



Holy Cross Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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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HOLY CROSS PARISH'S 3rd Annual CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (PLUS FREE-WILL DONATION PLAY!)

SATURDAY

JULY 20, 2024

10AM-2PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

101 S. Walnut St.
Townsend, MT
406-266-4811

TOURNAMENT PLAY:
9:30AM-REGISTRATION
10AM-BAGS FLY
\$50/TEAM (2 PERSON)

FREE PLAY: 10AM-2PM
***WALK-IN & PLAY!**
***FREE-WILL DONATION**
***WATER PARK FOR KIDS!**

TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

1st Place: \$150.00
2nd Place: \$100.00
3rd Place: \$50.00

FOOD & FUN!

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs.
Cotton Candy/Snowcones,
Chips/Drinks!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT FIRST RESPONDERS & HOLY CROSS PARISH (50/50)

The Feast of Epiphany

The Feast of Epiphany is the most dynamic feast of the Christmas season. Often we limit this feast to the coming of the wise men. Yet, the goal of this feast is to reflect on all the ways that Jesus revealed himself to the world as the Messiah and God become man. The first way is to the nations by the coming of the wise men. I want you to pause for a moment and reflect on this way that Jesus revealed himself. The stars indicated the Messiah and were known and followed by people from the East. These people had no knowledge of Jewish customs or ways neither did they know the prophecies. Yet, they understood the signs in the stars and came. The second way Jesus revealed himself was at his baptism. Although we would assume this to be a normal event of people acknowledging their sin and washing themselves clean, Jesus made it even more profound. At his Baptism, the Father's voice resounded for all to hear that Jesus is his Son. Now all know and have had it revealed to them that God has become man. The third event is the most obscure of the three: The Wedding Feast at Cana. The Coming of the Wise Men and the Baptism of Jesus are obvious Christmas events that signal that Jesus is the Messiah. Why the Wedding Feast at Cana? The answer is simple: turning water into wine as Jesus' first miracle. The event at Cana signaled the beginning of his ministry and that start of his path to crucifixion, death, and Resurrection. Thus Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah by turning water into wine. I want to go a few steps deeper with this feast. The first miracle took place at a wedding. Does this surprise you? Jesus intended to marry his Church and become one with her. Where else would he reveal his intentions? Wine is used as the drink of cheer, the drink of festivities, and also the drink used in the Mass. Finally, the first miracle was part of a communal celebration where God's providence is made known to the people. The good wine has come not from grapes but from God himself. The new era of marriage and new life has come not through rites but through Jesus' blood and body.

The Baptism of Our Lord

Most people forget that this feast is part of the Christmas Season. If we took a moment to recognize its place within the season, I am sure you will understand why the Church ended the Christmas Season with this Feast. The Baptism of Jesus was the beginning of his movement towards his death and Resurrection. This was the first moment he was announced to the people as the Messiah. Thus, his birth and his ministry are connected by the two feasts which begin and end the season. We, however, are challenged to reflect on these mysteries as we celebrate them. Jesus' birth was for our salvation. His miracles, his baptism, and his life are all connected and ordered towards his death and Resurrection and our salvation.

The Christmas Season is a dynamic mix of pivotal moments in the life of Jesus all connected with his birth, death, and Resurrection.

Fr. Cody

Stewardship

6/23

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$2,371.00
Loose	\$34.00
Reimbursement	\$3,550.69
Total	\$5,955.69

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
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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

If the Word of God is living and powerful, and if the Lord does all things whatsoever he wills; if he said, "Let there be light", and it happened; if he said, "let there be a firmament", and it happened; ...if finally the Word of God himself willingly became man and made flesh for himself out of the most pure and undefiled blood of the holy and ever Virgin, why should he not be capable of making bread his Body and wine and water his Blood?... God said, "This is my Body", and "This is my Blood."

- St. John of Damascus

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

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?

Given to the man to be ordained at an ordination:

Which liturgical item represents a deacon?

The Book of the Gospels

Which liturgical items represent a priest?

The Paten and the Chalice

Which liturgical items represent a bishop?

The Miter, Crosier, and ring.

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.



Middle school and High school sports/ game day on the lawn is Friday, July 19th from 5-7 pm. Water balloons are a possibility.....

ATTENTION!

No Mass or Adoration July 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th

The Retired group will not meet on Monday, July 1st and Monday, July 8th but will resume on Monday, July 15th.



Funeral for Mel Obrigewitch is Saturday, July 6th at 11a with a Rosary at 10a

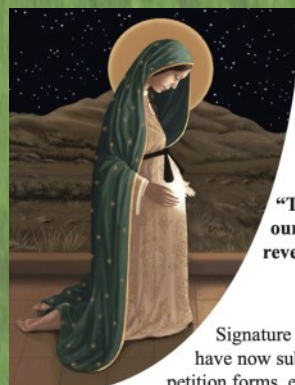
Scripture Readings



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7-7-2024

Reading 1: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm: 123:1-2,2,3-4
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

MASS	Schedule
Monday July 1	No Mass No Adoration
Tuesday July 2	No Mass
Wednesday July 3	No Mass
Thursday July 4	No Mass
Friday July 5	No Mass
Saturday July 6	No Mass
Sunday July 7	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

"The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition."

—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2023.

Signature gatherers for the petition to place Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) on Montana's November ballot have now submitted their petition forms to county election administrators. Within four weeks of receiving statewide petition forms, election administrators must check the names of all petition signers to verify they are registered voters in their county. Petition signatures will be compared with voter registration signatures and then verified signature sheets will be submitted to the Secretary of State, no later than July 19. If there are sufficient verified signatures filed, the Secretary of State will certify that the petition has qualified for the ballot.

As we await the final signature count and verification, our Montana's Catholic bishops urge us to continue praying for the defeat of CI-128, the protection of all human life, and the conversion of heart to which God calls all of us. Whatever the outcome of this initiative process, the Church will remain vigilant in boldly proclaiming the truth about human life and working to build a culture that upholds the infinite dignity of every person.



From Montana's Bishops
Joint Letter & Video
Stand for Life in Montana



Join our Bishops as we stand for every child's right to life, the dignity of each mother, and the sanctity of the family.

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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

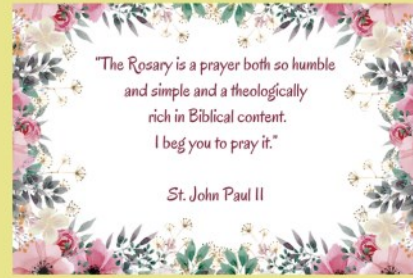
Sunday July 7, 2024

4:30pm

Greet: Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector: Mary Ellen Schnur
Gifts: Cathy Armstrong and Tom Aced
EM: Buffy Woodring and Marilyn Vandersloot
Money Counters: Juanita Bray and Karen Susag

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

FOR THE POPE, CHURCH,
PRIEST, FAMILIES,
CHILDREN & FOR
THE WHOLE WORLD



SUNDAYS @ 4:00

JULY 7- JOYFUL MYSTERIES

JULY 14- LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

JULY 21- SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

JULY 28 - GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Notes from the Parish Meeting are on the table at the entrance to the church if you would like to read about some of the discussion and action items.



**FIRST SATURDAY
SCRIPTURAL ROSARY**
 Saturday, July 6, 2024
 10:00am
 Coffee and Donuts afterwards

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

The Order of the Discalced Carmelite Seculars will be having an open house for the Feast of St. Elijah on Saturday, July 20th. Join us at 11:00 am at Holy Cross Parish in Townsend, MT. The community will celebrate Mass with Fr. Bart Tolleson presiding, and will be receiving the Temporary Promise of one of its members. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will be available after Mass for anyone who wishes and scapulars will be available. A light reception will follow the Mass in the social hall. Information about the western Montana Community of Carmelites will be available for anyone interested in learning more about the Order of Discalced Carmelite Seculars.



Starting in July
 New
Rosary Time
 SUNDAYS
4:00pm
 BEFORE MASS



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.

