

Stewardship

12/12-12/13/2020

Holy Cross

28 HC Envelopes	\$2120.00
4 Holy Days	\$155.00
2 Flowers	\$150.00
1 Stipend	\$50.00
World Mission	\$50.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$50.00
9 Religious Retirement	\$370.00
Total	\$2945.00

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses

Elevator Repair	\$3460.00
Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:	
09-30-2020	\$62,987.27

Cemetery

Opening Balance 12-1-2020	-\$287.53
2 Short term	\$600.00
General Fund	\$1000.00
Total Cemetery Account	\$1312.47

Cemetery Expenses

Cemetery Endowment Fund	
09-30-2020	\$52,003.21

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

THANK YOU!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"Omnipotent and Eternal God, behold I come to the Sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As one sick, I come to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal splendor; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore, I beg of You, through Your infinite mercy and generosity, heal my weakness, wash my uncleanness, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I thus receive the Bread of Angels, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, with such reverence and humility, contrition and devotion, purity and faith, purpose and intention, as shall aid my soul's salvation."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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, Riley Helgøe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney and Kyle Tannehill.

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, Chris and Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Shanna Montonario, Greg Wallace, Tanner Scholey, Marj Kohn, Dr. Kegel, Betty Devaney, Vince Boster, Martin and Margy Clark, Bill Rice, Clara Boster, Ellen Osbourne, Brenden Martin, Henry Murray, Bev Determan, Alex Schaible, Brian Hohn, Steve Kitt, Jack Mahon family, Kathy, Terry Love

Finance Council members

Juanita Bray, John Rauser-Chair, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogt, Max Peace, Tim McAlpine meet quarterly

Pastoral Council members

Shari Toney, Jesse Swenson, Mary Ellen Schnur, Karee Eichinger & 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



HOLY CROSS PARISH



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Saturday 5:00—5:45p or by appointment

Fr. Cody Williams, Pastor Email: frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org

Mass: Saturday Mass 6p Sunday Mass 8a

Office: 406-266-4811

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Email: office@holycrossmt.org

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Website: holycrossmt.org

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9a

Mailing address: P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

Townsend, Montana 59644

Fr. Cody's Corner

The O Antiphons

I am sure that almost nothing of the above title makes sense to you. Starting with the simple letter "o" and then the word antiphon. Yet, these, the "O Antiphons" are the core message of the season of Advent and characterize these final days of Advent.



What is an antiphon? The best way to begin to describe an antiphon is to turn to the Mass. At the beginning of the Mass and just before Communion I invite everyone to join me in either an Entrance Antiphon or a Communion Antiphon. These sentences describe what we are doing and help us to engage with that particular Mass. In general an antiphon is a single line of text which is sung or recited before, after, or throughout a psalm. We use it as an introduction more than its normal context. The O Antiphons of Advent we are rather familiar with: O Come Emmanuel, O Key of David, O Wisdom from on High, O Stem of Jesse. There are 8 O Antiphons. The most common place we hear these antiphons is in the song O Come

O Come Emmanuel. These specific antiphons teach us of the prophecies concerning Jesus and the specific images that characterize who he is.

The O Antiphons during Advent. The last eight days of Advent are very carefully crafted to help us prepare for Christmas. Starting with the change of remembering the prophecies of old to preparing for Jesus' birth. The prayers of the Mass, the parts of the Mass, and even the readings take on a new character. In addition to these parts the O Antiphons are used each day for the Alleluia verse and during Evening Prayer. For these last eight days the Church invites everyone to reflect on these images for the Christ and to spend time preparing to receive him at Christmas by reflecting on the prophecies concerning the Christ. Maranatha, O Come Christ the Lord!

Fr. Cody

Announcements

Community Christmas Dinner
For Broadwater County

CHRISTMAS DAY DELIVERY

Meals will be delivered between 12p & 1p

To request meal(s) contact:
events@trailheadchristianchurch.com
Or call
406-266-4406

*Please provide Name, Number of Meals, Phone and Address of delivery

Our Christmas gift to you!

TRAILHEAD
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone who donated time and/or goodies for the Christmas plates the Women of Faith put together for the Food Pantry.



If anyone is interested in donating to the purchase of the poinsettias for the church it would be greatly appreciated. Please make those donations to the office directly or there are poinsettia envelopes on the table in the northex. If you would like to donate in memory of someone please specify that.



Virtual Retrouvaille
January 14-17th 2021
\$500 per couple
Please visit
www.helpourmarriage.org or call
406-761-4830 for more info

HelpOurMarriage.com
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Help needed around the church

The candle stick holders need to be cleaned
A new shelf for the dining room closet
Bells

Volunteers Needed!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

Advent begins our preparation for Christmas. If you thought God becoming man was confusing, imagine Christmas during a pandemic. This year our Christmas Masses are going to be a little different to accommodate the necessary Covid restrictions. I am asking people to sign-up for the Mass they wish to attend. Those who sign-up will have priority, whereas the others may celebrate Christmas Mass downstairs in our overflow Christmas Mass setup. It is imperative that everyone work to follow the restrictions including the necessary use of masks, the keeping of social distance, and the respect of other people. We are here to celebrate the joy of God coming to meet us. Let us never forget that aim!

The Christmas Mass schedule:

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
8:00 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas
Midnight
8:00 am

New Year's Eve:
7:00 pm

Scripture Readings

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
12-27-2020

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Gospel Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Communion Antiphon:
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people, even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed to recognize you here and now, give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.

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 Tuesday at 10a.

MASS	Schedule
Monday December 21	No Mass
Tuesday December 22	No Mass
Wednesday December 23	Rosary Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a No RE
Thursday December 24	Rosary Mass 9a Mass 8p No Bible Basics
Friday December 25	OFFICE CLOSED Mass 12a Mass 8a
Saturday December 26	Confession 5-5:45p Mass 6p Healthcare Workers
Sunday December 27	Mass 8a Parish Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday December 26, 2020 6:00 pm

Greet: Harold and Laura Gibbs
Lector: Gay Ann Masolo

Ministry Schedule

Sunday December 27, 2020 8:00 am

Greet: Don and Max Peace
Lector: Julie Lethert
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

If you would like to be on the Ministry Schedule please fill out a volunteer Ministry Survey found on the table in the northex.

Volunteers Needed