



Holy Cross Parish

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 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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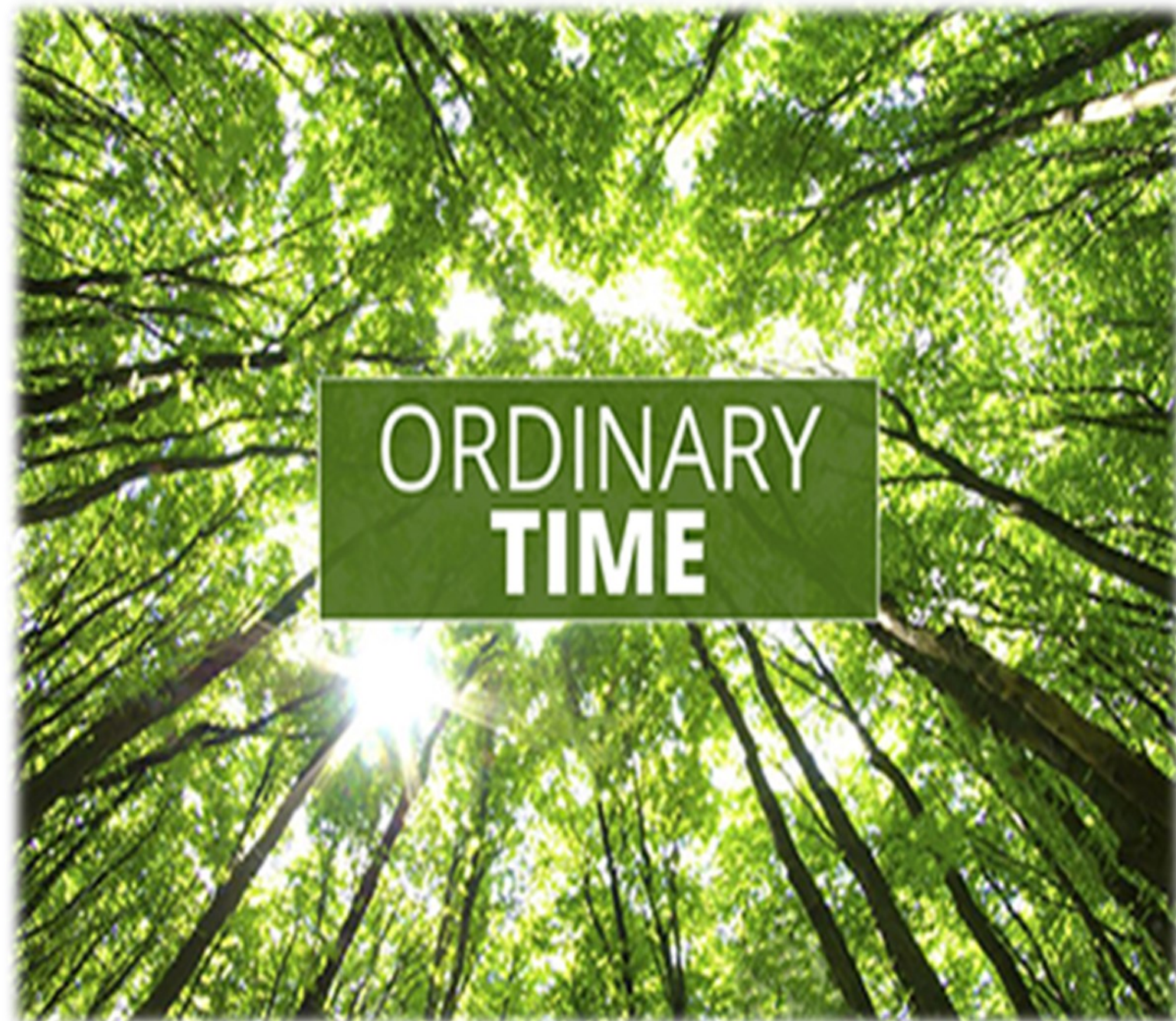
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Christmas

The Season of Christmas is the second shortest liturgical season of the year. Depending on the calendar it can be anywhere between 2 weeks and 3 weeks long. The season of Christmas begins on Christmas Eve, December 24th, and concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The basic structure of the Season is complicated. Christmas is always on December 25th and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is always on January 1st. The Sunday between the 25th and the 1st is the Feast of the Holy Family, unless January 1st is on a Sunday. Then the Feast of the Holy Family is on the previous Friday. The Sunday after January 1st is The Feast of Epiphany. Some Dioceses choose to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany on the traditional date of January 6th. Thus there are 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany. If Epiphany is later than January 7th, then the Baptism of our Lord is on the Monday after Epiphany. Otherwise, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord is on the Sunday after Epiphany.

With all those confusing dates and changes out of the way, let's focus on the core characteristics of this season and its principle feasts. The color for the Christmas season is white. The focal point of the season is obvious: the birth of Jesus. Everything in this season focuses on and explains the central event in salvation history of Jesus becoming human. A subtle point that many people do not realize is that the season of Christmas directs our attention to Easter. Themes throughout the prayers, some hymns, and many of the feasts draw our attention to the impending crucifixion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus as the reason for this birth.

The Octave of Christmas

The Octave of Christmas, or the eight days between Christmas and Mary, Mother of God, is the strangest octave of the year. Whereas the Octave of Easter is quite simple with each day being a day of Easter and no other celebrations allowed, Christmas it the opposite. The day after Christmas we celebrate the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the first martyr in the Church. Hence, Jesus birth led to the first person to witness to his coming by his blood. The second day of the Octave is the feast of John the Apostle. The only Apostle not to be martyred. The third day of the Octave is the Feast of the Holy Innocents commemorating the death of those 2 years old and younger caused by Herod's desire to kill the Messiah. Two minor saints are celebrated within this octave. The Octave of Christmas is filled with the effects of Jesus' birth and a reflection on the influence his birth had on the world.

The most striking part of the Octave of Christmas is the readings at daily Mass. For the entirety of the Christmas Season we read through the letters of St. John. These letters beautifully reflect on the mystery of Jesus' birth and the practical reality that we could touch, see, and hear God.

Fr. Cody

Stewardship

5/26-6/9

Holy Cross

Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes	\$8980.00
Loose	\$189.86
Online Giving	\$591.54
Stole	\$450.00
Stipend	\$20.00
Total	\$10,231.40

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

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."

- St. Augustine

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, 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, 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?

Give to the man to be ordained at an ordination:

Which liturgical item represents a deacon?

Which liturgical items represent a priest?

Which liturgical items represent a bishop?

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.



RE game day is on
Tuesday, June 25th from 5-7 pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- No Holy Hour for June
- No Mass or Adoration July 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th

After receiving the responses from my questionnaire about the special series for our retired community, I decided to choose Mondays from 10:30-12:30 for the series. I know that many were interested in Tuesdays from 10-12. I cannot lead two sessions at the moment. If you are still interested in a second session on Tuesdays, please let me know and I will try to work something out.

The first session of the special session for those in our retired community will begin on Monday, June 17th from 10:30-12:30. All are welcome.

The food pantry will be open Saturday 6/29 from 9:00 -10:30a. It is located just two doors down in the old JRock jewelry space and will remain there for the next three months. June is Holy Cross's month to volunteer, those interested in helping to distribute food during this time feel free to come. The rotary club is matching any monetary donations made until Father's Day. They could use the funds now especially with all the damage.

Broadwater Food Pantry
PO Box 1164
Townsend, MT 59644



Scripture Readings



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6-23-2024

Reading 1: Job 38:1,8-11
Psalm: 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

MASS	Schedule
Monday June 17	Mass 9a Homebound Parishioners Adoration 9:30a
Tuesday June 18	Mass 9a Seminarians
Wednesday June 19	No Mass
Thursday June 20	No Mass
Friday June 21	No Mass
Saturday June 22	No Mass No Holy Hour
Sunday June 23	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Anointing of the Sick Mass



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 June 23, 2024 4:30pm

Greet: Bev Determan
Lector: Robin Kirscher
Gifts: Eichinger Family
EM: Tom and Julie Lethert
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch



Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, our meeting to explore this option will be Monday, June 17th at 7p



A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.



Anointing of the Sick Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd. If you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, you must contact Fr. Cody in advance. The Anointing of the Sick is limited to those with series medical conditions including: new diagnoses, surgery, serious effects of old age, chronic conditions getting worse, and other medical conditions. Those who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick are highly encouraged to go to Confession before receiving the Sacrament. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Cody.

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



Montana Catholics for Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

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

"Every child that arrives is God's gift. Every baby, in every case, and in whatever situation is to be welcomed,"
Pope Francis via video, *Love Brightens the World's Darkness*, 2021

Families are sacred. They are the domestic church and the most significant factor in helping determine the lifelong flourishing of each member, children and parents alike. Part of the reason for this is that they know how to lovingly meet challenges together, including the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy. They understand that rallying to support a new mother is a true expression of love and that her life as a mother will be deeply fulfilling and enriching. Motherhood, even if unplanned, is a gift to women, their children, families, and all of society. It is not a prescription for certain failure or poverty, and it is certainly not a "problem" that needs to be solved by taking the life of a child through abortion. Families know this and throughout history have supported mothers with unplanned pregnancies. CI-128 would enshrine abortion in the State Constitution of Montana eliminating regulations by rendering them unconstitutional. This includes the current requirement for parental notification when a minor obtains an abortion. This change is unacceptable as it eliminates a young mother's very best chance of flourishing in life by creating a barrier of secrecy between her and her family. Mothers deserve better in Montana. Please continue to pray and spread the word - decline to sign the petition to place Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) on the November ballot.



From Montana's Bishops

Joint Letter and Video:
Stand for Life in Montana



Life-affirming Resources

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

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

IF YOU HAVE MISTAKENLY SIGNED THE PETITION AND WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW YOUR NAME, PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE FOR A PETITION WITHDRAWAL FORM OR CONTACT CHANCERY.



Please welcome Kaleb Mitchell.



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.

