

Holy Cross Parish

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 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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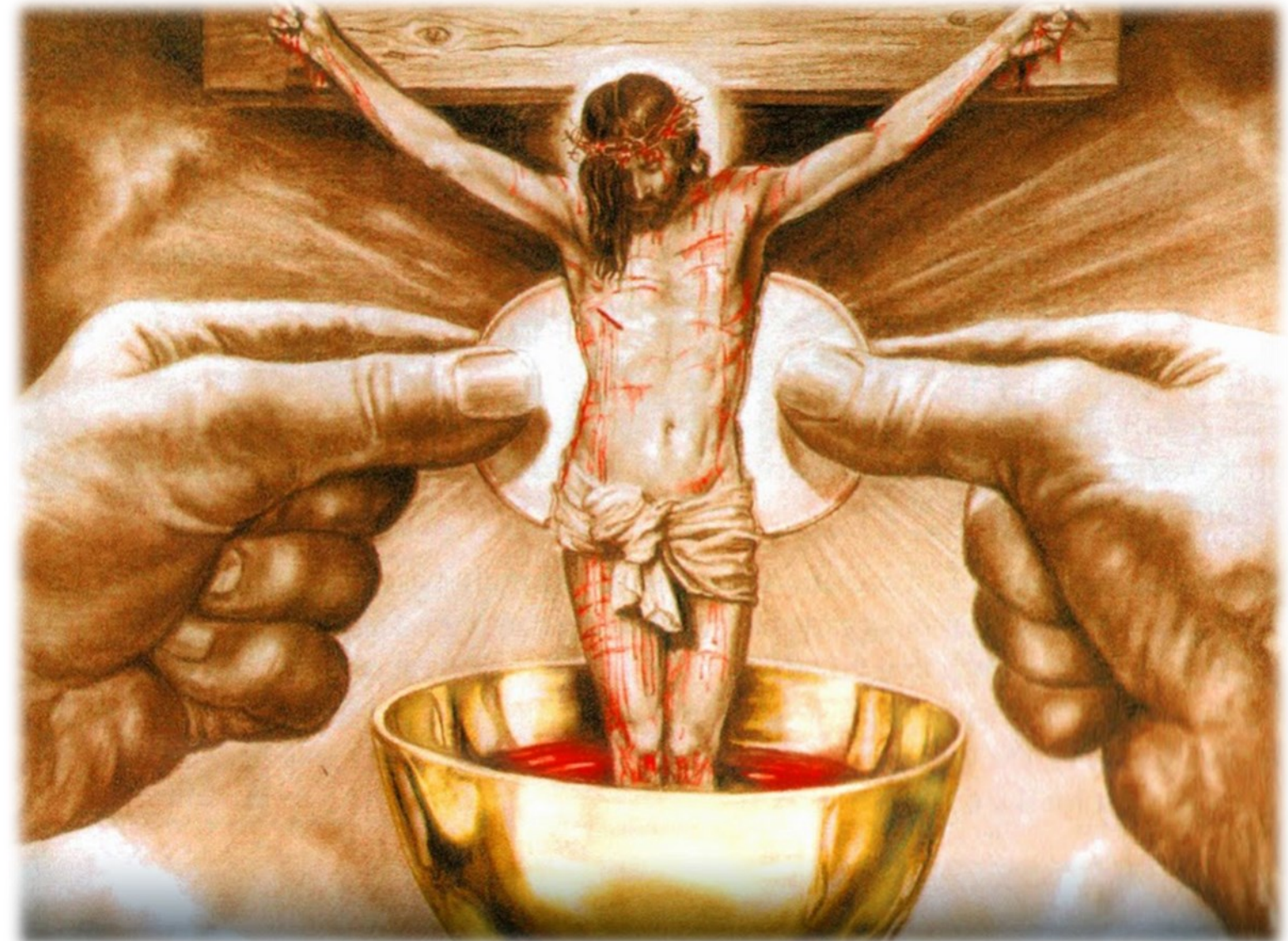
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Basics of Catholicism part 42

Advent – a new beginning

The liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. Every year I want to wish people a happy new year on the 1st Sunday of Advent but I figure most people would look at my with a confused expression. We must take some time to explore and understand the character of this complex and beautiful season. Advent is one of the richest seasons of the year with lots of moving parts, changes depending on the year, and a mix of themes.

The color of the season of Advent is purple. Purple is a royal and dignified color that subdues the joyful colors of white, green, and red. Some argue that the color for Advent can be a blue or a blueish-purple. The color blue signifies Mary and is thematically different from purple. Spain is the only country in the world allowed to use blue as a liturgical color. I have found no reference in any text about Advent to the color of the season being blue. The season of Advent always begins 4 Sundays before Christmas. Advent must always have exactly four Sundays in the Season. If Christmas falls on a Monday, then we will have the shortest possible Advent Season of 3 weeks and 1 day. If Christmas falls on a Sunday, then we will have the longest possible Advent at 3 weeks and 6 days. The Season of Advent always ends on the evening before Christmas Day or Christmas Eve.

Advent as the beginning

The fact that Advent begins our Church year should not come as too much of a surprise. Some may think that Christmas should be the starting point since God became man and thus a new age was born. This new age didn't come without something that led up to it, hence, Advent. Advent is the season of hope, the season of expectation, and the season of newness. Jesus' coming only makes sense if we understand that event as part of a long series of events that God designed to prepare for his son. Every major joyful season must be prefaced by an anticipatory season that helps us explain and prepare for that joyful season.

The 1st half of Advent

Advent is split into two parts. The first part of the season focuses on the prophecies related to Jesus' first coming. The Book of the Prophet Isaiah is the primary source for the prophecies related to the Messiah. For the first two or three weekends of Advent the focal point is the 1st coming of Jesus. We spend time reflecting on the prophecies of Jesus that led to us understanding that Jesus is the Messiah. Some may argue that we don't need to focus on his first coming since we already know that he came. The focal point of the 1st half of Advent is not exclusive to the prophecies about Jesus' first coming. By reflecting on his first coming we prepare ourselves for his 2nd coming. The true focus is to wait in anticipation for the second coming of Christ with the same eagerness and hope that the Israelites had for Jesus' first coming.

Fr. Cody

Stewardship

5/26

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes

Loose

Online Giving

Restricted

Holy Day

Total

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-May

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

Northwestern Energy \$149.38

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"In Cana of Galilee Christ changed water into wine, and shall we think Him less worthy of credit when He changes wine into His Blood?"

- *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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?

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Reception for our First Communion Recipients after mass Sunday, June 2nd
- Mass Friday. June 7th at 9a
- Parish meeting after mass Sunday, June 9th
- 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



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



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



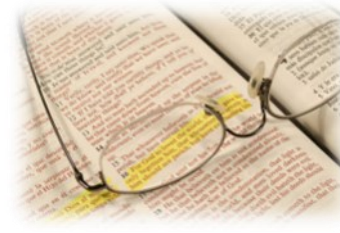
Special Catechetical Program for those who are retired starts Monday, June 17th. This special program is for those who have retired and would like to grow in their faith. We will spend time praying with and studying scripture, read a book together, and help each other to continue to grow in faith. All 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.

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



Scripture Readings



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6-9-2024

Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-15
Psalm: 130:1-2,3-4,5-6ab,7-8
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35



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

MASS	Schedule
Monday June 3	Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday June 4	Mass 9a Seminarians
Wednesday June 5	No Mass
Thursday June 6	No Mass
Friday June 7	Mass 9a
Saturday June 8	No Mass
Sunday June 9	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Parish meeting after mass



Ministry Schedule

Sunday June 9, 2024

4:30pm

Greet:

Keith and Robin Kirscher

Lector:

Marilyn Vandersloot

Gifts:

Tom and Julie Lethert

EM:

Tom Aced and Nikki Weiss

Money Counters:

Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

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 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.

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.



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.

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



Montana Catholics for Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

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

Family is the domestic church, the first and best place for children to learn to live out the great dignity with which each person is created. Families should be encouraged to stand by each other throughout life. They are the foundation of a strong and healthy society. With loving support, families understand and persevere through life's challenges and know that a baby, even when unexpected, does not prevent a mother from living a fulfilling and happy life.

Parents have a right to know when their child needs their support, especially when abortion is concerned. CI-128 would eliminate parental notification of abortion that is currently required in Montana, effectively shutting parents out when a young mother needs her family most, and when a baby's life is at risk.

Removal of parental notification leaves an underage mother isolated and vulnerable to any person who would pressure her to have an abortion. This opens the door for coercion, exploitation, human trafficking, and other crimes. Families are vital to the lives of their children and deserve better. 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.

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.

