



**Holy Cross Parish Bulletin**  
**P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)**  
**Townsend, Montana 59644**

**\*\*Our Lady of the Lake Canyon Ferry**  
**8375 Canyon Ferry Rd., Helena, MT 59602**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** **March 20, 2016**  
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**Quote of the Week:**  
 "The remembrance of the most holy Passion of Jesus Christ is the door through which the soul enters into intimate union with God, interior recollection and most sublime contemplation..."  
 - St. Paul of the Cross

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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9 am to 1 pm**  
**Bulletin Deadline: Thursday Noon**

## Mass Schedule

Monday, March 21,	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>Father's Day Off</b>
Tuesday, March 22,	<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am</b> Gerald Olsen RB Karen Harrington
Wednesday, March 23,	<b>Daily Mass 8:30 am</b> Betty Blue RB Paul & Donna Latka
Thursday, March 24,	<b>Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm</b> Betty Blue RB Paul & Donna Latka
Friday, March 25,	<b>The Way of the Cross</b> <b>Noon / City Hall</b> <b>Holy Cross Good Friday Services 6 pm</b>
Saturday, March 26,	<b>Holy Cross Easter Vigil 8:00 pm</b>
Sunday, March 27,	<b>Mass:</b> <b>Holy Cross 10:00 am</b> <b>OLL 12:30 pm</b> <i>Intentions For the Parish Family</i>

## Announcements:

- Wednesday March 23, There will not be soup supper.
- Wednesday March 23, RE Class 5-7:30 pm. Dinner hosted by Laura Toeckes and Buffy Woodring.
- There will be a Pontifical Collection on Good Friday.
- The Way of the Cross will start at noon on Friday March 25 at City Hall and continue down Broadway to the Courthouse.
- 4th Day Reunion Prayer Group meets at 7 pm in the Parish Center on Thursday evening March 24.
- 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.
- There are Son Light Celebration raffle tickets for the 2016 Subaru Outback available for sale., contact Father to buy tickets.
- Registration is open for 2016 Legendary Lodge Camps. To register go to <http://www.diocesehelena.org/offices-and-ministries/legendary-lodge/>
- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY On Sunday, April 3, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish in East Helena will have a Holy Hour from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in honor of the Divine Mercy Devotion. There will be reflection, prayers, singing, a rosary, a sung Chapelet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. (No Confessions)

**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.

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.

### Sidewalk Project Matching Grant

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



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

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



**Our Lady of the Lake:**

**Easter Sunday March 27, 12:30 pm**

**Ministry Schedule  
Holy Thursday March 24, 2016**

*Greeters :* Larry & Buffy Woodring  
*Lector :* Felicia Head  
*Gifts:* Anne Inghram & Jill Menard  
*EM:* Terry Love & Jill Menard  
*Servers:* Kate & Caleb LeLacheur  
*Music:* Jill Flynn

**Ministry Schedule  
Good Friday March 25, 2016**

*Greeters :* Clara Boster & Sharley Ragen  
*Lector :* Vince Boster & Brian Hohn  
*Gifts:* Paul & Donna Latka  
*EM:* Claudette Hohn  
*Servers:* Quinn LeLacheur  
*Music:* Carole Plymale

**Ministry Schedule  
Easter Vigil March 26, 2016**

*Greeters :* Monte & Cathy Armstrong  
*Lector :* Julie Lethert  
*Gifts:* Shari Toney & Jill Menard  
*EM:* Steve Kitt & Carole Plymale  
*Servers:* Jade Martin & Zoey Wickens  
*Music:* Mary Garman

**Ministry Schedule  
Easter Sunday March 27, 2016**

*Greeters :* The Eichinger Family  
*Lector :* Mary Duede  
*Gifts:* The Swenson Family  
*EM:* Jill Menard & Buffy Woodring  
*Servers:* Braden Racht & Riley Richtmyer  
*Music:* Dawn Blair  
*Home Ministry:* Jill Menard  
*Money Counters:* Paul Latka & Karen Susag

**Prayer Chain**

Gene Determan, Jerri Woodring Thueson,  
 Karen Lebahn, Joanie Pritchard,  
 Doug Thomas, Brad Flesch, Mona Maddox,  
 Kevin Ellis, Mary Ann Jensen,  
 Brandon Schaff, Karen Hall, Brittany Powley,  
 Carol Chapin, Scott Chapin, Kacy Ritter,  
 Jane Damuth, Kate M, Matt, Greg Weber,  
 Ryan Heffner, Lavinia Ellis, Wanda Martin,  
 Laurie Erickson, Andrew Murley,  
 Troy & Shirley Helmick, 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,  
 Ben Toeckes

**Scripture Passage of the Week:**  
 "Father, into your hands I commend my  
 spirit"; and when he had said this he  
 breathed his last."  
 - Luke 23:46

**Stewardship of Treasure  
03/12-132016**

Holy Cross  
 46 Envelopes \$1,924.00  
 Loose \$ 25.00  
 12 Youth \$ 12.00  
 6 OLL \$ 210.00  
 2 Restricted Gift \$ 160.65  
 1 Sacristy \$ 50.00  
 Total HC \$2,381.65

Our Lady of the Lake  
 No Mass \$ 00.00  
 Total Donations \$2,381.65

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

Grave sites \$ 00.00  
 Short Term \$ 00.00  
 Long Term \$ 712.00  
 Total \$ 712.00

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 \$22,082.00  
 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

**THANK YOU!**

**Notes from Fr. Sean!**

Thank you to the K of C for burning the excess wood out in the cemetery's vacant lot. Well done!

Thank you to all who brought food to Marvin Love's funeral luncheon.

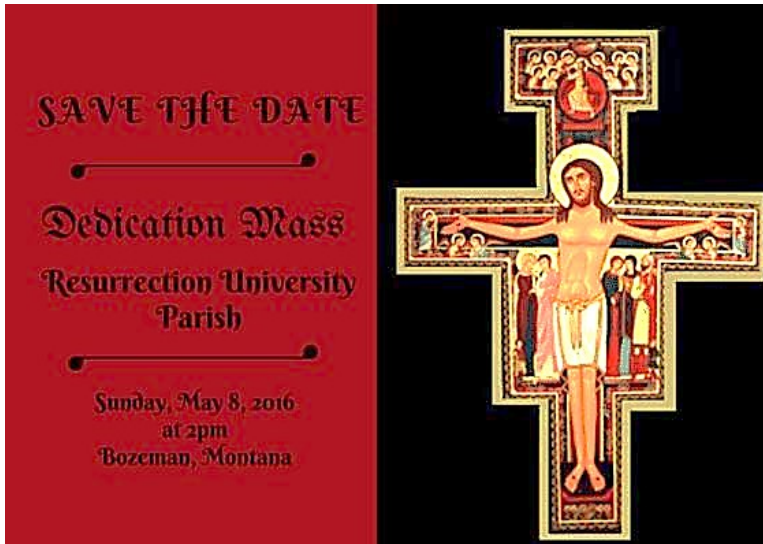
Nota Bene: When we have funeral luncheons, please put out all the food that the buffet table can hold so there is no food wasted. Thank you.



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](mailto:helena40dfl@gmail.com). For detailed information on 40 days for life or to sign up to pray, check out the website: [40daysforlife.com/Helena](http://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](http://ShowMyEvent.com)

Cost: \$55 – includes lunch

For more information contact Velma Burnett: [rvburnett@blackfoot.net](mailto: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](http://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)