

# Stewardship

12/24-12/27/2020

Holy Cross

26 HC Envelopes	\$2010.00
1 Holy Day	\$20.00
1 Flowers	\$20.00
28 Christmas	\$2510.00
Loose Christmas	\$282.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4842.00</b>

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses

NW Energy	\$1410.99
Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena	\$1224.73
<b>Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:</b>	
09-30-2020	\$62,987.27

## Cemetery

Opening Balance 12-1-2020	<del>-\$287.53</del>
1 Short term	\$500.00
<b>Total Cemetery Account</b>	<b>\$1812.47</b>

## Cemetery Expenses

<b>Cemetery Endowment Fund</b>	
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

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels,' "

- *St. John Vianney*

## 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 Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney 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, 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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Weekend Schedule:

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

Mass: Saturday Mass 6p Sunday Mass 8a

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9a

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

# Holy Cross Parish



January 3, 2021

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## Fr. Cody's Corner

The story of the Magi, or wise men, from the East is one of the strange stories of the infancy narrative of Jesus. The Magi are such strange and elusive characters that some biblical scholars want to conclude they never existed or never visited Jesus. Amongst their skepticism are minor details which confirm the presence and purpose of the magi. In the year 120 AD Magi from the east came to pay homage to the birth of a newborn king who would become the Emperor Nero. The contrast between these two events could not be more sharp. Jesus was the bringer of peace who died for the sake of his people. Emperor Nero became a tyrant who accessed the Christians of burning the city of Rome and tried to destroy them. This evidence shows the connection between the birth of great leaders and the presence of the Magi.

Epiphany has one other tradition that only happens on this day: the house blessing. I mentioned this blessing last year but I want to emphasize it again. Most house blessings have a reading from Scripture, some prayers, and then the blessing of the house with holy water. On the Feast of Epiphany, the blessing contains one extra symbol: the marking of the doorpost with chalk. Blessed chalk is used in the Epiphany house blessing and only the Epiphany house blessing. The doorposts are marked in the following way:

20 + C + M + B + 21

The three letters represent the initials of the three wise men: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar. The two numbers combine to make the year of the blessing 20 + 21 = 2021.

After Mass, you can take some of the blessed chalk and mark the central door post of your house with the marking given above.

Happy Feast of Epiphany!

Fr. Cody



# Announcements

Join us from  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Monday, January 25th, 2021  
to listen to powerful  
speakers for LIFE, join in  
prayer to end abortion, and  
see a LIVE ultrasound!

#WHYWEARCH

**Montana March  
For Life 2021**  
Monday January 25th, 2021  
Montana State Capitol  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus want to thank all who helped with our fundraising 50/50 Raffle. The winner was Bill Kearns, congratulations.



Help needed around the church

- Sewing-fixing Vestments
- A new shelf for the dining room closet
- Bells

**Volunteers  
Needed!**



Virtual Retrouvaille  
January 14-17th 2021  
\$500 per couple  
Please visit  
[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call  
406-761-4830 for more info




Latin Mass is being offered at  
the Cathedral of Saint Helena  
January 24th at 1p.



**Mass  
Schedule**


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




Helena Diocese Catholic Engaged Encounter

Due to Covid-19 there will be no in-person Engaged Encounter weekends this winter. Here are a few websites that are offering virtual encounters.

- Seattle- [www.ceeseattle.org](http://www.ceeseattle.org)
- Boise- [www.ceeboise.org](http://www.ceeboise.org)
- Portland- [www.portlandengagedencounter.com](http://www.portlandengagedencounter.com)
- National- [www.engagedencounter.com](http://www.engagedencounter.com)



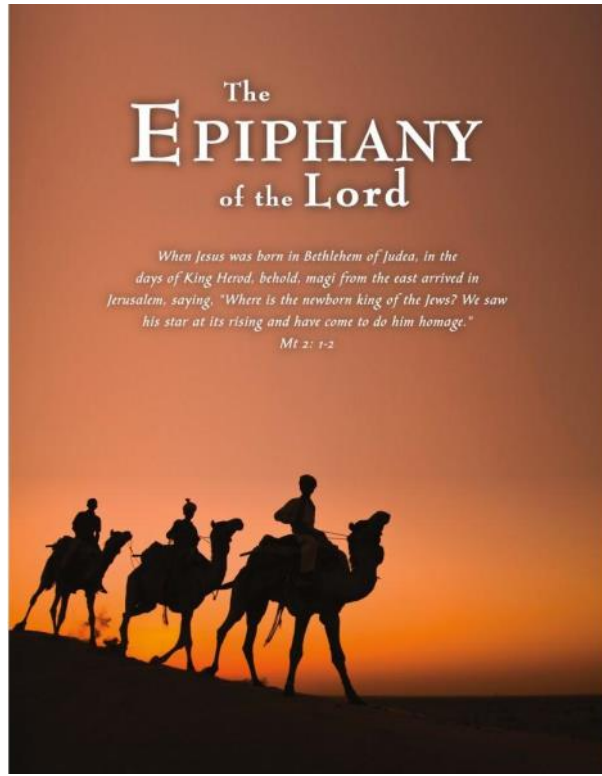

*Scripture Readings*



The Baptism of the Lord  
1-10-2020

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
Psalm 29:1a and 2,3ac-4,3b and 9b-10  
Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38  
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Communion Antiphon:  
Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God



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 Tuesday at 10a two weeks in advance

Mass	Schedule
Monday January 4	No Mass
Tuesday January 5	No Mass
Wednesday January 6	Rosary Mass 9a Youth Adoration 9:30a RE- pre-k-5th grade 5-6p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday January 7	Rosary Mass 9a Homebound Bible Basics 7-8p
Friday January 8	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday January 9	Confession 5-5:45p Mass 6p Healthcare workers
Sunday January 10	Mass 8a Parish Family

**Ministry Schedule**  
Saturday January 9, 2020 6:00 pm

Greet: Tom Aced  
Lector: Cathy Armstrong

**Ministry Schedule**  
Sunday January 10, 2020 8:00 am

Greet: Eichinger Family  
Lector: Mary Duede  
Money Counters: Paul Latka and Karen Susag