



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **March 13, 2016**
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9 am to 1 pm
Bulletin Deadline: Thursday Noon

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 14,	NO MASS Father's Day Off
Tuesday, March 15,	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday, March 16,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Marvin Love RB Joan Groh Communion Service 6 pm Soup Supper to follow
Thursday, March 17,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Marvin Love RB Joan Groh
Friday, March 18,	Daily Mass 8:30 am Stations of the Cross 7 pm
Saturday, March 19,	CONFESSIONS 3-4 PM Holy Cross Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 20,	Mass: Holy Cross 10:00 am <i>Intentions For the Parish Family</i>

Catholic Extension is excited to offer a matching grant to Holy Cross for our Sidewalk Project. They will match on a 1:1 basis up to \$4,050 any funds raised and received in cash toward the sidewalk project until July 1, 2016.

Quote of the Week:
 "ISIS commits mass murder, beheadings, crucifixions, rape, torture, enslavement, and the kidnaping of children, among other atrocities," stated Rep. Ed Royce (R-Calif.).
 "So as ISIS destroys churches and other holy sites, they move closer towards eliminating certain communities," he added. "ISIS is guilty of genocide and it is time we speak the truth about their atrocities. I hope the administration and the world will do the same, before it's too late."
 An amended version of H. Con. Res. 75 - a bipartisan resolution labeling ISIS' atrocities committed against "Christians, Yezidis, and other ethnic and religious minorities" as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide - passed unanimously through the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and will be put to a vote in Congress.

Announcements:

All Circle book updates must be in the Parish Office by 12 pm Monday March 14. Thank you!

- Please join us downstairs after Mass Sunday March 13 for coffee and donuts hosted by CCW.
- Christian Men's Breakfast hosted by Holy Cross Parish 6:30 am.
- Wednesday Communion Service March 16, 6 pm followed by Soup Supper hosted by K of Cs. Please bring your own bowl, spoon and cup.
- Wednesday March 16, 7 pm Confirmation.
- 4th Day Reunion Prayer Group meets at 7 pm in the Parish Center on Thursday evening March 17.
- Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7 pm.
- Please return your Holy Cross T Shirt order form to the Parish office by March 20. If you have any questions you may contact Shawna Wickens at 459-7273 This is a fundraiser for Holy Cross Youth, please support our youth by purchasing a T-shirt.
- The RE program will be holding the annual Easter egg hunt following Mass on Easter Sunday. If you can donate filled plastic eggs, plastic eggs, or individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs, please bring them by the office no later than 1 pm April 25. All donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

Good Friday Collection
A Pontifical Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholic around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In the challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon on Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

• ACA Goal:	\$20,900.00
• Pledged:	\$13,823.00
• Paid	\$11,130.00
• % of Goal	66%
• % Participation	61.22%

Sidewalk Project Matching Grant

Goal	\$4,050.00
Donations to date	\$2,100.00
Needed Donations	\$1,950.00



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2016

Our Lady of the Lake:
Sunday March 27, 12:30 pm

Ministry Schedule
Saturday March 19, 2016

Greeters : Harold & Laura Gibbs
Lector : Judy Riddle
Gifts: Gene & Bev Determan
EM: Steve Kitt & Jill Menard
Servers: Caleb LeLacheur & Ryan Racht

Ministry Schedule
Sunday March 20, 2016

Greeters : Coralee Horne
Lector : Brian Hohn & Felicia Head
Gifts: The Eichinger Family
EM: George Jenkins & Martin Mingay
Servers: Sierra Slyker & Zoey Wickens
Music: Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Mary Duede
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Doris Mingay

Scripture Passage of the Week:
 "Neither do I condemn you, Go a and from now on do not sin anymore."

Notes from Fr. Sean!

Thanks to everyone who did such a marvelous job in generously helped at the liturgies and funeral for our beloved late parish family member Marvin Love. Please keep Terry and the Love and Sullivan families in your prayers. Rest in peace, Marvin! Please pray for us!

Very special thanks to Jim Ybarrondo, Ben and Laura Toeckes, Tom Bazuin, and Pete Hronek, This exceptionally generous crew from Our Lady of the Lake traveled from Canyon Ferry to Belgrade to pick up 16 used pews (with cushions!) in storage that we bought from Fr. Gilbaugh's parish, St. John Vianney. Until now at OLL, there were padded aluminum chairs that were functional, but didn't look like they were meant for a church. We saved a small fortune in buying these used pews which are in great shape. Two years ago Jim Ybarrondo and I looked online and this type of pew without cushions, would have cost approximately \$15,000, or \$930 per pew, not including shipping. Fr. Gilbaugh generously sold these to us for approximately \$2,400, or \$150 per pew, and the shipping was generously donated by the OLL moving crew! Many thanks to all involved in this project who worked so hard on Monday to place them so beautifully in our mission parish. They look really nice, as if they were made for OLL. God wanted them there, I'm sure. They are such a nice addition to the liturgical environment and community which is so welcoming and warm in hospitality! Deo Gratias!

Stewardship of Treasure

02/27/28/2016

Holy Cross	
46 Envelopes	\$1,578.00
Loose	\$ 24.00
3 Youth	\$ 3.00
2 OLL	\$ 90.00
1 Restricted Gift	\$1,500.00
15 CRS	\$ 522.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 50.00
Total HC	\$2,267.00

Our Lady of the Lake	
No Mass	\$ 00.00

Total Donations	\$2,267.00
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Cemetery	2/12/2016
Out standing Pledges	\$1,150.00

Grave sites	\$ 00.00
Short Term	\$ 00.00
Long Term	\$ 285.00
Total	\$ 285.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 1,900.00
Short Term	\$ 9,670.00
Total	\$11,901.94

Cemetery Endowment Fund	
Paid to the Foundation	\$1,700.00
Long term	\$21,370.00
Sent to Foundation	\$23,070.00

ACA Goal	\$20,900.00
Pledged to 2-26-16	\$ 13,823.00
Paid to 2-26-16	\$11,130.00
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 2,693.00

Amount Short of Goal	\$7,077.00
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THANK YOU!

Prayer Chain

Gene Determan, Jerri Woodring Thueson, Karen Lebahn, Joanie Pritchard, Doug Thomas, Brad Flesch, Mona Maddox, Mary Ann Jensen, Brandon Schaff, Karen Hall, Brittany Powley, Kevin Ellis, Carol Chapin, Scott Chapin, Kacy Ritter, Jane Damuth, Kate M, Matt, Greg Weber, Ryan Heffner, Lavinia Ellis, Wanda Martin, Laurie Erickson, Troy & Shirley Helmick, Andrew Murley, Elaine Graveley, Richard Johnson, Kristen Johnson Lauren Vogl, Larry & Louise Sullivan, Nate & Billie Jo Simmons, Brian Foster, Harla Gillespie, Farrell Johnston, Logan Weidman, Mike Susag, Ron Shupe

Registration is open for 2016 Legendary Lodge Camps. To register go to <http://www.diocesehelena.org/offices-and-ministries/legendary-lodge/>



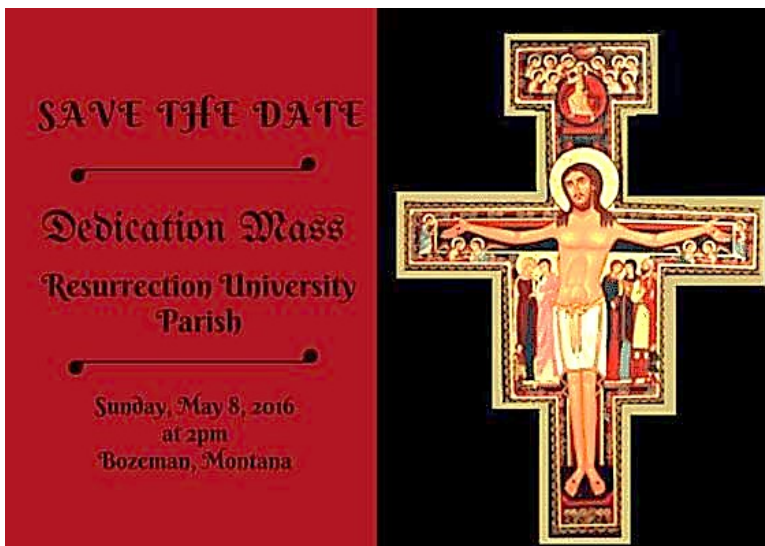
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40 Days for Life

From February 10 through March 20, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (1500 Cannon St.), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Sarah Leslie 461-4776 or helena40dfl@gmail.com. For detailed information on 40 days for life or to sign up to pray, check out the website: 40daysforlife.com/Helena.

Save The Date: 40 DAYS KICKOFF EVENT: Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 pm at the Emmanuel Chapel (1000 N. Ewing St.)



"SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL"
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016
7:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M.
CARROLL COLLEGE
HELENA, MONTANA



Catholic Women's CONFERENCE
"Come to Me"

Join women from Montana and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship & more!
 Our "Spa Day" includes Mass.

Register online: ShowMyEvent.com

Cost: \$55 – includes lunch

For more information contact Velma Burnett: rvburnett@blackfoot.net or (406) 677-7772 or Roxie Nistler at (406) 439-7699

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ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!! The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is **April 1-3, 2016** in Great Falls. Sign up now!! Information and registration is available online at WWW.GREATFALLSCEE.ORG. Call Brenda & Bill Chafin at [406-771-8658](tel:406-771-8658) for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

Triduum and Easter schedule for Helena Area

SS. Cyril & Methodius, East Helena

Holy Thursday --7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 12:00 Noon -- Ecumenical Stations of the Cross shared with EH United Methodist Church 7 pm -- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil -- 8:30 p.m. (No 3:30 pm Confessions; No 5 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday -- 8 am & 10 am

St. John the Baptist, Clancy: Easter Sunday -- 12:00 Noon (No 5 pm Mass)

Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

No 5:45 pm Reconciliation or 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday March 23rd.

Holy Thursday

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 7 pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

8 pm Easter Vigil (No 6 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday

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)