



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin  
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

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## Mass Schedule

Monday, December 14,	NO MASS Father's Day Off
Tuesday, December 15,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Buzz Field RB Mary Hooks
Wednesday, December 16,	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Thursday, December 17,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Jane Wooten RB Constance Miller Advent Reconciliation Service 6-7 pm
Friday, December 18,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Adoration 9-10 am
Saturday, December 19,	Latin Mass 9 am Confession 3-4 Holy Cross Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 20,	Mass: 10:00 am Holy Cross Intentions For the Parish Family

### Quote of the Week:

"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

- Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

## Announcements:

- Coffee Hour following Mass December 13 hosted by Compassion., please come down and continue our fellowship.
- The RE Pre K—Middle School will meet downstairs after Mass Dec 13 to practice for their Christmas Program. The Parish is invited to join the RE program Sunday December 20 at 5 pm in the Parish Center for our Christmas program, and potluck dinner to follow. The meat will be provided by the RE program. The following is a suggested list of what to bring for the potluck. If your last name begins with A-H salad or vegetable, I-P, dessert, and P-Z , bread.
- Holy Cross will be hosting the Christian Men's Breakfast on Monday, December 14 in the Parish Center at 6:30 am.
- Confirmation , Wednesday December 16 at 7 pm in the Conference Room
- The box for memorial donations toward the Christmas Poinsettia's is on the table in the Narthex. Please make all poinsettia donation checks out to Holy Cross CCW, with flowers in the memo.
- January is Holy Cross's month to help out at the Food Pantry. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex to volunteer your time helping out on Friday and/or Saturdays in January.

- The new Lector Workbooks are in the Parish Office.
- 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)

- ACA Goal: \$20,900.00
- Pledged: \$13,318.00
- Paid \$10,155.00
- % of Goal 64%
- % Participation 56.12%



Our Lady of the Lake:

*Friday December 25, 12:30 pm*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday December 19, 2015**

*Greeters: Monte & Cathy Armstrong*  
*Lector: Felicia Head*  
*Gifts: Monte & Cathy Armstrong*  
*EM: Jill Menard & Steve Kitt*  
*Servers: Ruby Hohn*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday December 20, 2015**

*Greeters: Dan & Bernadette Swenson*  
*Lector: George Jenkins*  
*Gifts: Jade Martin & Shari Toney*  
*EM: Missy Cox & Debbie Miller*  
*Servers: Caleb LeLacheur & Ryan Racht*  
*Music: Jill Flynn*  
*Home Ministry: Bill & Anita Kearns*  
*Money Counters: Monte & Pat Montonario & Jill Menard*

**Scripture Passage of the Week:**

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

- Luke 3:16-18

**Notes from Fr. Sean!**

Holy Cross' Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Thursday, December 17th, at 6 p.m.

Please feel free to take a little blue Advent Prayer book at the entrance of the Church.

Special thanks to those who supplied food and helped work at the Field funeral Wednesday afternoon.

Please keep the Annual Catholic Appeal in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your contributions as we have gone over 50% of our goal with an increase of participation. Please give what you can so that Bishop's good work in the diocese may be robust.

Dan Wing of Alliance Neon and Sign will be here this week to look at the steeple and to write up an estimate for our claim for the new cross atop the steeple. I am going to ask him to make a metal cross so that it will be more prominent. We will also repaint and mount the previous cross in the parish center. Catholic mutual is now working with Dan at Alliance. Thanks, Dan!

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**December 5 & 6, 2015**

Holy Cross	
42 Envelopes	\$1,819.00
Loose	\$ 48.00
7 Youth	\$ 5.60
12 Immac. Conception	\$ 392.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 50.00
1 Stipend	\$ 20.00
3 OLL	<u>\$ 110.00</u>
Total HC	\$2,444.60

Our Lady of the Lake	
Total Donations	\$2,444.60

Cemetery Fund 12/03/2015	
Pledge	\$1,400.00
Grave sites	\$ 00.00
Short Term	\$ 200.00
Long Term	\$ 300.00
Total	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

Cemetery Fund to Date	
Foundation	\$1,200.00
Gravesites	\$1,900.00
Short Term	\$10,189.50
Long Term	\$19,900.00
Total	<u>\$33,189.50</u>

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

**Prayer Chain**

Gene Determan,  
Terri 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  
Troy Helmick,



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





# ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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.

On Christmas Day, the Townsend community of churches will host its 9th annual community-wide Christmas dinner at the Broadwater Schools Multi-Purpose Room. This is a gift of love to the community from the churches of Townsend, and all are welcome. There will be a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings including dessert for anyone who needs a place to go on Christmas Day. If you need a meal or family on Christmas Day, come to the Multi-Purpose Room where members of the Townsend community of churches will join you in celebrating this joyous season. The *free dinner* will be offered from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, December 25, 2015 at the Broadwater Schools' Multi-Purpose Room. If you're not able to be with your family this year, please join us. If you are disabled, handicapped, or do not drive and would prefer a meal to be delivered, please contact Sheila Heavirland @ 422-6043. We are also looking for volunteers for this event. If you're searching for the meaning of Christmas, here is an opportunity to find it by giving of yourselves. Teens and adult volunteers from all faiths are needed to help with cooking, serving, cleaning up, and delivering meals to those who can't get out of their homes. Please contact Sheila Heavirland @ 422-6043 for questions or to volunteer.

Joan Groh and Marj Kohn have partnered-up to make hats and mittens for an orphanage in need. They have 140 plus kids to start. Does anyone have any extra yarn to donate for the cause? You can leave it in the Church office when you come to

Carroll College is again offering a prospective student from our parish a \$1,000.00 Carroll College scholarship, named in memory of the deceased priest of the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Fall-Billings.

Holy Cross high school seniors if you plan to attend Carroll College next year, please stop by the Parish Office and pick up an application. The completed application needs to be back to the office by January 20, 2016.

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!! The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is January 29-31, 2016 in Great Falls. Sign up now!! Information and registration is available online at [WWW.GREATFALLSCEE.ORG](http://WWW.GREATFALLSCEE.ORG). Deadline for registration is January 21st. Call Brenda or Bill Chafin at [406-771-8658](tel:406-771-8658) for more information.

**A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!**

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

### Advent Reconciliation Service

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

### 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

