



# Holy Cross Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 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)**

## Basics of Catholicism part 47

### The Sacraments

#### What is a Sacrament?

Sacraments are concrete realities that when you bump into them you bump into God. This definition was given to me by one of my professors from seminary. It contains the core elements of a Sacrament. The first part of understanding the Sacraments is that they teach us about God. Each Sacrament is a visible expression of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. As we explore the Sacraments in detail throughout this series, the goal is to find the way that each Sacrament expresses God's will and the core elements of Jesus' ministry. Additionally, the Sacraments are about God. According to the Catechism, they are "visible signs of invisible grace." Each Sacrament shows the invisible grace of God in the visible forms of the Sacraments. They Sacraments themselves are not the grace. God gives his grace through the Sacraments.

The second part of the Sacraments is that they are visible signs or concrete realities. Each Sacrament has visible expressions of God's grace and tangible things that help us relate to God's grace and experience its effects. Not only do we need to watch for the signs of God's action in each Sacrament but now we must also look for the visible signs that help us understand the graces God wants to give us. Another way of expressing the concrete reality of the Sacraments is to realize that they function in our world. They are not some spiritual reality that we experience in signs. The physical signs of the Sacraments such as water and oil are part of the Sacrament and avenues of graces. Without these physical signs, the Sacraments do not happen.

We believe in 7 Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Penance/ Reconciliation, Holy Orders, and Marriage. These seven Sacraments have existed in the Church since Jesus inaugurated them during his life and ministry. In addition to the Sacraments are sacramentals. Sacramentals are things that draw us more deeply into the Sacraments. Usually these are things we used in the celebration of the Sacraments like Holy Water, Holy Oils, and blessed objects.

Each Sacrament is comprised on two major parts. The first part is the Liturgy of the Word. Similar to the Mass, each Sacrament begins with an introduction, then proclamation of the Word of God. Sometimes this part is a reading from a small part of Scripture. Other times the Liturgy of the Word can encompass three readings like at Mass. The second part of a Sacrament is the ritual or rite. This rite must be followed for a valid Sacrament. The rite encompasses the action of the Sacrament; what we do for to receive God's grace. For instance, baptism would be the action of baptizing the person. The Anointing of the Sick is the anointing of the person with oil. The rite also include the words, the explanation, and the action.



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

The Order of the Discalced Carmelite Seculars will be having an open house for the Feast of St. Elijah on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Scripture Readings



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7-14-2024

Reading 1: Amos 7:12-15  
Psalm: 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14  
Reading 2: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10  
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

MASS	Schedule
Monday July 8	No Mass No Adoration
Tuesday July 9	No Mass
Wednesday July 10	No Mass
Thursday July 11	No Mass
Friday July 12	No Mass
Saturday July 13	No Mass
Sunday July 14	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

New  
**Rosary Time**  
SUNDAYS  
**4:00pm**  
BEFORE MASS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-5p

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.

RE Game Day Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p



The Retired group will not meet on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> but will resume on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth."

—Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life)

As petition signature verification takes place, we continue to pray for the defeat of CI-128, the dangerous initiative that seeks to enshrine a right to abortion above other basic human rights in the Montana State Constitution. Matthew Brower, director of the Montana Catholic Conference, in an article published in the June 23rd edition of the Helena Independent Record, clearly outlined how CI-128 would impose a new legal standard of "absolute autonomy" around abortion.

Our Montana Bishops have issued a call to prayerful action in defense of life in Montana. In response, let us pray, study, reflect, and boldly share the beauty of our Catholic understanding that the infinite dignity of life is sacred and that unborn children have a right to live. Share the message that a new life is not a problem solved by abortion, but each new life is a gift to mothers, children, families and all of society.

Read Matthew Brower's article and find many more life-affirming resources at [MontanaCC.org](http://MontanaCC.org) or scan the QR code below.



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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**ATTENTION!**

No Mass or Adoration  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>

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

[office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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 14, 2024

4:30pm

Greet:

Tom and Julie Lethert

Lector:

Debbie Miller

Gifts:

John and Missy Rauser

EM:

Shawna Wickens and Nikki Weiss

Money Counters:

Tom and Julie Lethert



### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

to benefit the charitable ministries of  
Catholic Social Services of Montana

Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.cssmt.org) or scan the QR Code.



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*

## Stewardship

### Holy Cross

#### Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes  
Loose  
Reimbursement  
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

"God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in His Sacrament of the Altar He is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in His Sacrifice daily offered as really as once offered on the Cross,"

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### 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, 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, Monte Schnur, Jonathon 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.

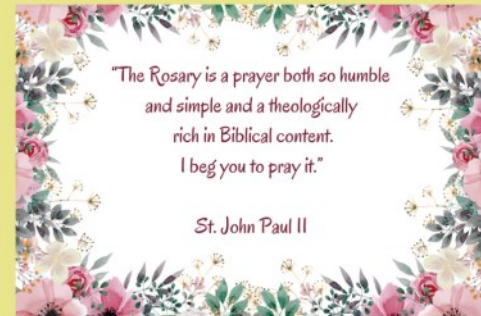
**Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected:**

**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.**

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