



Holy Cross Parish

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 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

Basics of Catholicism part 75

The Seven Deadly Sins

Following from the last part in this series on mortal sins, I want to briefly cover the Seven Deadly Sins. These particular sins have much more cultural weight than the mortal sins I mentioned in the last section. Although they are all serious sins, each of them colors the picture of the challenges we face and the route to good relationships with ourselves, the people around us, and God.

Gluttony: gluttony is the overconsumption of anything for our benefit. Often we use the image of food to describe this sin but it can take the form of anything. The basic idea is that I can consume as much as I want without regard to myself or others. I am happiest when I am full and can consume whatever I want. Notice the turn inwards towards oneself. The person doesn't care about anyone or anything but themselves. The virtues of prudence and self-control are necessary in fighting this sin. We need balance and control in order to control our passions and direct them to something good.

Envy: "envy is the green-eyed monster which thou dost seek" (Othello). Shakespeare describes this sin as a green-eyed monster. The person's desires are driven by the thing another person has. Because that person has the thing I want, I cannot be happy. Again, the turn is towards the person. I don't care about the happiness of the other person nor them as a person. I only want the thing I want. The virtue associated with envy is thankfulness. If we are grateful for the gifts that other people have and our own gifts, then we cannot be envious.

Vanity: vanity is the overconcern with appearance. Often vanity is described by an overconcern with looks or beauty. Vanity encompasses looks, image, prestige, position or status, or anything else that is affected by the way we feel perceived by others. Often those who are deeply affected by vanity will not allow people to see them unless they are presented in the specific way they want or will isolate themselves because of the loss of sense of self caused by a change in status or appearance. Vanity can also work in the opposite direction. A lack of care for oneself or a lack of care resulting in a detrimental feeling of self is also vanity. The virtue tied to vanity is modesty. Modesty builds a sense of personal well-being and a feeling of respect for oneself.

Lust: lust is the most obvious of the seven sins and the one most frequently used in advertising. Lust is the desire to control or make someone/thing an object of our desires. The most common example is to take a person and make them an object of our sexual passion completely ignoring the value of the person. Yet, we can act lustfully towards anyone and anything. Anytime we feel that the object can fulfill us if we possess it, this is lust. The proper relationship with people and objects is to understand their intrinsic dignity and treat them with that dignity. The virtue associated with lust is chastity. Chastity is the right ordering of our passions so that we can effectively use them for right and good actions.

Fr. Cody

Celebrating MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF COUPLES //
RECEPTION //

BISHOP VETTER EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES, FROM THE NEWEST OF NEWLYWEDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMMEMORATED OVER SIX DECADES, TO A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.

EVENT DETAILS

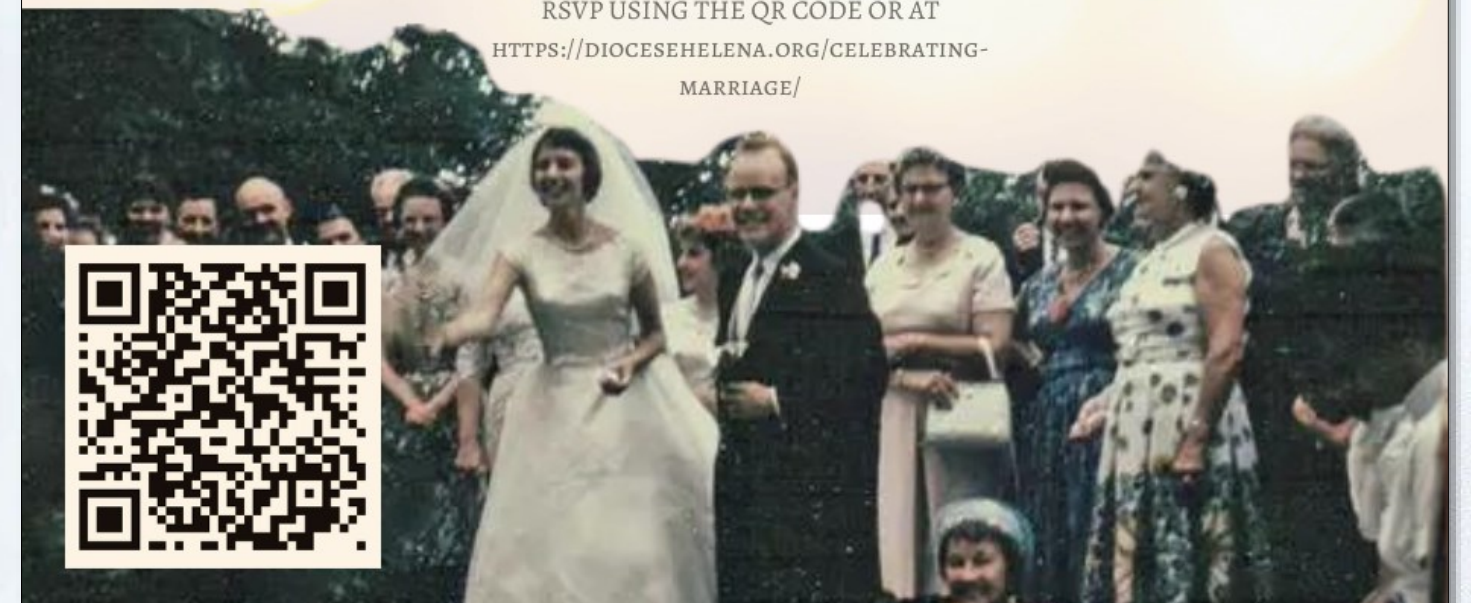
FEBRUARY 14TH // BEGINS WITH 6:00PM MASS // RECEPTION TO FOLLOW // HEAVY APPETIZERS AND DESSERT INCLUDED // SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE // \$25 PER COUPLE

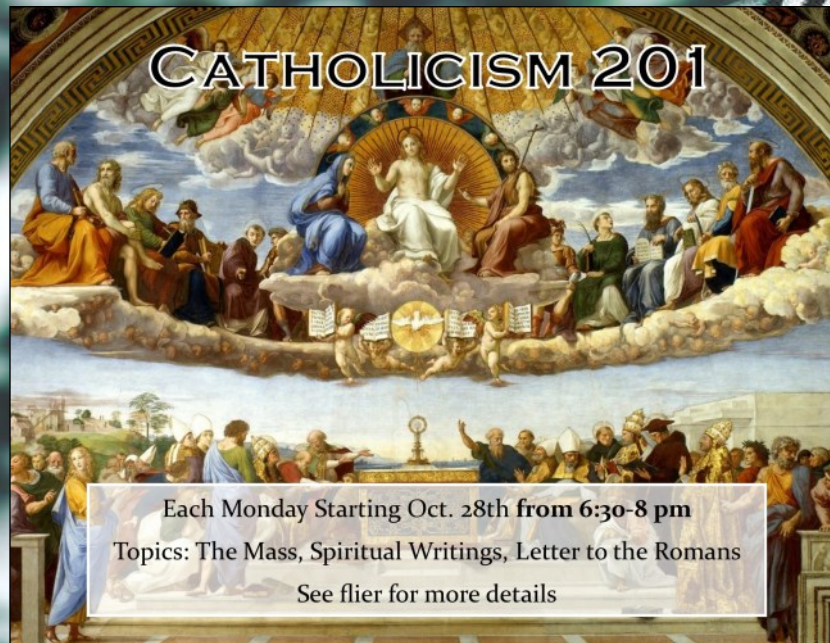
CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST WHILE SPACES LAST.

February 14th

RSVP USING THE QR CODE OR AT
[HTTPS://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/CELEBRATING-
MARRIAGE/](https://diocesehelena.org/celebrating-marriage/)





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

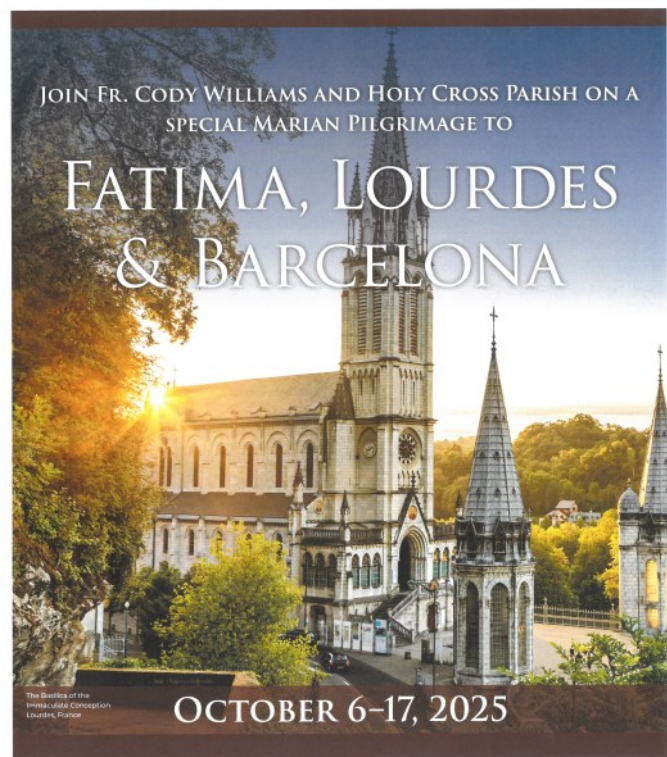
Parish potlucks

Every 4th 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

Fr. John Robertson passed away on Feb. 4th. His funeral is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13th at the Cathedral in Helena.

Mark your calendars: The RE ski day is scheduled for Friday, March 14th. Please let us know if you would like to go by Tuesday, March 11th.



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OCTOBER 6-17, 2025



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 Northville, MI 48168
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 www.pilgrimagesbycts.com

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

Scripture Readings



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 02-16-2025

- Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-8
- Psalm: 1:1-2,3,4 and 6
- Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
- Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

MASS	Schedule
Monday February 10	Mass 9a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 201 6:30p
Tuesday February 11	Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday February 12	
Thursday February 13	
Friday February 14	
Saturday February 15	
Sunday February 16	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



The CHOSEN Movie Night

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
 7-8:30 PM

FREE MOVIE, POPCORN AND SNACKS.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 101 S. WALNUT STREET

The new email address for any information for the bulletin or advertisements is bulletin@holycrossmt.org

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

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 16, 2025 4:30pm

- Greet: Tacy Swanton
- Lector: Mary Duede
- Gifts: John and Missy Rauser
- EM: Megan Bleile and Lucas Bleile
- Money Counters: Tom and Julie Lethert

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



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.



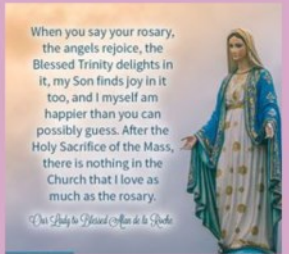
Catholic Mental Health Counseling

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.

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.

Holy Cross Parish Finances

Week ended February 2nd	
Total Weekly	\$1,820.48
Budget	\$2,400.00
Variance	-\$1,079.52
Year to Date	
Total	\$80,780.87
Budget	\$87,000.00
Variance	-\$6,219.13

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

"The Bread that we need each day to grow in eternal life, makes of our will a docile instrument of the Divine Will; sets the Kingdom of God within us; gives us pure lips, and a pure heart with which to glorify his holy name, "

- Edith Stein

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



EUCCHARISTIC 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:

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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?

No Mass or Adoration Monday, February 24th, Tuesday, February 25th, and Monday, March 3rd
 No Catholicism 201 on Monday February 24th and March 3rd
 Ash Wednesday Mass is Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30p



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

*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 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

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