

Stewardship

5/12

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,632.00
Loose	\$56.15
Online Giving	\$473.35
Holy Day	\$120.00
Total	\$2,281.50

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-April

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$699.54
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Geisser Services	\$325.00
Special K Plumbing & Heating	\$1,500.00
MT Elevator Company	\$2,052.50

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites
Short Term
Long Term
Open & Close Gravesite
Memorial
Total

Cemetery Expenses-April

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Nothing is nearer to Our heart than that devotion to the Holy Eucharist grow from day to day throughout the world,"

- Pope Benedict XV

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. Monte Schnur, Jonathan LaCunza, Sean Duede

Do you know?

When did the pope start wearing a white cassock?

Pope Pius V in 1566 decided to continue to wear his white Dominican habit which led to the popes continuing to wear white from that point on.

Why does the pope, except Pope Francis, wear red shoes?

The color of the shoes of a cleric determine their rank: bishop – green, pope -red.

Every year of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the pope shears a sheep and a special vestment for the bishops. What is it called?

The Pallium

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 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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Basics of Catholicism part 40

Liturgical Year: Ordinary Time

The season of Ordinary Time often gets ignored primarily because it's the longest season and feels like the "filler season." Yet, ordinary time was a desire of the 2nd Vatican Council and is seen as an important season of the year.

Prior to the reforms of the 2nd Vatican Council, the season of Ordinary Time didn't exist. Instead time was marked by the weeks before a privileged season and the time after the season. For instead the six pre-Lent weeks and the seven post-Easter weeks. This marking of time showed the importance of the major seasons but was confusing overall. The 2nd Vatican Council saw the time in between the seasons as important and valuable since time is valuable. Each day, each moment of our days is a chance to encounter God. Thus, even the time in between the important seasons has importance and value in our lives of faith. Hence, the season of Ordinary Time.

The color for the Season of Ordinary Time is green. Green is the color of life and new life. When spring comes, the grass and trees turn green to mark the start of a new season. We follow the same basic pattern but at a different time of the year. The color green symbolizes life which means that the Season of Ordinary Time is the season to celebrate the joy of life. Ordinary Time consists of 34 weeks spread throughout the year in two distinct chunks. The first chunk starts after the Season of Christmas and continues until Ash Wednesday. The second chunk begins after Pentecost and continues until the 1st Sunday of Advent. These chunks have many feasts days of the Saints as well as other important events in Salvation History.

Ordinary Time does have a few oddities. We will never celebrate the 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time. This is the only season without a first week. The "First Sunday of Ordinary Time" is either the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord or Epiphany which are both in the Christmas Season. Since Ordinary Time begins after the Christmas season, the first day of Ordinary Time is always a Monday or Tuesday. The final Sunday of Ordinary Time is always the Feast of Christ the King to celebrate the end of the year and look forward to the day when Jesus returns and becomes King of everything. Every year we lose three Sundays of Ordinary time. In the transition between Lent beginning and Easter ending, we lose a Sunday of Ordinary Time. Then when we return after Easter, the next two Sundays are feast days which we lose two more Sundays. So we will never celebrate all 34 Sundays in a given year.

The general days of Ordinary Time are called ferial days. On these days in which we have no saint or important feast to celebrate, the prayers for the Mass are taken from the prior Sunday. These ordinary days connect the ordinariness of the weekday to the joy of Sunday reminding us that each day is an encounter with the Risen Lord.

I hope this quick overview of Ordinary Time helps you to appreciate the season not as a filler but as an encounter with Jesus anew.

Fr. Cody



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: TBD

The application process for the evangelization grant through the Diocese is open. If you have an idea of how to spread the message of Jesus to our community through our church, please give your ideas to Fr. Cody.

I would like us to apply for this grant again this year.



THANK YOU

A special thank you to the women's quilting group for the beautiful baby quilt and to those who donated items to make our baby basket. We are so grateful for the support and kindness everyone has shown us.

With love,

Charles and Natalie Ringenberg



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 80% of our goal with only \$3,640 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.

Anointing of the Sick Mass is schedule for Sunday, June 23rd. Anyone who would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick must ask Fr. Cody at least a day before the Mass. The Anointing of the Sick is for those who are experience serious, chronic, or life threatening illnesses. Such situations that warrant the Anointing of the Sick include: surgery, new diagnosis of a chronic illness, worsening of a chronic illness, new diagnosis of a serious illness, the effects of old age, and similar situations.





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.



This summer we will be hosting three seminarians: James Similing will join us for the entire month of June, Jamie Severson will join us for the first three weeks of June, and Caleb Mitchell will join us for the last three weeks of June. Please welcome them to our parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our parish dedication day is May 19th. In celebration of our 59th anniversary, we are going to have a parish potluck after Mass. We will also be celebrating our graduates
- The final night of RE is Sunday, May 19th
- The Holy Hour and Confession time is cancelled for Saturday, May 25th
- The potluck for Sunday, May 26th is cancelled due to Memorial Day weekend
- There will be no mass or adoration Monday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 28th
- Reception for our First Communion Recipients after mass Sunday, June 2nd
- Anointing of the Sick Mass is Sunday, June 23rd

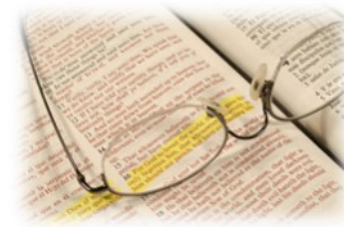
Fr. Cody is calling a parish meeting for everyone in the parish on Sunday, June 9th after Mass. The goal of this meeting is to plan for our future and to discuss the challenges we are facing as a parish.



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



The Most Holy Trinity
5-26-2024

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Psalm: 33:4-5,6 and 9,18-19,20 and 22
Reading 2: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

MASS	Schedule
Monday May 20	Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday May 21	Mass 9a seminarians
Wednesday May 22	No Mass
Thursday May 23	No Mass
Friday May 24	No Mass
Saturday May 25	No Mass No Holy Hour
Sunday May 26	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 26, 2024

4:30pm

Greet:

Fisette Family

Lector:

Karen Simonich

Gifts:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

EM:

Missy Cox and Monte Montonario

Money Counters:

Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

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



Montana Catholics for Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

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

"Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation." Montana's Catholic Bishops regarding the abortion amendment, Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128).

Catholics recognize that a precious life begins at conception and understand that abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. This pro-life position expresses an essential truth and brings a critical perspective to our public discourse. Current and future laws that could stop, or even regulate, abortion would be deemed unconstitutional under CI-128. This effectively suppresses the voice of those who have a duty to stand up for the voiceless unborn and puts babies in dire jeopardy in Montana.

Let us join our Montana Bishops and stand for every child's right to life, the dignity of each mother, and the sanctity of the family.



From Montana's Bishops



Joint Letter and Video:
Stand for Life in Montana



Life-affirming Resources

- Expectant Mother/Parent Counseling
- Adoption
- Pregnancy Resources
- Post Abortion Help
- Help for Mothers and Babies in Need
- Prayers for Life

Visit montanacc.org or scan the QR code for details.



Dillon Armstrong, who served our parish last summer, will be ordained a deacon on Friday, May 31st at 3 pm at the Cathedral in Helena. I encourage everyone to go and support him as well as experience a deaconate ordination.



A special thank you to all who helped with the Bazaar. A special thank you to Paula Van Houdt for all her hard work organizing and planning this event. We raised \$6,540.74. Thank you all for all your help.

THANK YOU!



*A Big Huge
Thank you!*

We deeply appreciated to all who participated in donating goods for our Baby Basket Drive.

We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for believing in our cause.

The mothers who will receive the baby gift basket from us will be undoubtedly grateful for such gifts for their babies that were donated by people in our community.

From the Quilting Ladies