



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
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**Our Lady of the Lake Canyon Ferry
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

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Quote of the Week:

"Before the sin, Satan assures us that it is of no consequence; after the sin, he persuades us that it is unforgivable."

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
 Thursday, & Friday, 9 am to 1 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday Noon

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 30,	NO MASS Father's Day Off
Tuesday, December 1,	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday, December 2,	Daily Mass 8:30 am David Kiddish RB Marie Hankins
Thursday, December 3,	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Friday, December 4,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Adoration 9-10 am
Saturday, December 5,	Confession 3-4 Holy Cross Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 6,	Mass: 10:00 am Holy Cross Intentions For the Parish Family

Announcements:

- Pastoral Council will meet Wednesday December 2, at 7 pm in the conference room.
- Confirmation Class Wednesday December 2, 7 pm.
- Holy Cross Parish CCW will be hosting a cookie exchange on December 6 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. We will be making up a box of cookies for Oliver Santin, Kirby Longo, Michel Dirkson, and Deacon Bryce Lungren as well as sharing among those in attendance. Please bring 2 dozen cookies. Come join in the fellowship.
- With cold and flu season starting, please don't receive the Blessed Sacrament from the cup if you are not feeling well
- Reminder, Town Pump will match all monetary donations up to \$5,000 to the Townsend Food Pantry between now and the end of November. Please consider helping this very important ministry.

- ACA Goal: \$20,900.00
- Pledged: \$8,300
- Paid \$6,520
- % of Goal 40%
- % Participation 35.71%

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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.

Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR, Joseph Paddock, Aidan Toombs, Joe Paddock, Deacon Cody Williams, St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO, Michel Dirkson, Tyler Frohlich, Kirby Longo, Deacon Bryce Lungren, Deacon Andy Morrow, Oliver Santin, and Nathan Scheidecker.

Spirituality Year St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver; Matthew Christiaens, Jared Howes, Codi Krueger, Andrew Nistler & Jeffery Walton.

North American College, Rome Father Christopher Lebsock (Continuing Studies)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

"The K of C proudly supports Holy Cross and Our Lady of the Lake."



Our Lady of the Lake:

Friday December 25, 12:30 pm

Ministry Schedule
Saturday December 5, 2015

Greeters: Jill Menard
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Paul & Donna Latka
EM: Jill Menard & Steve Kitt
Servers: Zach Wickens & Riley Richtmyer

Ministry Schedule
Sunday December 6, 2015

Greeters: John & Missy Rauser
Lector: Felicia Head
Gifts: The Masolo Family
EM: Don & Max Peace
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Braden Racht
Music: Dawn
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Paul Latka & Karen Susag

Scripture Passage of the Week:

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

-Lk 21:36

Stewardship of Treasure
November 21-22 2015

Holy Cross	
45 Envelopes	\$1,459.00
Loose	\$ 149.00
1 Youth	\$ 1.00
1 Cemetery	\$ 100.00
1 ACA	\$ 10.00
16 Camp. 4 Human Dev.	\$ 482.00
5 OLL	\$ 170.00
Total HC	\$2,371.00

Our Lady of the Lake 11-14-2015	
5 Envelopes	\$ 340.00
Loose	\$ 35.00
Total OLL	\$ 375.00

Total Donations \$2,746.00

Cemetery Fund 10/01/2015	
Pledge	\$1,400.00
Grave sites	\$ 00.00
Short Term	\$ 00.00
Long Term	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 100.00

Cemetery Fund to Date	
Foundation	\$1,200.00
Gravesites	\$1,900.00
Short Term	\$9,989.50
Long Term	\$19,700.00
Total	\$32,789.50

Cemetery Endowment Fund	
June 29, 2015	\$18,470.00

ACA Goal	\$20,900.00
Pledged to 11-22	\$ 7,985.00

Prayer Chain

Gene Determan, Jerri Woodring Thueson,
Karen Lebahn, Joanie Pritchard,
Doug Thomas, Brad Flesch,
Mona Maddox, Mary Ann Jensen,
Brandon Schaff, Louise Sullivan,
Sharon Wall, Karen Hall,
Brittany Powley, Trent Paccurian,
Kevin Ellis, Claudette Hohn's Father,
Carol Chapin, Scott Chapin,
Kacy Ritter, Sarah Vogl Mendelsohn,
Jane Damuth, Kate M,
Matt, Clara Zabrocki
Greg Weber, Joe Lennamen

Glen Kolczak
Family

Notes from Fr. Sean!

Please continue to pray about giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have only around 35% participation at our parish. Please give according to your ability. Thank you.

Thanks to the K of C who put on a great biscuits and gravy lunch last weekend!



Holy Cross / Our Lady of the Lake and Helena Area Advent—Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation Service

Holy Cross & Our Lady of the Lake—Tuesday, December 17, 6-7 pm

SS. Cyril & Methodius and St John Mission—Thursday, December 3 at 5:45 pm—Confessions, 6:16-7:15 pm

St Mary Catholic Community—Monday, December 14 at 5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Valley—Penance Liturgy: Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm

Cathedral of St. Helena—Every Saturday following the 9 am Mass until 11 am—Thursdays: Holy Hour 5-6 pm Dec. 3, 10 & 17

Immaculate Conception:

Holy Cross: Monday Dec 7, Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm; Tuesday Dec 8, Mass at 8:30 am

SS. Cyril & Methodius- Monday, Dec 7, Vigil at 5:30 pm; Tuesday Dec 8, Mass at 12:15 pm

St. Mary Catholic Community- Monday, Dec 7 Vigil Mass 5:30 pm; Tuesday, Dec. 8 Mass at 12:10 pm

Christmas Eve : December 24

Holy Cross 5:00 pm

SS Cyril & Methodius 4 & 6 pm Family Mass with homily for children and 8 pm

St. John the Baptist in Clancy 5 pm

St. Mary Catholic Community 5:30 and 10 pm

Our Lady of the Valley 4, 6 & 9 pm

Cathedral of St. Helena 5 pm & 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day: December 25

Holy Cross 10 am

Our Lady of the Lake 12:30 pm

SS. Cyril & Methodius: East Helena 9:30 am

St Mary Catholic Community 9 am

Our Lady of the Valley 9 am

Cathedral of Helena 9 and 11 am



Anyone that uses the Parish Center is asked to please, turn down the water heater if you turned it up, shut off the fan above the stove if it was used, make sure the gas is turned off for the range if it was used, unplug the coffee pot. Generally, please make sure that everything is as good or better than when you started, thank you and God Bless.