



Holy Cross Parish

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 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 43

Advent part 2

The Season of Advent has two poles. The first pole was discussed in the previous part: preparing for Jesus' first coming through prophesy and his second coming at the end of time. Often we misunderstand the focus of this first part of Advent as focused on the prophesies of the Old Testament. Since we spend the entire season reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, it feels as though we are focusing on the prophesies as a way to prepare for Christmas. This idea is true but not complete. We are focusing on the prophesies for the sake of knowing that Jesus is the true Messiah and the one who will come again. By reading these prophesies we are reminded that he will come again as judge at the end of time.

The 2nd part of Advent

Always starting on December 17th, we begin the second part of the Advent season. The second part of Advent is a sharp contrast to the previous part of Advent. The readings drastically change during this week. The first readings come from other prophesies from throughout the rest of Scripture that predict and explain the Messiah. The Gospel passage is one of the Infancy Narratives so that we begin preparing our minds for Christmas. Over the eight days between December 17th and Christmas, we will read the events of Jesus' early life leading up to his birth on Christmas.

The most foundational part of the second part of Advent are the O Antiphons. Most people don't realize their importance or that they form an integral part of this part of Advent. They occur in only two places of the liturgy. The first place is Gospel Acclamation during Mass. This phrase is usually sung in anticipation of the Gospel and therefore is easily overlooked in the context of the Mass. The second place these antiphons are used are for the antiphon for the Gospel Canticle in Evening Prayer. The seven O Antiphons are the titles and prophesies directly connected with the Messiah. The antiphons are the following: O Emmanuel, O King of Nations, O Root of Jesse, O Wisdom of God, O Leader of House of David, O Key of David, and O Radiant Dawn.

One final note about Advent. Advent and Lent are the only two seasons in which the liturgical color of rose is used. The 3rd Sunday of Advent has the optional color of rose to represent the joy of the mid-point of the Season. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday since on this Sunday we read about the coming of the Messiah for the first time in the Season of Advent.

The Season of Advent concludes at the evening of December 24th with the start of the Christmas Season.

Fr. Cody

Stewardship

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes
Loose
Online Giving
Restricted
Holy Day
Total

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-May

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| City of Townsend | \$351.82 |
| NorthWestern Energy | \$548.16 |
| Spectrum | \$144.97 |
| Flocknote | \$36.00 |
| Diocese of Helena | \$95.00 |
| Montana Energy Alliance | \$2,126.33 |
| MT Elevator & Escalator Co. | \$2,208.00 |

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

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

Cemetery Expenses-May

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|---------------------|----------|
| Northwestern Energy | \$149.38 |
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Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"I adore and venerate you as much as ever I can, though my love is so cold, my devotion so poor. Thank you for the good gift of this your holy Body and Blood, which I desire to receive...."

- St. Anselm (Archbishop and Doctor of the Church)

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, Mille 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?

Give to the man to be ordained at an ordination:

Which liturgical item represents a deacon?

Which liturgical items represent a priest?

Which liturgical items represent a bishop?

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.

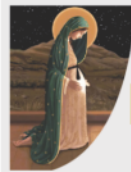
Social Hall:
Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events.

Please call the office for information for any of the above notices: 406-266-4811.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Catechesis of the Good Shephard for pre-k through 5th grade Tuesday, June 11th 3-5p
- Middle School and High School bowling in Helena Friday, June 14th 9:30-11:30p
- No Holy Hour for June
- Pilgrimage meeting Monday, June 17th at 7p
- Anointing of the Sick Mass is Sunday, June 23rd
- RE Game Day Tuesday, June 25th
- No Mass or Adoration July 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th

RE game day is on
Tuesday, June 25th from 5-7 pm.



Montana Catholics for Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

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

"The fight against abortion is "part of the battle in favor of life from the moment of conception until a dignified, natural end. This includes the care of the mother during pregnancy, the existence of laws to protect the mother postpartum, and the need to ensure that children receive enough food, as well as providing healthcare throughout the whole length of life..." Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in a book of interviews "Pope Francis: His Life in His Own Words"

CI-128 seeks to change the Montana State Constitution regarding abortion. This would mean that current and future laws that could stop, or even regulate, abortion would be deemed unconstitutional – effectively suppressing the voice of those who have a duty to stand up for the voiceless unborn, support mothers during and after pregnancy, and articulate the infinite dignity of every life. Please continue to pray and spread the word. Encourage people of goodwill to decline to sign the petition to place CI-128 on the November ballot.



From Montana's Bishops

Joint Letter and Video:
Stand for Life in Montana



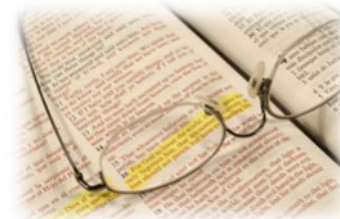
Life-affirming Resources

- 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.

Special Catechetical Program for those who are retired starts Monday, June 17th. This special program is for those who have retired and would like to grow in their faith. We will spend time praying with and studying scripture, read a book together, and help each other to continue to grow in faith. All who are of the retired age are welcome to join. We will meet on Mondays from June 17th through August 19th excluding July 1st and 8th from 10:30- 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

Scripture Readings



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
6-16-2024

Reading 1: Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



| MASS | Schedule |
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| Monday June 10 | Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners Adoration 9:30a |
| Tuesday June 11 | Mass 9a Seminarians Catechesis of the Good Shephard 3-5p pre-k thru 5th grade |
| Wednesday June 12 | No Mass |
| Thursday June 13 | No Mass |
| Friday June 14 | No Mass MS and HS bowling in Helena 9:30-11:30p |
| Saturday June 15 | No Mass |
| Sunday June 16 | Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family |



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 June 16, 2024

4:30pm

Greet: Pat and Debbie Miller
Lector: Julie Lethert
Gifts: Cathy Armstrong and Tom Aced
EM: Shawna Wickens and Missy Cox
Money Counters: Tom and Julie Lethert

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.



Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, our meeting to explore this option will be Monday, June 17th at 7p



Anointing of the Sick Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd. If you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, you must contact Fr. Cody in advance. The Anointing of the Sick is limited to those with series medical conditions including: new diagnoses, surgery, serious effects of old age, chronic conditions getting worse, and other medical conditions. Those who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick are highly encouraged to go to Confession before receiving the Sacrament. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Cody.



High school and middle school bowling day is on Friday, June 14th from 9:30-11:30 pm. If interested please contact

Shawna Wickens so they can reserve enough lanes.



This is Jamie Severson's last weekend with us. Next weekend we will welcome Caleb Mitchell.

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

Our first Catechesis of the Good Shepherd day is on Tuesday, June 11th from 3-5 pm for ages pre-k through 5th. Middle schoolers and high schoolers are welcome to help.



25th Annual Golf Tournament

to benefit the charitable ministries of
Catholic Social Services of Montana

Friday, July 12th

Bill Roberts Golf Course

Registration for teams of 4 includes

The round of golf, lunch, a drink ticket, a goodie bag, entry into several competitions, and a fun day at the course with the chance to win prizes!

Prizes are available for the teams and individuals of all skill levels, and there are fun on course competitions to take part in.

To learn more and register, visit
www.cssmt.org or scan the QR Code.



June was our parish's month to help out, but they are currently closed due to flood damage from a broken pipe, so they are closed until they can get an alternative plan of how to distribute food. Updates will come as more information is made available. However, the rotary club is matching any monetary donations made until Father's Day. They could use the funds now especially with all the damage.

Broadwater Food Pantry

PO Box 1164

Townsend, MT 59644

