



Holy Cross Parish

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

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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SATURDAY

JULY 20, 2024

10AM-2PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

101 S. Walnut St.
Townsend, MT
406-266-4811

TOURNAMENT PLAY:
9:30AM-REGISTRATION
10AM-BAGS FLY
\$50/TEAM (2 PERSON)

FREE PLAY: 10AM-2PM
***WALK-IN & PLAY!**
***FREE-WILL DONATION**
***WATER PARK FOR KIDS!**

TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

1st Place: \$150.00
2nd Place: \$100.00
3rd Place: \$50.00

FOOD & FUN!

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs.
Cotton Candy/Snowcones,
Chips/Drinks!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT FIRST RESPONDERS & HOLY CROSS PARISH (50/50)

The Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism

The first and most important of the Sacraments is the Sacrament of Baptism. Nothing showcases this Sacrament better than the rite itself. As stated in the Rite of Baptism, we begin this Sacrament at the doors of the church. In the early years of Christianity, churches were built with two sets of doors. The first set separated the outside world from the inside of the church. This second set of doors separated the initiated from those who wanted to join but were not members. Those who were not initiated would stand outside the second set of doors and watch the Mass from outside. Once they were ready to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, they would walk through that second set of doors, into the water, and out into the community of believers. We don't practice this strict level of separation today because we are no longer worried about Roman soldiers killing us. Yet, the symbol of the doors is still valuable. The doors represent entry and beginning. The first purpose of the Sacrament of Baptism is to allow a person to enter the Church and become a member.

Once the person has entered through the doors, the next part of the Sacrament continues with the anointing, the explanation of the rite, and the preparation for Baptism. We take our Sacraments very seriously. Those who are preparing for Baptism spend time exploring the theology of the Sacrament, the life of the Church, and their life with God so that they can make a commitment to following Jesus and being a member of the Church. The person preparing for baptism is anointed with the Oil of the Catechumens. This anointing is a minor exorcism that strengthens the person and prepares them for Baptism. The person then makes a profession of faith and renunciation of sin. In the early church the person would face west and then east to show the renunciation of the world and the turning towards Christ. Today we profess our faith through the use of the Creed, our statement of belief.

After the person has made their profession of faith, they are dunked in the water or the water is poured over them. These two actions are connected. The profession of faith is connected with the plunging into the water. They follow each other intentionally. The faith of the person is professed in the action of baptism and the action of baptism exhibits the faith of the person. The person is baptized using only one formula: "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." These words echo every time we begin the Mass or a prayer. By these words a new identity was given to us at the moment of our baptism preparing us to pray in a special way and to enter into the proper form of worshipping God. Following the washing with water, the person is officially declared one of the baptized.



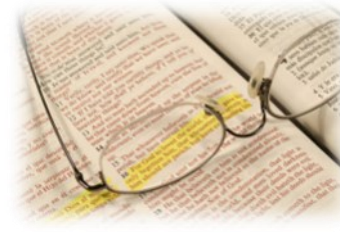
The Order of the Discalced Carmelite Seculars will be having an open house for the Feast of St. Elijah on Saturday, July 20th. Join us at 11:00 am at Holy Cross Parish in Townsend, MT. The community will celebrate Mass with Fr. Bart Tolleson presiding, and will be receiving the Temporary Promise of one of its members. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will be available after Mass for anyone who wishes and scapulars will be available. A light reception will follow the Mass in the social hall. Information about the western Montana Community of Carmelites will be available for anyone interested in learning more about the Order of Discalced Carmelite Seculars.

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. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

Blessings



Scripture Readings



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7-21-2024

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Reading 2: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

RE Game Day Tuesday,
July 16th from 5-7p

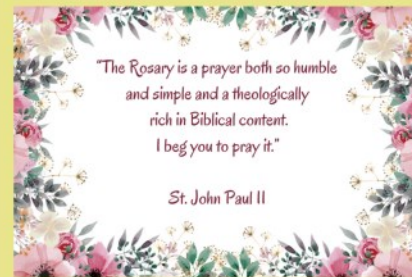


MASS	Schedule
Monday July 15	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a Retired Group 10:30a
Tuesday July 16	Mass 9a RE Game Day 5-7p
Wednesday July 17	No Mass
Thursday July 18	No Mass
Friday July 19	No Mass MS and HS Game Day on the Lawn 5-8p
Saturday July 20	No Mass Corn Hole Tournament 10a-2p
Sunday July 21	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

The Retired group will resume on Monday, July 15th from 10:30a to 12:30p



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



SUNDAYS @ 4:00

JULY 7- JOYFUL MYSTERIES
JULY 14- LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
JULY 21- SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
JULY 28 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

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 July 21, 2024

4:30pm

Greet:

Monte and Cathy Armstrong

Lector:

Karen Simonich

Gifts:

Harold and Laura Gibbs

EM:

Missy Cox and Monte Montonario

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

Answering the call of our Montana Bishops to promote and defend life



As we continue to answer our Montana Bishops' call to defend life, we ask Christ to grant a conversion of hearts so that our brothers and sisters would recognize and respect the infinite dignity of each human life and reject the radical abortion initiative CI-128. We also ask that our own hearts be transformed so that we may share the truth of the sanctity of life with wisdom and charity. To that end, please view and share the videos below. May they bless us and all who watch them. Both videos are found at the link and QR code below.



INTO LIFE
- LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING -

Summoned to Life: Spiritual Foundations, Sisters of Life



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP
PARTNERS IN TRUTH SEEKING

Partners in Truth Seeking, Montana Catholic Conference

« *And love leads to action, to His divine love in action. The Lord is summoning us to build a culture of life, of love, a culture where any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant will know that she will be received.*

In this first installment of 12-part Into Life video series, the Sisters of Life issue a profound and moving invitation to God's call to uphold human life. The Sisters reveal that authentically pro-life activity is a response to God's love, and that it is not about labels or abstract ideas. Instead, we are called to commit to authentic relationships, in which we pray, love, and listen so that we may promote the infinite dignity of life.

« *There is no civility in our society, no civility in our public discourse, without love of neighbor and a true appreciation for our interconnectedness. Our lives are bound together. If we don't get the how of dialogue correct, we'll never get to the what or we will do so in a manner that, at best, is ineffective.*

In this first installment of 8-part Faithful Citizenship series, Matthew Brower of the Montana Catholic Conference outlines our obligation to marshal a dignified, loving, and truthful discourse about our beliefs. He outlines the "better way" we are called to conduct ourselves, including the confidence required as well as the charity involved in truly listening and being mindful of others.



Find these, and more life-affirming resources at montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life, or by scanning the QR code.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Tuesday, July 30th from 3-5p



Stewardship

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes

Loose

Reimbursement

Total

Updated Financial Information Coming Soon

Long Term

Open & Close Gravesite

Memorial

Total

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

- St. Angela of Foligno

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

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, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Mille Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Monte Schnur, Jonathon LaCunza, Sean Duede

Do you know?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HERESY, APOSTACY, AND SCHISM?

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.



Middle school and High school sports/ game day on the lawn is Friday, July 19th from 5-7 pm. Water balloons are a possibility.....