

Stewardship

12/31/2022-1/1/2023

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,555.00
Loose	\$117.00
Christmas	\$110.00
Holy Day	\$267.00
Restricted	\$1,020.00
Total	\$2,889.00

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-December

City of Townsend	\$173.41
Flocknote	\$36.00
Spectrum	\$134.97
MT Energy Alliance	\$3,426.37
Geisser Services	\$1,450.00
NorthWestern Energy	\$748.51
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$1,254.02
Diocese of Helena-Special Collection Funds	\$592.00

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

Short Term
Long Term
Grave Sites
Total

Cemetery Expenses-December

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Give me the grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and especially to rejoice in the presence of Your body, sweet Savior Christ, in the holy sacrament of the altar."

- St. Thomas More

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, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Reed and Dcn. Kyle Tannehill.

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:

Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Marie Hoeffner, Chris and Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Mary Pat Sullivan, Gene Determan, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Connie Rezendes, William Hart, Marj Kohn, Kim Schaubert, Paul Friend, Amy Ghorsen, Frank and Sally Majszak, John Clark, Margaret's prayer request, Don Larsen, Joann Shindoll, Carl Lorentzen, Laura Obert, CoraLee Horne, Dan and Marie Stover, Roy, Mary McWhorter, Bob Masolo, Dave Welch, John Woodring, Julie Whitman, Nancy Martin, Nicki Ito, Chris Wright, Karen Susag, Kadence Saxton, Bob Graveley

Did You Know ?

The Song the "12 Days of Christmas" was originally written during the English persecution of the Catholics to teach their children the tenants of the faith.

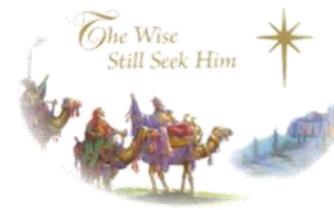
The "12 days" are the days between Christmas and Epiphany (traditionally celebrated on January 8th). Each of the 12 days represents a tenant of the faith: 1 God, 2 Testaments, 3 Theological Virtues, 4 Gospels, 5 Book of Old Testament Law (first five books of the Bible), 6 days of Creation, 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, 8 Beatitudes, 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit, 10 Commandments, 11 faithful Apostles, 12 points of the Apostles Creed.

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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9:00a

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45p

Sunday 7:30-7:45a or by appointment

Mass: Saturday Mass 5:00p Sunday Mass 8:00a

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

Holy Cross Parish

January 8, 2023

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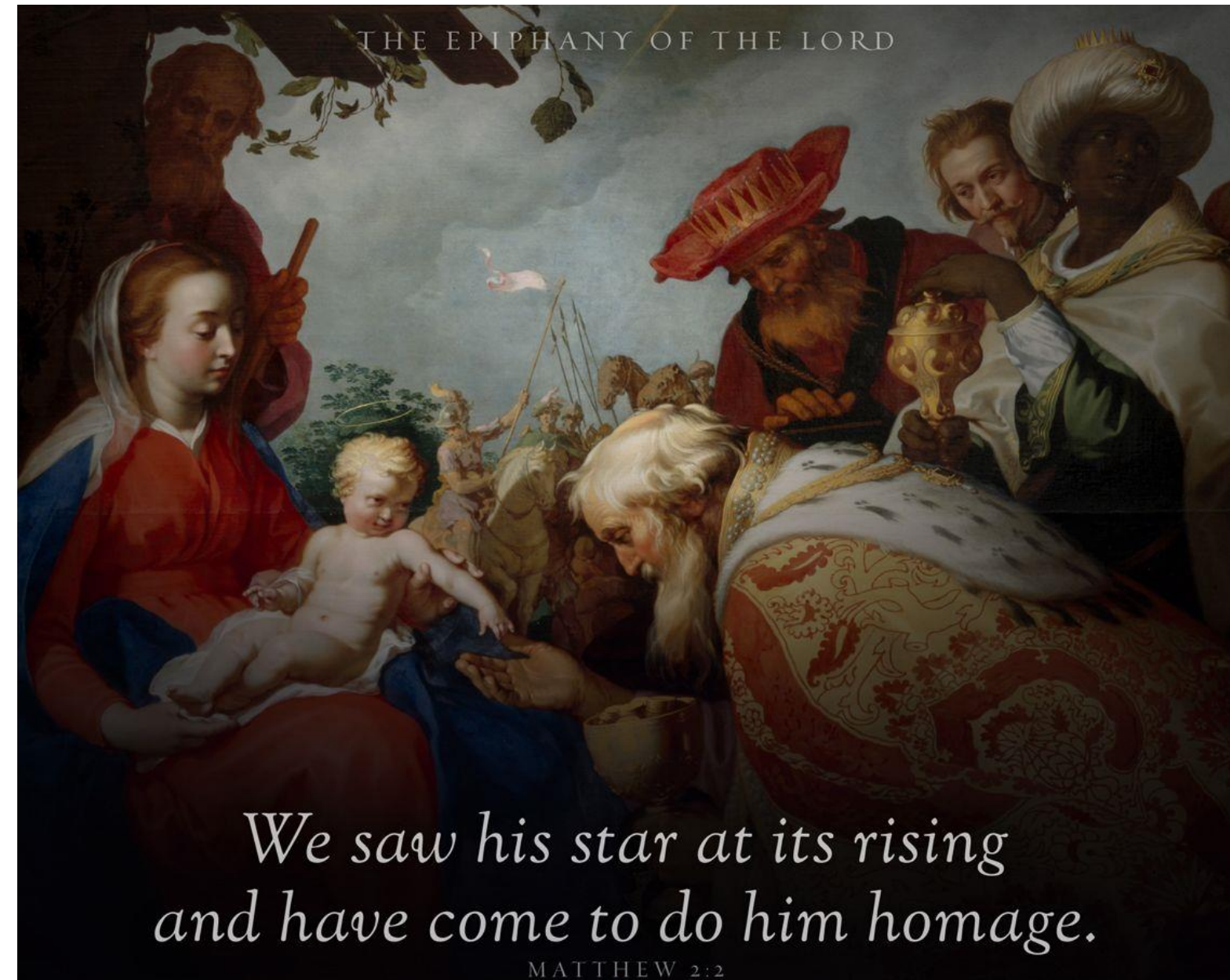
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*We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

MATTHEW 2:2

Epiphany Reflection

Imagine you are one of the wise men traveling across the world to meet a newborn king. What would you bring him? Most likely you would react much like the original wise men and bring him fancy gifts like gold and precious gems. What about for Jesus? The king who is also God and owns the world and everything in it. What would you bring Jesus for his birthday?

I invite you take some time to reflect on this question. Often we think that since God has everything, what could he possibly want from us? Yet, God does want something from us and we should take some time to listen to him as he expresses his desires to us. On a very simple level, God want to hear our voice. He wants us to spend time in prayer and both talk to him and listen to him. He wants to communicate his love for us and guide us into a deeper relationship with him. On a second level, God wants us to spend time with him. He wants to know that we care about him and desire him. Often we spend a majority of our lives focusing on the many concerns we have instead of turning to him in our need. Lastly, he wants us to worship him. We often think of Mass as something we do, something we are required to do, or something we have always done. The act of worshipping God is a choice we make. We have to choose to come to Mass with the intention of worshipping him and desiring to give ourselves to him in the Mass. This is not easy. It requires intentionality and purpose on our side.

As this Christmas season comes to a close, what do you want to give to Jesus? Can you give him the gift of your time? Will you speak words of praise and give him delight at hearing your voice? Will you wish to come and worship him and show you care about him and his ways? These choices are always before us. Often we celebrate Christmas as a season about ourselves: giving and receiving gifts, decorations and preparations, and eating the foods we want to eat. Let's turn the tables and make Christmas about Jesus. Even though we are at the end of the Christmas season, we can still turn to God and celebrate his birth anew. The more we delve into a relationship with God and are willing give him the gifts he wants, the more he will bless us. Let us give him the gift of our time and our voice and so worship the God who has come to be with us.

Fr. Cody



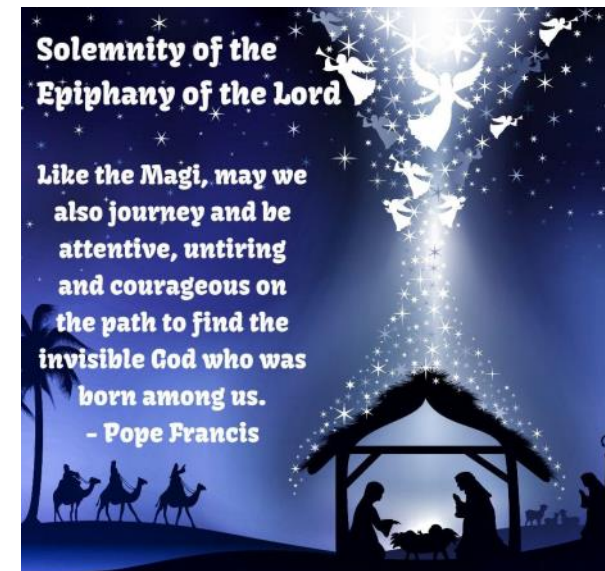
Scripture Readings



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1-15-2023

Reading 1: Isaiah 49:3,5-6
 Psalm: 40:2 and 4ab,7-8a,8b-9,10
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 Gospel: John 1:29-34



MASS	Schedule
Monday January 9	No Mass
Tuesday January 10	No Mass Women of Faith meeting 6:30p Knights of Columbus meeting 7p
Wednesday January 11	No Mass No Adoration RE- prek-5th grade 5-6:30p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday January 12	No Mass
Friday January 13	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday January 14	Confession 4-4:45p Mass 5p First Responders
Sunday January 15	Confession 7:30-7:45a Mass 8a Parish Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday January 14, 2023

5:00pm

Greet:

Jenny Schaubert

Lector:

Karen Simonich

Gifts:

Fisette Family

EM:

Shari Toney and Marilyn Vandersloot

Ministry Schedule

Sunday January 15, 2023

8:00am

Greet:

John and Missy Rauser

Lector:

Mary Ellen Schnur

Gifts:

Larry and Buffy Woodring

EM:

Alex Estrada and John Bleile

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

Ministry Highlights

Holy Hour Ministry:

Introducing the Holy Hour Ministry. On the 1st Saturday of each month, we are going to offer extended times of Eucharistic Adoration for 12-4 pm. Anyone can sign-up to come and pray for an hour or you can come and spend as much time as you wish before our Eucharistic Lord. This opportunity is open to everyone and prayer book and extra materials will be available if you wish to use them. This new event will begin on January 7th.

Choir and Music Ministries:

As an introduction to this ministry, I want to thank all those who help provide music for our Masses, in a special way our pianists and singers. The service provided adds an incredible amount of beauty and life to our celebrations. Music Ministry reminds of the value of the song. We hear music almost everywhere we go as a way to bring out our emotions and help us reflect on life. The use of music in the Mass helps us to sing praise to God and reflect on what God has done. If you are interested in joining the choir for a season, to help out at Mass, or would like to learn more, contact Fr. Cody.

Announcements

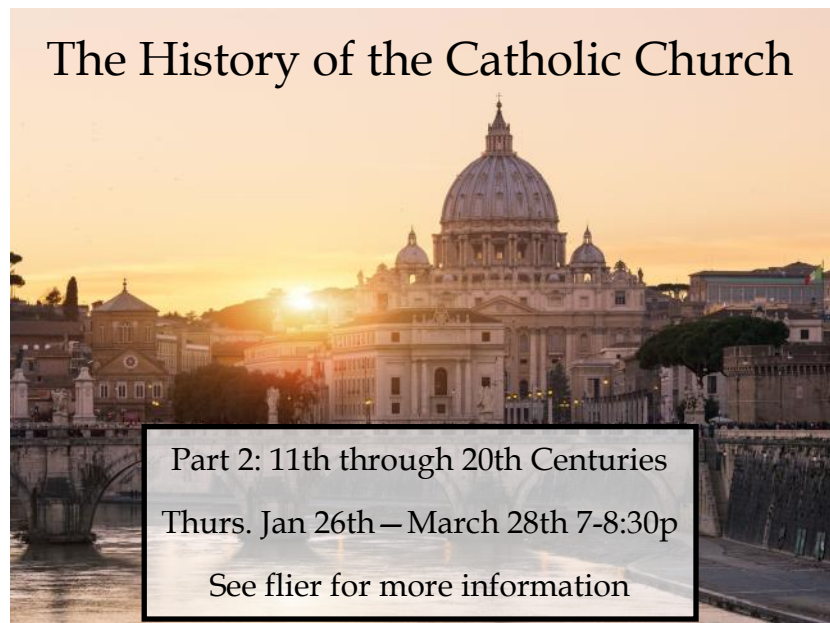
52 SUNDAYS Beginning January 1, 2023 a new, free online resource that can help Catholic families make the most of their Sunday worship is available. Sign up to receive a weekly email that is filled with prayers, activities, recipes and more to support and extend the lessons of each Sunday mass. More information at www.52sundays.com.

Have A Seat!



After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils as well as those who came to the parish meetings, we are moving forward with buying new pews. This project contains several parts. The first part is new pews and kneelers. In addition to the new pews, we will be adding cushioning to the pews to make them more comfortable. This part of the project will cost approximately \$75,000. As we remove the pews, the goal is remove the carpet and put in new, easier to clean flooring. This part of the project will cost \$45,000. The total amount to be raised is \$120,000. Don't let this number alarm you. Through special donations we have already raised \$25,000. I have written a few grants to help with the cost of the pews. If we get them, I will let you know. The goal is to keep working at raising money until we have enough to complete both parts of the project. If you are interested in donating to the pew project - Have A Seat! - simply write a check with "pews" in the memo line. I will keep you updated on our progress.

The History of the Catholic Church



Part 2: 11th through 20th Centuries
Thurs. Jan 26th – March 28th 7-8:30p
See flier for more information



Server Training and party!
Monday, January 16th at 10 am. For those who are interested in serving or would like update, the training is at 10 am. Then all servers are welcome to come bowling after the training. I will need parent help in transporting children. Please contact Fr. Cody with any questions.



Upcoming Mass Changes

No Mass or Adoration January 11th and 12th



Hey High Schoolers!
We are hosting a movie/ game night on Saturday, January 21st after the 5 pm Mass. Come chill and watch a movie on our big screen or play some games and eat some pizza.

St. Mary's Church in Helena is hosting a in-person Virtus training for all those who are interested. The training is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st at 6 pm. All those who work with the homebound and children are required to be Virtus compliant (have attended the training and read the monthly bulletins). If you are interested, sign up for the training on virtus.org.



We are livestreaming again! If you know of homebound parishioners or other people who could benefit from a virtual Mass, let them know that it is available on our Sacraments page on the website (holycrossmt.org).

The blessing of homes on Epiphany

Prayer:

On entering the home,

Leader (Priest, if present, or father of the family) : Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. *During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . .

And lead us not into temptation

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".)

Example: 20 + C + M + B + 20



Please join us to listen to guest speaker Mayra Rodriguez, Planned Parenthood whistleblower turned Hispanic pro-life leader who comes to us to detail clinic corruption, patient endangerment, planted drugs, and going from Planned Parenthood Employee of the year to being **FIRE**d within a year. She took on Planned Parenthood and **WON!**

Also we have Guest Speaker & Montana girl, Sarah Hosa to speak out about the value of life, gratitude to her birth mother for choosing adoption, and the hardships she has faced with premarital and high risk pregnancies, and the pressure by doctors to abort her baby. She chose **LIFE!**

Last, but not least, Montana Attorney General, Austin Knudsen, joins us to give his perspective on what is happening here in Montana.

Montana State March For Life

Friday, January 13, 2023

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Montana State
Capitol Rotunda (Indoors)



#WHYWEMARCH

What are YOU looking for?

Join us for a Catholic Journey Spiritual Weekend
All are Invited. All are welcome!

Looking for a weekend to deepen your spirituality? Give yourself a 3-day Christmas gift!
No cooking or cleaning, all that is done for you. All you do is enjoy your connections with other faith filled women and the Lord.

The new Catholic Journey is for Catholics who are seeking a deeper understanding and commitment to their role as laity in the church. We also invite non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholics of other Christian denominations, and even those of non-Christian faith or no faith to attend. It is an opportunity to experience a weekend of Catholic spirituality as lived in a group of Catholic laity, who share with them the Catholic Community, reflections on the Catholic faith, and Catholic prayer and spirituality.

Weekends will be held at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, East Helena, MT

*Women's weekend - January 12-15, 2023 (Contact Mary Munger at (406) 949-1870)

*Men's weekend - February 16-19, 2023 (Contact Darwin Eckert at (406) 594-6055)

Weekends begin at 7:00 PM Thursday evenings and end about 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoons.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

DATE NIGHT
@ Lewis and Clark Brewing

The Cathedral of St. Helena is sponsoring a belated New Year's Date Night!

We've reserved a room at the Lewis and Clark Taproom for our couples and will provide FREE childcare at the Brondel Center from 5:30-8:30pm on January 27th.

Take advantage of this opportunity to get in some one-on-one time after the busyness of the holiday season. We will offer a few conversation starters so that you can take on the new year as a couple with a plan. First beer is on us!