

Stewardship

2-25-2024

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,378.00
Loose	\$73.70
Total	\$1,451.70

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$647.92
Montana Energy Alliance	\$2,594.15
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Special K Plumbing and Heating	\$400.00
One License	\$425.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites	
Short Term	\$100.00
Long Term	
Open & Close Gravesite	
Memorial	
Total	\$100.00

Cemetery Expenses-February

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels,' "

- St. John Vianney

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:

Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder



POP QUIZ:

1. Why do we use the color purple during Advent and Lent?
2. Could the liturgical color be purple for any other days of the year?
3. What days of the Season of Lent do we sing the Gloria?

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.



The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Holy Cross Parish

March 3, 2024

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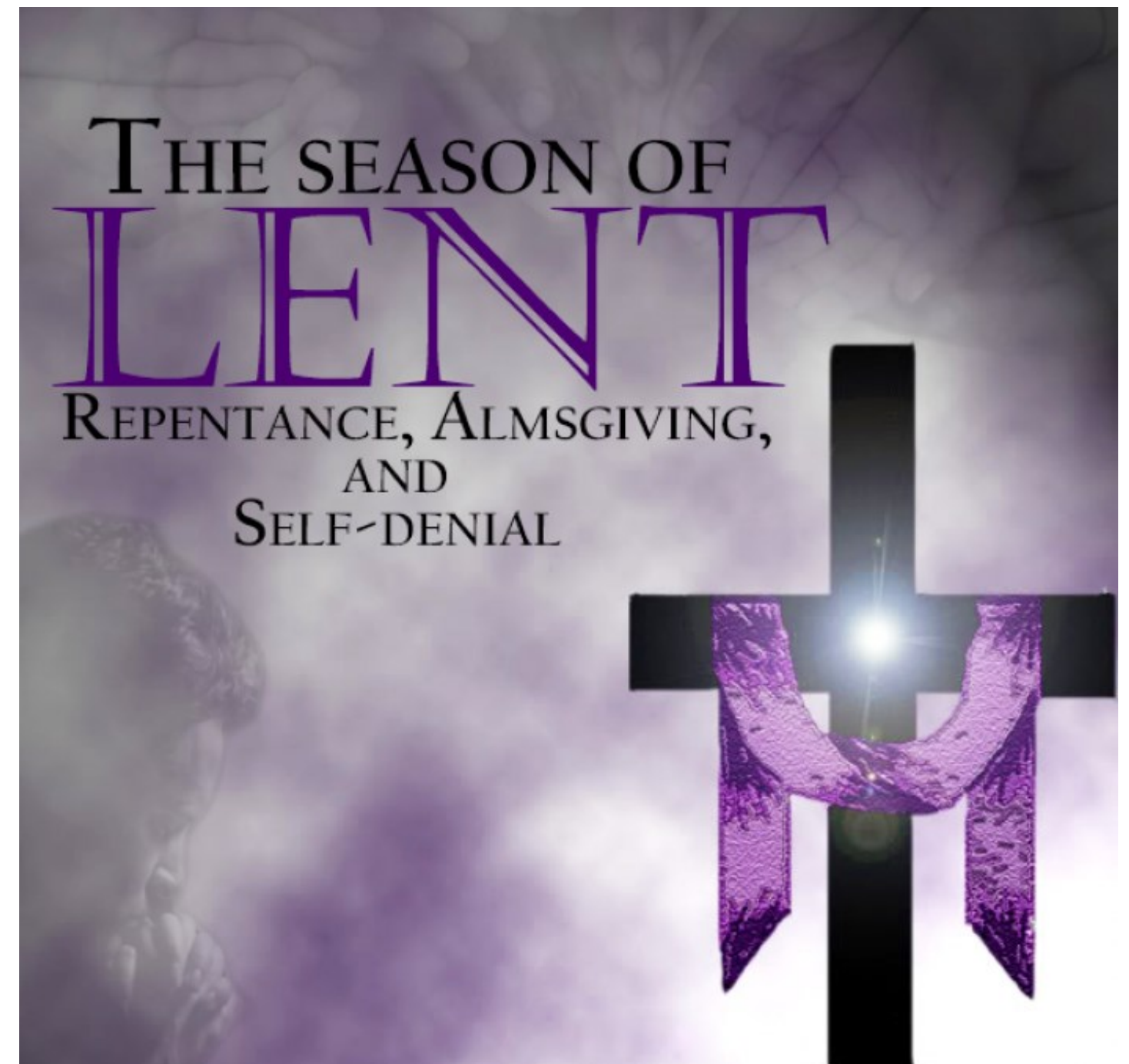
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The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent has two major objectives or poles to it. The first objective is to prepare those about to enter the church, and everyone, by explaining and making clear the basic elements of the Christian life. When a person is preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, the Church recommends that we use the Cycle A readings from Matthew on Sundays. These Gospel passages, although long, express the basic elements of Christianity. On the first Sunday of Lent we read the Temptation of Jesus in the desert with the theme of temptation and the journey of Lent. On the second Sunday of Lent we read the Transfiguration of Jesus with the principle theme of the nature of Jesus as God and man. On the third Sunday of Lent we read the Woman at the Well. Although many people assume this passage is about "living water," the point of this passage is to make clear that Jesus is the Messiah who came for all. On the fourth Sunday of Lent we read the healing of the Man born Blind. This passage reminds us that Jesus can heal and perform miracles. I think we often forget this reality. On the fifth Sunday of Lent we read the Raising of Lazarus from the Death to remind ourselves that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. We must keep our sights on Jesus and reminds ourselves of the reality of Heaven and Eternal Life. The final Sunday of Lent is Passion or Palm Sunday when we read the entire Passion of Jesus. Cycles B and C have similar themes as Cycle A but not as explicit as Cycle A.

The second objective of the Season of Lent is to remind us of the three themes of Lent: Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. Throughout the cycle of daily readings, the ones read during daily masses, the readings focus on one of these three themes. Each of these themes are important for our daily lives. Often our lives become so busy that we forget about prayer and the necessity of speaking to God and hearing his voice. Our faith weakens the less we pray and encounter the true and living God. In a society full of food, resources, and entertainment, we can become so overwhelmed by options and daily life that we focus on the simple pleasures of life or relaxation. Fasting reminds us to focus on the things that really matter; to reorient ourselves to those things that really bring life and to simplify our lives. With so much need in the world and the constant fear of running out of money, almsgiving reminds us of a key element of the spiritual life: charity. We need to think about others and their needs. We need to give of ourselves so that we can truly be free of greed and selfish fears.

Lent is a time of simplicity and focus. We focus on the most important elements of our faith in the readings and the key themes of Lent throughout the season. Let this season be a time of encounter with God and a reprioritization.

Fr. Cody

Scripture Readings



Fourth Sunday of Lent

3-10-2024

Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
 Psalm: 137:1-2,3,4-5,6
 Reading 2: Ephesians 2:4-10
 Gospel: John 3:14-21



MASS	Schedule
Monday March 4	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 101 7p
Tuesday March 5	Mass 9a Lenten Penance Service 6:30p
Wednesday March 6	No Mass Stations of the Cross 6:30p
Thursday March 7	No Mass
Friday March 8	No Mass
Saturday March 9	No Mass
Sunday March 10	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family RE 5:45-7p Knights Dinner after mass

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 March 10, 2024	4:30pm
Greet:	Monte and Cathy Armstrong
Lector:	Mary Ellen Schnur
Gifts:	John and Missy Rauser
EM:	Karen Simonich and Nikki Weiss
Money Counters:	Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "Conversion, Salvation, and Resurrection on Monday, March 4th. 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

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

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!

Out of a desire to use our faith and our parish to help the world, I would like to start a program to support needs throughout the world. These acts of support will come from the parish resources and will not be a second collection or another appeal. If you have causes or people throughout the world that you would like to support, send an email to frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org.



On the third Sunday of each month a blessing table will be set up in the entrance of the church. You are welcome to bring any objects of devotion that you would like blessed and Fr. Cody will bless them after Mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month.

Blessings

Every 4th Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you wish. Resources will be available to help you pray and make the most of the time you have. I encourage everyone to come and use this opportunity.

Next Holy Hour April 27th



FAMILY CAMP
JUNE 30-JULY 2

Registration opens
March 1, 2024



LEGENDARY ADVENTURE CAMP

Session #1
JULY 14-19

Session #2
JULY 21-26

Registration details coming soon

legendarylodge.org | Find Us on Facebook

Thank you to the Knights for hosting the Super Bowl party

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~ Stations of the Cross each Wednesday of Lent through March 27th at 6:30p
- ~ Lenten Penance Service March 5th at 6:30p
- ~ Knights Fish Fry Friday March 15th at 5p



Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.



Knights of Columbus



When: March 15th

Time: 5-7p

Menu: Fish, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese. Potatoes, and Coleslaw

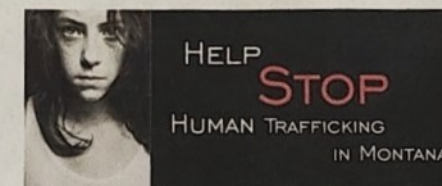
Prices: \$15 per plate and \$40 for families of four or more. \$6 for just Clam Chowder. \$4 for just Mac & Cheese

Please reach out to Richard Majszak 406-980-1447 for any questions

Saturday, March 23, 2024 Resurrection Cemetery on North Montana Ave

40 Days for Life Spring Closing Rally

Please join us in front of the Cemetery to form a life chain from 11am—1pm. We will hold signs and worship with Isaac Carroll and by our presence be a testimony to the value of all life from conception to natural death. I will be there with my motorhome to provide warm beverages and signs—or feel free to make your own signs and bring them to share your own personal message.



CREATED GOOD

Townsend Community Family Night



DINNER PROVIDED

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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

When: 1st Sunday of every month
5:45-7:00 pm
Where: Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S. Walnut St.

~~Jan. 7th: Christmas Party~~
~~Feb. 4th: What do I do with my life?~~
March 3rd: What does it mean to be forgiven?
April 7th: Easter Party
May 5th: How do I make strong relationships?

FREE EVENT

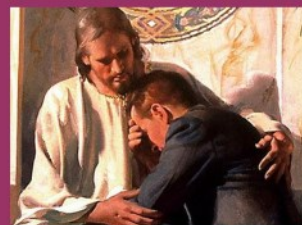
The Chrism Mass is a special Mass when the Bishop consecrates all the new oils for use with the Sacraments for the entire Diocese for the upcoming year. All are welcome to attend. The Chrism Mass is on Tuesday, March 19th at 12:00 pm at the Cathedral in Helena.

Triduum Schedule:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 29th at 3:00 pm
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Friday, March 29th at 6:30 pm
- Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Mass – Sunday, March 31st at 4:30 pm

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 5th
6:30 pm



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1st Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.

Following God's Pedagogy



An Introduction to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP
author & catechetical consultant



March 4th	Holy Rosary Parish Bozeman	7:00 - 8:30pm
March 5th	Cathedral of St. Helena	6:00 - 7:30pm
March 6th	St. Anthony Parish Life Center Missoula	6:15 - 7:00m

 **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**
FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

The Annual Catholic Appeal is in full swing. Our goal is to raise \$21,100 for the purpose of the Diocese, the parishes of the Diocese, and the mission of the Diocese. Please consider and make a donation to the ACA. We are currently at 78% of our goal with only \$5,100 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

DIOCESE OF HELENA EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



MARCH 22-24, 2024
CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

ENCOUNTER THE LORD | ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK |
PROCLAIM HIS LOVE

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

DR. JOHN BERGSMA | CHIKA ANYANWU | CHRIS MUELLER |
SR. FAUSTINA MARIA PIA, SV | SR. ANTONIANA MARIA, SV

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT: diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress

Save The Date
for the Holy Cross

Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th
More details to come soon!