



**Holy Cross Parish Bulletin**  
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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** **January 10, 2016**  
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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9 am to 1 pm**

**Bulletin Deadline: Thursday Noon**

**Mass  
Schedule**

<b>Monday, January 10,</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> Father's Day Off
<b>Tuesday, January 11,</b>	<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am</b> Jim Burtch RB Harley & Marie Hankins
<b>Wednesday, January 12,</b>	<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am</b> Special Intentions
<b>Thursday, January 13,</b>	<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am</b> Buzz Field RB The Hurds
<b>Friday, January 14,</b>	<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am</b> Adoration 9-10 am Buzz Field RB The Hurds
<b>Saturday, January 15,</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> 3-4 PM Holy Cross Mass 5:00 pm Special Intentions
<b>Sunday, January 16,</b>	<b>Mass: 10:00 am</b> Holy Cross Intentions For the Parish Family

Quote of the Week:  
 Johannes Kepler (1571 - 1630), one of the greatest astronomers:  
 "God is great. Great is his power, infinite his wisdom. Praise him, heaven and earth, sun, moon, and stars in your own language. My Lord and my Creator! I would like to proclaim the magnificence of your works to men to the extent that my limited intelligence can understand."

**Announcements:**

- Understanding will host Coffee Hour after Mass Sunday January 9.
- Christian Men's Breakfast Monday January 10, 6:30 am at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church.
- Knights' of Columbus and CCW will meet Tuesday January 11 at 7 pm. K of C's meet in Classroom B and CCW meet in the Parish Center
- CCW will be hosted by Karen Susag and Buffy Woodring. Part of the CCW agenda will be discussing updating the Circle books, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact Karen Susag 266-4566.
- RE Wednesday January 13 5-7:30 pm. Dinner hosted by Laura Toeckes.
- Pastoral Council Wednesday January 13 7 pm in the conference room
- January is Holy Cross's month to help out at the Food Pantry. Please consider helping out with this important ministry.
- 2016 contribution envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

- 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)

• <b>ACA Goal: \$20,900.00</b>
• <b>Pledged: \$13,993.00</b>
• <b>Paid \$10,780.00</b>
• <b>% of Goal 67%</b>
• <b>% Participation 61.22%</b>



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

Lector Workbooks are in the Parish office contact Father or Buffy if you need one.



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 10, 2016

Our Lady of the Lake:  
**Friday January 17, 12:30 pm**

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday January 16, 2016**

*Greeters :* Harold & Laura Gibbs  
*Lector :* Gay Ann Masolo  
*Gifts:* Paul & Donna Latka  
*EM:* Steve Kitt & Paul Taylor  
*Servers:* Riley Richtmyer & Zach Wickens

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday January 17, 2016**

*Greeters :* Coralee Horne  
*Lector :* Carol Plymale  
*Gifts:* Coralee Horne & Jerry Solwey  
*EM:* Jerry Solwey & Martin Mingay  
*Servers:* Sierra Slyker & Kennedy Vogl  
*Music:* Dawn Blair  
*Home Ministry:* Bill & Anita Kearns  
*Money Counters:* Paul Latka & Karen Susag

**Scripture Passage of the Week:**  
 "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."  
 - Matthew 2:9-11

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**12-28-15—1-8-16**

Holy Cross	
41 Envelopes	\$2,338.00
Loose	\$ 6.00
4 Youth	\$ 5.00
1 Christmas	\$ 5.00
1 Stipend	\$ 30.00
14 Holy Days	\$342.00
1 Retirement 4 Religious	\$ 5.00
4OLL	<u>\$ 390.00</u>
Total HC	\$3,121.00

Our Lady of the Lake	
No Mass	
Total Donations	\$2,971.00

**THANK YOU!**

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

Cemetery Fund to Date	
Foundation	\$1,200.00
Gravesites	\$1,900.00
Short Term	
\$10,389.50	
Long Term	<u>\$21,060.00</u>
Total	<u>\$34,549.50</u>

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

ACA Goal	\$20,900.00
Pledged to 12-22	\$ 13,993.00

**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, Greg Weber,  
 Ryan Heffner  
 Lavinia Ellis, Wanda Martin,  
 Laurie Erickson  
 Troy Helmick, Shirley Helmick  
 Elaine Graveley  
 Richard Johnson, Kristen Johnson

**Notes from Fr. Sean!**

Please know that you are all in my prayers during my time in Rome. I will return by this coming weekend. Please pray my flights go well.  
 Thank you!

Special thanks to Fr. Wang for celebrating Masses here this weekend, as well as to his assistant Becky who plays the music so beautifully.





# 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.

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 Mass.

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

Divorce Care is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It is a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. **Our next session will begin January 19, 2016.** For more information, contact Kathy Surbrugg at 442-5825.