

Stewardship

1/2-1/3/2021

Holy Cross

27 HC Envelopes	\$4094.00
6 Holy Day	\$420.00
Loose	\$135.00
3 Christmas	\$700.00
Stipend	\$90.00
Total	\$5439.00

Holy Cross Monthly Expenses	
Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:	
09-30-2020	\$62,987.27

Cemetery	
Opening Balance 12-1-2020	-\$287.53
1 Short term	\$500.00
Total Cemetery Account	\$1812.47

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

How to Find Christmas Peace
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest? You cannot find peace on the outside but you can find peace on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body, namely, let Christ be formed in you. As she cooked meals in her Nazarene home, as she nursed her aged cousin, as she drew water at the well, as she prepared the meals of the village carpenter, as she knitted the seamless garment, as she kneaded the dough and swept the floor, she was conscious that Christ was in her; that she was a living Ciborium, a monstrance of the Divine Eucharist, a Gate of Heaven through which a Creator would peer upon creation, a Tower of Ivory up whose chaste body He was to climb "to kiss upon her lips a mystical rose."

As He was physically formed in her, so He wills to be spiritually formed in you. If you knew He was seeing through your eyes, you would see in every fellowman a child of God. If you knew that He worked through your hands, they would bless all the day through. If you knew He spoke through your lips, then your speech, like Peter's, would betray that you had been with the Galilean. If you knew that He wants to use your mind, your will, your fingers, and your heart, how different you would be. If half the world did this there would be no war!

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, Bev Determan, Alex Schaible, Brian Hohn, Steve Kitt, Kathy, Terry Love, Fred Monteil, Anita Kearns

Finance Council members:

Juanita Bray, John Rauser-Chair, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl, 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



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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:

Adoration: Wednesday 9:30a

Email: office@holycrossmt.org

Mass: Wednesday and Thursday 9a

Website: holycrossmt.org

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

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

Townsend, Montana 59644

Fr. Cody's Corner

The Sign of the Cross

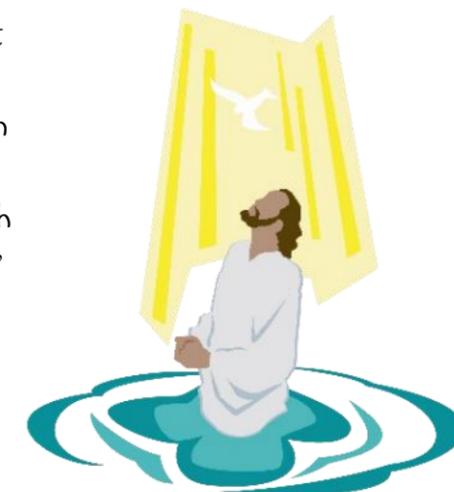
Most of us are very familiar with the Sign of the Cross. It begins each Mass, we begin prayer with it, and we tend to end prayer with it. The Sign of the Cross is more than an easy way for us to begin and end prayer; it speaks of our identity.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The first true baptism that can wash away all sins and bring a person into the mystery of God. Jesus shows us the pattern but he also hints at our identity. In Baptism we are grafted onto the Body of Christ, we become one with him. Baptism is not merely a washing away of sin but also an action that gives us a new identity. What is this new identity? We are Christians; we are members of the Church and the household of God, we are one with Jesus. How do we speak of this identity? The Sign of the Cross.

The most important moment of our baptism was the moment the water was poured over us and the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" were spoken over us. These words become the statement of our identity. Therefore, every time we begin prayer with the Sign of the Cross we are remembering that we are one of the baptized, we are Christian. Every time we dip our hands in holy water we remember our own baptism, we remember the water being poured over us and we became a new creation.

I encourage you to take some time to reflect on these two central parts of our faith. Do you know your baptismal date? If not, we can find it for you. Make that day special. On that day you became a new creation; you became something special in God's eyes. Why not celebrate! Take some time to reflect on the Sign of the Cross. This simple prayer has become so common for us that we almost don't even realize what we are saying or doing. Spend some time in prayer with these words: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Fr. Cody



Announcements



Due to Diocesan policy, there will be a class for all counters on new procedures and protocols on Sunday January 17th after mass. Please plan on attending.

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



Help needed around the church

- sewing-fixing vestments
- A new shelf for the dining room closet
- Bells

Volunteers Needed!

VIRTUS
Protecting God's Children

Virtus Certification training: Saturday, January 30th at 1:30 pm

This training teaches about the signs of sexual predators and child sexual abuse. I encourage all people to become Virtus certified so that more people are aware of the signs of sexual predation and child abuse. The training takes about 2 hours with monthly bulletins for further study. All those who help with RE or ministering to the homebound are required to be Virtus certified. **In order to attend the class you need to register for it.** To register go to virtus.org and click on the blue button on the left hand side of the page titled "first-time registrant."

Scripture Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1-17-2020

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 9-10a and c
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel John 2:1-11

Communion Antiphon:
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Mass	Schedule
Monday January 11	No Mass
Tuesday January 12	No Mass Women of Faith 6:30p Knights of Columbus 7p
Wednesday January 13	Rosary Mass 9a Youth Adoration 9:30a RE- pre-k-5th grade 5-6p MS-HS 6:15-8p
Thursday January 14	Rosary Mass 9a Tammy Allen and the Bucy family RB The Masolo family Bible Basics 7-8p
Friday January 15	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday January 16	Confession 5-5:45p Mass 6p Patty Jo Chestnut RB Chuck and Carol Plymale Jack Mahon RB Chuck and Carol Plymale
Sunday January 17	Mass 8a Parish Family

Cooks needed for RE

RE has started again and we are in need of cooks to provide a meal for the High and Middle Schoolers. There are two ways to provide food for our RE kids: you can donate money and we can buy food or you can either purchase the food from a licensed vendor or cook in our kitchen. Due to the challenges of Covid and its restrictions, I am requiring the following for those who cook:

Wear a mask and gloves while cooking

All cooking must be done in the church kitchen. This causes some confusion. The Holy Cross kitchen is an industrial kitchen that meets health code standards. By requiring people to cook in this kitchen, I can assure proper food handling during the pandemic.

All food used to prepare a meal must either be prepackaged or used in a recipe that requires it to be cooked.

Other allowances

If you make something at home that will be cooked in the kitchen or can be dropped off and someone put in the oven.



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 two weeks in advance

Ministry Schedule

Saturday January 16, 2021 6:00 pm

Greet: Gene and Bev Determan
Lector: Marilyn Vandersloot

Ministry Schedule

Sunday January 17, 2021 8:00 am

Greet: Larry and Buffy Woodring
Lector: Claudette Hohn
Money Counters: Debbie Miller and Juanita Bray