



# Holy Cross Parish

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

**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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**Ordinary Time**  
**is not so**  
**Ordinary**

### The Seven Deadly Sins

In the last part I covered four of the seven deadly sins with the purpose of allowing you to reflect on the nature of sin and find ways to encourage greater freedom in your life. This part covers the last three sins.

**Anger or Wrath:** Technically these two words are very different. Yet the most common word for this deadly sin is anger. Anger has two major expressions. The good form of anger is called righteous anger. Some prominent examples of righteous anger include Jesus driving out the money changers in the Temple and the anger of Phineas as he slew the liars who were deceiving the Israelites and causing them to turn away from God. All forms of righteous anger have the same source: an injustice was done and now we want to bring justice to the situation. We should feel righteous anger when an injustice is done otherwise we are emotionally detached from the sins and errors of the world. Anyone who wants a world of justice and peace will feel anger towards injustice. Now we have our challenge. Often people think they are experiencing righteous anger when in reality they are experiencing an expression of their own sense of justice. I feel wronged, therefore my anger is justified. This is not always true. Righteous anger is always about a universal truth or an act of true injustice. The second side of anger is better characterized by wrath. Wrath is the desire for vengeance or to vent our anger to the level of causing harm. This harm can be emotional, social, or physical. For instance, a person who harbors a grudge or desires vengeance is acting out of wrath not righteous anger. This vengeful anger is sinful and breaks relationships as well as perverts God's justice. We should always be seeking justice and working towards understanding true justice and right so that all people can live in true peace. The virtue associated with anger is temperance: the ordering of our passions so that they are used for the good.

**Sloth:** The most common image of sloth is a person lazily sitting on a couch doing nothing. Sloth is more than laziness. Sloth is the feeling that work is not valuable, I deserve to relax, and the overconsumption of recreational activities to the detriment of good work. Everyone needs a sense of purpose and to feel productive. We are at our best when we have a balance between good, healthy work and good, healthy recreation. Sloth destroys this balance by supposing that work is not valuable nor is rest a good to be used in moderation with good work. Instead, the person spends their time avoiding work, choosing against the good things they could do, and ruining their sense of well-being in the process. The virtue associated with sloth is moderation: recognizing the value of each thing and its proper ordering in one's life.

**Pride:** The chief sin is pride. Pride is a turning inwards to oneself. Pride is the overestimation or the underestimation of oneself. Yes, pride can either be thinking too much of oneself or thinking too little of oneself. Either way, the main idea of pride is that I use my own desires, beliefs, and feelings as the basis for my decisions. Every one of the sins covered in the last two sections is derived from pride and each one showcases the sin of pride. For example: gluttony – I deserve to be full; greed – I deserve more; vanity – I want to look the way I want to. The chief virtue associated with pride is humility: a proper sense of oneself in relation to God.

Fr. Cody



*Blessed be the Lord!*

With grateful hearts,  
we share the  
campaign results for

### Holy Cross Parish

Goal: \$198,688

Total Amount Pledged: \$163,650

Household Participation: 21%

**The parish portion of these funds will be used**  
**40% for evangelization efforts,**  
**40% for capital needs,**  
**20% to build our endowment.**

All Glory to God for the faithful,  
loving, prayerful people of our Diocese.

The Lord is calling us to  
do great things!

Learn more about the campaign at [fdoh.org](http://fdoh.org)



## EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

IN A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

MARCH 21-23, 2025

CARROLL COLLEGE, HELENA

### FEATURING

Charles Camosey | Hannah Hemphill | Jimmy Mitchell |  
Sr. Anne Catherine Burleigh, OP | Sr. Marianna Thayer, OP

AN ALL-AGES EVENT  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
CYC CONVENTION

REGISTER NOW:  
[DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/  
EUCHARISTICCONGRESS](http://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS)



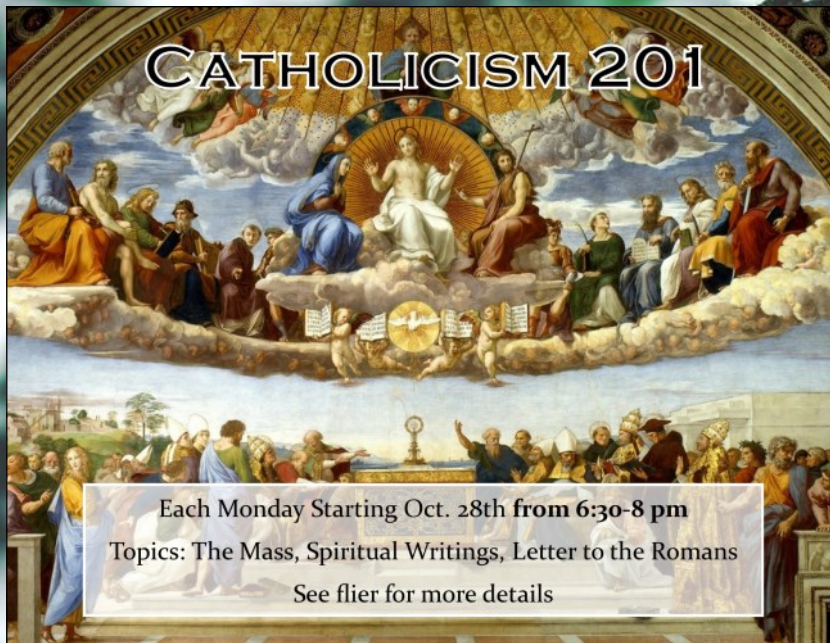
LEARN MORE



On behalf of Holy Cross Parish I want to thank Meagan Poe for her many years of service to our parish as office manager and in communications as she concludes her employment with us. We wish her the best in her next endeavors.

Fr. Cody

# THANK YOU!



# CATHOLICISM 201

Each Monday Starting Oct. 28th from 6:30-8 pm  
 Topics: The Mass, Spiritual Writings, Letter to the Romans  
 See flier for more details

## Parish potlucks

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we have a parish potluck where anyone can bring a dish or come down and enjoy some good food. As part of the desire for the circles to be more active in the parish, I am assigning a circle to each potluck as the point group for the potluck. They're responsibility is to set-up, clean-up, and help make sure there is enough food. Anyone is welcome to bring food and help. The circle's responsibility is to facilitate the potluck. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

- February 23: Circle of Hope
- March 23: Circle of Love
- April 27: Parish Easter Party- No Potluck

## Scripture Readings



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

02-23-2025

- Reading 1: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
- Psalm: 103:1-2,3-4,8 and 10, 12-13
- Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

| MASS                     | Schedule   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Monday<br>February 17    | Mass 9a<br>Bob Masolo<br>Adoration 9:30a<br>Faith Night 6p                 |
| Tuesday<br>February 18   | Mass 9a<br>Nikki Dewolf  |
| Wednesday<br>February 19 |  |
| Thursday<br>February 20  |  |
| Friday<br>February 21    |  |
| Saturday<br>February 22  |  |
| Sunday<br>February 23    | Confession 3:30p<br>Mass 4:30p<br>Parish Family<br>RE 5:30p-Parish Potluck |

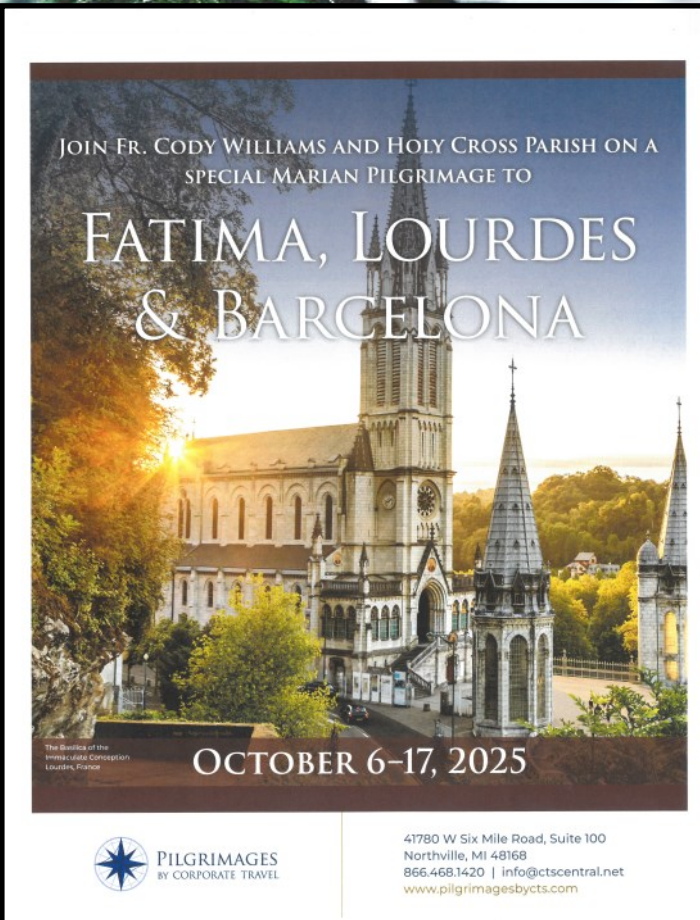
## YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

2/23/25 RE Topic: Mass (foundations)

The annual Virtus safe environment lesson with the youth that is required by the diocese will take place during RE class on 3/2/25.

Mark your calendars:

- The RE ski day is scheduled for **Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please let us know if you would like to go by Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- High schoolers are encouraged to take part in the CYC Convention/Eucharistic Congress **March 21-23**.



The new email address for any information for the bulletin or advertisements is [bulletin@holycrossmt.org](mailto:bulletin@holycrossmt.org)

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to

[bulletin@holycrossmt.org](mailto:bulletin@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 February 23, 2025 4:30pm

- Greet: Karen Susag
- Lector: Mary Ellen Schnur
- Gifts: Pat and Debbie Miller
- EM: Abby Wickens and Shawna Wickens
- Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Tacy Swanton

## Faith Night

Exploring the issues of our times in the context of faith



The next topics:  
 Feb 17th—Prisons  
 Mar 17th—Immigration  
 May 19th—Poverty and Homelessness

For all ages. Free dinner

Holy Cross Parish will be helping out at the Townsend Food Pantry on February 1, 14, 15 and 28. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in helping out at the Food Pantry. These are on Friday and Saturday mornings 9:30 am



The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off several months ago with our parish goal of \$21,900. So far we have raised \$10,650. Please consider donating to this important campaign raising money for the important functions of our Diocese.



**Catholic Mental Health Counseling**

CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20 communities in Montana and is ready to serve you!

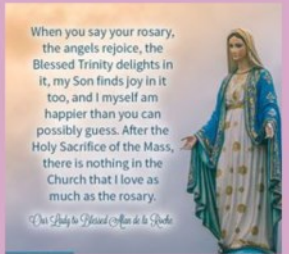
- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone.
- We specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and perinatal concerns.
- You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in-person with a counselor.
- We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available.

To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2' or send us a message at [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).

**No Mass or Adoration Monday, February 24th, Tuesday, February 25th, and Monday, March 3rd**

**No Adoration and Confession Saturday, March 1st**

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY FOR THE POPE, CHURCH, PRIEST, FAMILIES, CHILDREN & FOR THE WHOLE WORLD



SUNDAYS @ 4:00  
 FEB 2 GLORIOUS MYSTERIES  
 FEB 9 JOYFUL MYSTERIES  
 FEB 16 LUMINOUS MYSTERIES  
 FEB 23 SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Bishop Vetter has promulgated the indulgences and Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Hope. You can go to the Diocesan website at <https://diocesehelena.org/jubilee2025/> or see the letter on the bulletin board.

**FAITH NIGHT**

Mon. Feb 17th  
 6:00-7:30 pm  
 Holy Cross Parish Center  
 101 S Walnut St.  
 Free Event

Prisons  
 What is justice?  
 How do we protect society?  
 How do we care for prisoners?  
 What can we do?

**Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, March 5th  
 Mass at 6:30 pm

**Holy Cross Parish Finances**

Week ended February 9th  
 Total Weekly Budget \$2900.00  
 Variance

Year to Date  
 Total Budget  
 Variance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Father Lessius (1554-1623), the eminent Jesuit theologian, was afflicted with more than one painful disease. In spite of his sufferings, he would prolong his thanksgiving a full hour after Mass. To those who pitied him he would reply: "Why should I complain? Mine is still the joy of receiving the bread of angels."

(From THE LINK)

**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.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**Prayer Chain**

Beginning September 29 bulletin 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, Suri Kitt, Ellen Marie Osborne, Matthew Redeagle, Repose of the soul of Bill Lane



**IGNATIAN RULES OF DISCERNMENT**

Presented by TERESA CHABOT  
 CATHOLIC LAY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN- ST MATTHEW'S PARISH, KALISPELL, MT

Thursday Evening ~ Sunday Morning  
 March 13-16, 2025

THE SYCAMORE TREE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER  
 21592 SYCAMORE TREE LANE ~ SWAN LAKE, MT  
[www.sycamoretreeretreat.org](http://www.sycamoretreeretreat.org)

\*Cost: \$395  
 3 nights lodging (1 person) @ \$100/night = \$300  
 Conference fee \$75 / Meals \$20  
 Includes three meals and a book.  
 Scholarship available.

For more information or to register, please email Michelle Jenkins at [email@sycamoretreeretreat.org](mailto:email@sycamoretreeretreat.org) or call (406) 754.2429

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.

Do you know that we have Catholic Radio in Montana? KNEH, 97.3FM in Helena is an affiliate of Relevant Radio, which has 220 radio stations broadcasting across the US. You can listen LIVE to KNEH on the My Parish app by clicking on the Radio microphone icon or listen LIVE at [www.kneh.org](http://www.kneh.org)

**Pastoral Council:**

Jesse Swenson  
 Mary Ellen Schnur  
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 Michael Fisette  
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**Finance Council:**

John Rauser  
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 Pat Miller  
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