

Stewardship

5/5

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$1,810.00
Loose	\$162.14
Online Giving	\$243.99
Reimbursement	\$856.08
Stipend	\$290.00
Total	\$3,362.21

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-April

City of Townsend	\$173.41
NorthWestern Energy	\$699.54
Spectrum	\$144.97
Flocknote	\$36.00
Geisser Services	\$325.00
Special K Plumbing & Heating	\$1,500.00
MT Elevator Company	\$2,052.50

Cemetery

Cemetery Weekly Income

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

Cemetery Expenses-April

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

“We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives.”

- St. John Vianney – The Cure of Ars

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, Millie 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?

Why does the pope, except Pope Francis, wear red shoes?

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?



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.



Holy Cross Parish

The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 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 39

The Liturgical Year: Ordinary Time

The three weeks following the end of the Easter Season and the return to Ordinary Time are strange compared to the rest of the year. Four major celebrations begin our transition and confuse it. Although the Easter Season is over, the next two weekends further explain and extend the meaning of Easter into the new season of Ordinary Time.

Trinity Sunday:

The Sunday after Pentecost is always the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. This feast follows the progression of thought from Easter: Jesus is the Son who rose from the dead, the Father rose his Son from the dead, and the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. Thus in the Easter Season we have seen the three persons of God manifest in these mysteries. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the revelation of God as three persons in one God.

Corpus Christi:

The second Sunday after Pentecost is the Feast of Corpus Christi or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. This Feast was originally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday as a reminder that the Last Supper occurred on Thursday and the traditional day to remember the Eucharist. The bishops decided to move this feast to Sunday so that the faithful could more easily attend. Like Easter and Pentecost, this feast has its own sequence (which is very long) that helps explain the importance of this great feast and the Blessed Sacrament. Traditionally, churches would process around town with the Blessed Sacrament on this day to remind themselves and everyone about God's presence to us in the Eucharist.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

The Friday (or the second Friday after Pentecost) after Corpus Christi is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of the Jesus and the Saturday (or the second Saturday after Pentecost) after Corpus Christi is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These feasts were added to the calendar from the devotion of the peoples. Throughout the 18-20th centuries the devotion to these two feasts rose and were added to the calendar.

Fr. Cody



Every 4th Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you wish. Resources will be available to help you pray and make the most of the time you have. I encourage everyone to come and use this opportunity.

Next Holy Hour June 22nd



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.



Montana Catholics for Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

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

Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation. Every person is entitled to the right to life and human dignity. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

Join our Montana Bishops in defense of babies, mothers and families against the abortion initiative CI-128. Decline to sign the petition to place CI-128 on the November ballot, learn about what is at stake, and share the Bishops' Message as we pray and work together against this initiative.

Life-affirming Resources

- Expectant Mother/ Parent Counseling
- Adoption
- Pregnancy Resources
- Post Abortion Help
- Help for Mothers and Babies in Need
- Prayers for Life



From Montana's Bishops

Joint Letter and Video:
Stand for Life in Montana



Visit montanacc.org or scan the QR code for details.

Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1st Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.



If anyone has skills with sprinkler systems, please contact Fr. Cody. We are in need of someone who can manage our sprinkler system.



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.



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

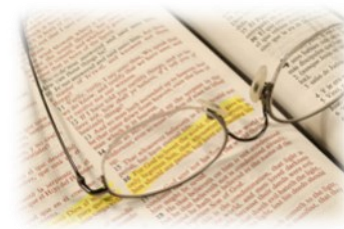
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our parish dedication day is May 19th. In celebration of our 59th anniversary, we are going to have a parish potluck after Mass
- The Mass to celebrate our graduates is Sunday, May 19th after mass
- The final night of RE is Sunday, May 19th
- The Holy Hour and Confession time is cancelled for Saturday, May 25th
- The potluck for Sunday, May 26th is cancelled due to Memorial Day weekend
- There will be no mass or adoration Monday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 28th



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.

Scripture Readings



Pentecost
5-19-2024

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: 104:1ab and 24ac, 29bc-30, 31 and 34
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: Galatians 5:16-25



MASS	Schedule
Monday May 13	Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday May 14	Mass 9a Sean Duede RB The Gibbs Family
Wednesday May 15	No Mass
Thursday May 16	No Mass
Friday May 17	No Mass
Saturday May 18	No Mass
Sunday May 19	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Last Day of RE 5:45-7p Parish Potluck after mass Parish Dedication Day Graduates Celebration after mass <i>Blessing table in the narthex</i>



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 May 19, 2024

4:30pm

Greet: Tom and Julie Lethert
Lector: Abby Wickens
Gifts: John and Missy Rauser
EM: Max Wickens and John Bleile
Money Counters: Tom and Julie Lethert



Blessing for Mothers: Heavenly Father, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus. Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact".



The Annual Catholic Appeal is in full swing. Our goal is to raise \$21,100 for the purpose of the Diocese, the parishes of the Diocese, and the mission of the Diocese. Please consider and make a donation to the ACA. We are currently at 80% of our goal with only \$3,640 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.



Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

I would like to lead a pilgrimage for any parishioners who would like to go. I would like your input. If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, let me know which location you would prefer.

1. Rome and Italy
2. The Holy Land
3. Greece and Turkey to follow the route of St. Paul
4. Spain and the way of St. James
5. Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Wisconsin and the only approved Marian apparition in the US as well as the sites of the martyrs in the northeast.
7. Ireland



Dillon Armstrong, who served our parish last summer, will be ordained a deacon on Friday, May 31st at 3 pm at the Cathedral in Helena. I encourage everyone to go and support him as well as experience a deaconate ordination.

A special thank you to all who helped with the Bazaar. A special thank you to Paula Van Houdt for all her hard work organizing and planning this event. We raised \$6,540.74. Thank you all for all your help.

THANK YOU!



A Big Huge
Thank you!

We deeply appreciated to all who participated in donating goods for our Baby Basket Drive.

We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for believing in our cause.

The mothers who will receive the baby gift basket from us will be undoubtedly grateful for such gifts for their babies that were donated by people in our community.

From the Quilting Ladies