

**STEWARDSHIP**

5/23-24/2020

<b>Holy Cross</b>	
HC Envelopes	\$2055.00
Loose	\$34.00
Home Missions	\$100.00
Total	\$2189.00

**Holy Cross Monthly Expense:**

<b>Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:</b>	
03-31-2020	\$54,643.17

**CEMETERY**

Opening Balance 5-1-2020	\$956.15
5-11-2020 Short Term	\$500.00
Gravesites	\$0.00
Total Cemetery Acct	\$1456.15

<b>Cemetery Endowment Fund</b>	
03-31-2020	\$45,408.31

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

THANK YOU!



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday at 5:30pm

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

**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, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Kaleb Mitchell, and 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:

Gene Determan, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Cora Horne, Shanna Montonario, Greg Wallace, Tanner Scholey, Marj Kohn, Pat Montonario, Dr. Kegel, Betty Devaney, Chuck Slyker, Vince Boster, Pastor Ram, Favory family, Martin and Margy Clark, Bill Rice, Gerry Solwey



**Finance Council** members: Juanita Bray, John Rauser-Chair, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl, meet quarterly.

**Pastoral Council** members: Bernadette Swenson-Chair, Shari Toney, Jesse Swenson, Shawna Wickens & Chris Wright, meet third Tuesday of the month,

**Cemetery Committee:** Paul Latka, Terry Love, Rich Majszak-Chair, Gay Ann Masolo, Doris Mingay and Missy Rauser.

**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.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Fr. Cody Williams, Parish Administrator Email: frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org  
Office: 406-266-4811 Email: office@holycrossmt.org Website: holycrossmt.org

**Weekend Schedule:**

**Confession:** Saturday 4:15—4:45 pm, Sunday 9:15-9:45am or by appointment

**Mass:** Saturday Mass 5 pm Sunday Mass 10 am

First Saturday of the Month Healing of Families mass 9a

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Daily mass 9a First Friday of the month mass 9a

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:30am to 12:00 pm

**Holy Cross Parish Bulletin**

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)

Townsend, Montana 59644

May 31, 2020

**Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 10 am**

Fr. Cody's Corner

Things found in the Sanctuary

The Paschal Candle. Some of you might know what this is. Others may have noticed it but didn't know it had a specific name. Technically I am writing this introduction to the Paschal Candle a little late since it will be moved out of the Sanctuary after Sunday. The Paschal Candle is the really tall ornate candle usually found by the baptismal font near the back of the church. During the Easter Season the Paschal Candle is moved into the Sanctuary to emphasize the Sacrament of Baptism, which is normally celebrated in the Easter Season, and the focus on Jesus' Resurrection.

So what is the Paschal Candle and why is it important? The Paschal Candle is the one of the major parts of the Easter Vigil, the Mass that begins in the Easter Season. During the opening rites of the Easter Vigil Mass, a fire is lit outside representing the night of vigil. Then the candle is blessed with specific markings that represent Christ: the alpha and the omega, the five wounds of Christ, and the Cross. The candle is then lit by the fire and processed into the dark church as the only light in the church. From this one flame, representing Jesus the light of the world and the light of faith, the candles of all those present are lit fanning out to light the entire building. The priest then sings a song about and to the candle emphasizing its connection to Jesus and setting it apart as an object that calls us to remember Jesus' death and Resurrection. Later in the Mass, during the Baptismal part of the Mass, the candle is dunked into the font of water used for Baptism as a symbol of new life coming from the font. With all this symbolism, the Paschal Candle contains all the major symbols of Jesus reminding us of the new life that comes in the Easter Season.

Outside of the Easter Season the Paschal candle is prominently displayed for Baptisms and Funerals, which are both connected with resurrection and new life. The Paschal Candle should be replaced each year with a new candle that is blessed for that year. Paschal Candles from previous years need to either be burned completely or buried since they are blessed and sacred object.

Fr. Cody



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The following are the new restrictions for reopening
- Mass attendance is limited to 30 families to maintain the 6 ft social distancing standard and to provide the most people we can given this restriction.
  - Please sit at the end of each pew. Pews marked with yellow tape are restricted pews, please do not sit in them. One family can sit at each end of the pew and maintain the directives.
  - Movement in and out of the building must keep the social distancing norm, which means that we will seat you in the church space from front to back and you will leave in the opposite order.
  - The offertory basket will be placed on the gifts table at the entrance to the church. Please place your contributions in that basket on your way in.
  - The sign of peace and receiving the Precious Blood from the Chalice are both dispensed.
  - Everyone is required to receive communion in the hand and the kneelers for receiving communion are removed.
- Finally, the aisle is marked with 6 ft markers to indicate the distance you must stand from the person in front of you.

## Adoration is Back!!

With the restriction on the number of people who can attend Mass, Bishop Vetter encouraged all parishes to offer additional times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to allow people to pray and experience the effects of the Eucharist. Therefore I am offering additional times for you to pray before our Lord in the Eucharist. Many people are confused about Adoration. I generally schedule an hour of time for Adoration. You are welcome to come to the whole hour or just part of the time. Even 5 minutes is worth the effort. The main part of the rite happens in the first 5 minutes and the last 10 minutes. So, if you wanted to experience Benediction, or the blessing with the Eucharist, come for the last 10 minutes of Adoration. I will have cards with the prayers and hymns available.

### ADORATION

The new times:  
 Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 (after daily Mass)  
 Wednesday from 5-6 pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays from 9:30-10:30



## Legendary Lodge 2020 Registration is Open

Camps are already starting to fill for Legendary Lodge where campers can enjoy prayer, Mass, Reconciliation, Swimming, and much, much more.

This joy-filled event is a great time to connect with friends, create memories that last a lifetime.

Unique camps are offered for ages 5 to 11. No child will be turned away for financial reasons, so make your plans before camps are full.

More details and registration are at [legendarylodge.org](http://legendarylodge.org)

Or contact Lois Synness at

406-389-7068

Women of Faith are offering scholarships again this year. Please let us know if you are in need of assistance.



June is Holy Cross Parish's month to staff the Townsend Food Pantry. If you're interested in helping please contact Don Peace at 266-1325 or Doris Mingay at 980-2011 .

Please consider signing up for a Friday from 3 to 5 or Saturday morning.



## Scripture Readings



### The Most Holy Trinity

6-7-2020

**Reading 1:** Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

**Psalm** Daniel 3:52,53,54,55

**Reading 2:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel** John 3:16-18

**Communion Antiphon:**

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cried out: Abba, Father.

The CARES Act has made additional funds available to end Veteran homelessness in Montana and Wyoming.

In an effort to get more Veterans off the streets, to help Veterans at risk of becoming homeless, and to minimize the population of congregate settings (Shelters and Grant Per Diem facilities) the Veterans Administration has provided nearly three million dollars available for Veterans living in Montana and Wyoming through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, operated by Volunteers of America.

Along with the funds comes temporary qualification and rule changes: re-enrollment of Veterans previously exited from the program, a temporary waving of the enrollment limitation length, changes to the limitations for transitional accommodations before permanent housing is found, and an allowance for a COVID-19 friendly remote intake process.

Veterans who are currently or are facing imminent homelessness should call Volunteers of America at 1.844.4.VOA.Vet to speak with a service coordinator today.

Volunteers of America, with a mission to help those in need, operates Supportive Services for Veteran Families in every county of Montana and Wyoming to ensure those who served the country are cared for with programs to empower them to build happy and healthy lives. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. staff are available in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, and Missoula, Montana, as well as Casper, Cheyenne, Gillette, Riverton, Rock Springs, and Sheridan, Wyoming.

A pre-qualification form is available on their website at <https://www.voanr.org/pre-qualify>

Mass	Schedule
Monday June 1	No mass
Tuesday June 2	Rosary Mass 9a The Unborn Adoration 9:30-10:30a
Wednesday June 3	Rosary Mass 9a Youth Adoration 5-6p Virtual Tour 7p
Thursday June 4	Rosary Mass 9a Volunteers Gospel of Matthew Series 7p
Friday June 5	Rosary Mass 9a OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday June 6	Healing of Families Mass 9a Confession 4:15p-4:45p Mass 5p Poor Souls
Sunday June 7	Confession 9:15-9:45a Mass 10a Parish Family

Pat Field's funeral has been postponed to June 16th, 2021

**Ministry Schedule**  
 Saturday June 6, 2020 5:00 pm

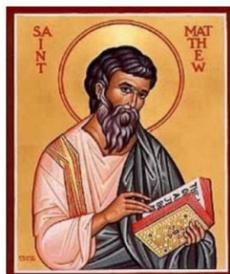
**Greeter:** Monte and Cathy Armstrong  
**Lector:** Marilyn Vandersloot  
**Server:**

**Ministry Schedule**  
 Sunday June 7, 2020 10:00 am

**Greeter:** Tom and Nora Bazuin  
**Lector:** Mary Ellen Schnur  
**Server:** Kennedy Vogl

The Gospel of  
 Matthew

Thursdays at 7 pm



We will continue until we finish the Book

You can also listen to this series by going to:

[Catholicchat.podbean.com](http://Catholicchat.podbean.com)

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