "Bible Part 1: Origin and History of the Bible" on Monday, October 30th. 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.




Mass at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct 31st.
Party After Mass.
Saints costume contest, Trivia, Bingo and more.


Let's pray the Rosary

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

Sundays 4:10pm



Nov. 5 - Luminous Mysteries
Nov. 12- Sorrowful Mysteries
Nov 19 -Glorious Mysteries
Nov 26 - Joyful Mysteries



We're looking for volunteers to lead the rosary to from the ambo in you on a rotating basis.. if interested, please text Karen at 8582297281