



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH December 27, 2015
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Quote of the Week:
 "He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute." ~Augustine

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

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday Noon

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 28,	NO MASS Father's Day Off
Tuesday, December 29,	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday, December 30, Office Closed	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Thursday, December 31, Office Closed	No Mass Father Gone
Friday, January 1, Office Closed	No Mass Father Gone
Saturday, January 2,	NO CONFESSIONS Holy Cross Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 3,	Mass: 10:00 am Holy Cross Intentions For the Parish Family

Announcements:

- Thank you to everyone who came to the RE Christmas program and supported our young people.
- The Knights' will be hosting Coffee Hour on December 27 following Mass.
- 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.
- The New Ministry Schedules are on the table at the back of the Church.
- 2016 contribution envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.
- Elderly man offering one bedroom, one bath, basement apartment with heat and lights in exchange for some assistance. Close to hospital and school. Call 521-0445.

- 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: \$13,693.00**
- **Paid \$10,320.00**
- **% of Goal 65%**
- **% Participation 58.16%**



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

Thank you to the Holy Cross bakers for the cookies from Oliver Santin, Michael Dirkson, Deacon Bryce Lungren and Kirby Longo.



Our Lady of the Lake:

Friday January 17, 12:30 pm

Ministry Schedule
Saturday January 2, 2016

Greeters : Jane Damuth
Lector : Ruby Hohn
Gifts: Gene & Bev Determan
EM: Chris Wright & Steve Kitt
Servers: Caleb & Carson LeLacheur

Ministry Schedule
Sunday January 3, 2015

Greeters : Larry & Buffy Woodring
Lector : Julie Lethert
Gifts: Jill Menard & Martin Mingay
EM: Debbie Miller & Carole Plymale
Servers: Braden Racht & Zach Wickens
Music: Becky
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Karen Su-

Scripture Passage of the Week:
"Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
- Luke 2:8-14

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, Troy Helmick,
Joey Overstreet, Ryan Heffner
Lillian Evans

Stewardship of Treasure
December 12 & 13, 2015

Holy Cross	
56 Envelopes	\$4,074.00
Loose	\$ 46.00
8 Youth	\$ 8.00
1 Holy Day	\$ 10.00
1 Propagation of Faith	\$ 50.00
2 Stipend	\$ 70.00
1 Christmas	\$ 810.00
4 Religious Retirement	\$ 70.00
2 OLL	\$ 90.00
Total HC	\$5,278.00
Our Lady of the Lake	
Total Donations	\$5,278.00
THANK YOU!	
Cemetery Fund 12/03/2015	
Pledge	\$1,400.00
Grave sites	\$ 00.00
Short Term	\$ 00.00
Long Term	\$1,130.00
Total	\$ 1,130.00
Cemetery Fund to Date	
Foundation	\$1,200.00
Gravesites	\$1,900.00
Short Term	\$10,189.50
Long Term	\$21,060.00
Total	\$34,349.50
Cemetery Endowment Fund	
June 29, 2015	\$18,470.00
ACA Goal	\$20,900.00
Pledged to 12-22	\$ 13,693.00

Notes from Fr. Sean!

Special thanks to the generous Holy Cross Elves who helped set up the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary and the choir loft! It looks beautiful!

Special thanks to Shawna Wickens, the Wickens kids, and the RE teachers and parents who did such a great job preparing and decorating for the Christmas pageant. The kids did an awesome job of helping fill us with the Christmas spirit. Also, special thanks to all who contributed to the potluck dinner, which fed all those who filled the tables of the parish center! What a great success!

I will be going on pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee of Mercy from December 30th until January 8th. I will be keeping you all in prayer in my heart. Please pray for me that my flights will be on time and that Our Lord will pour out his mercy and blessings on our parish family. Fr. John Wang and his musician/assistant Becky will be here on the first weekend of January to celebrate Mass. Thank you, Father and Becky!

May you all have a joyful and blessed Christmas season and may the joy of the Christ child about which Mary pondered in her heart fill your hearts throughout this Christmas season and throughout the New Year! God bless us, everyone!





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. If there is left over food please, do not leave the food in the refrigerator. Generally, please make sure that everything is as good or better than when you started, thank you and God Bless.

The Knights of Columbus want to thank the Parish members for their ongoing support of our recent fund raisers, including Christmas card sales, pasty sales, chicken wings at the stroll and the Knight's breakfast. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to make recent donations to the long term fund for the Cemetery and a significant donation for phone cards for veterans staying at Fort Harrison Veteran Hospital. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season.

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. 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!