



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 2017

Fr. David Severson, Pastor Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar

Office: 266-4811

Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 5-5:30 pm or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm

Sunday 9 am

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30am to 2:30pm; Friday 9:30am-1:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10 am

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 17,, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, July 18, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Bishops Intentions
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 6 Pm Joyce Janacaro RB Anne Inghram
Thursday, July 20, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Seminarists
Friday, July 21, 2017	Daily Mass 9am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Saturday, July 22, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday July 23, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

Holy Cross Mission Statement

Holy Cross parish is a Roman Catholic Parish that serves Christ the King, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Intercession of the communion of Saints. We are in union with the Roman Pontiff and the Bishop of Helena. Our faith, hope and love flow from the center of our parish family's life: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. From there we are compelled to love God, love our neighbor as ourselves and "Go make disciples..." (Matt 22:37



Announcements:

- Thank you the Quilters for providing our young people the opportunity to learn how to sew and quilt.
- Anyone who is involved in the following ministries need to be Virtus (Save Environment) trained : Religious Education (either as a teacher or a chaperone), Home Ministry, or Sacristan. If you need or would like to be trained, please contact the Parish Office 266-4811. We will get training set up before our new RE year begins.

Latin Low Mass

Latin High Mass In Extraordinary Form

at SS. Cyril & Methodius,
East Helena
12:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 13
Rosary at 12:00 p.m.

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, Shannon Aугare.

St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Codi Krueger. Nathan Scheidecker.

Spirituality Year: Joshua Harrison, Nicholas Modrow, and Kyle Tannehill.



Ministry Schedule
Saturday July 22, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Vince & Clara Boster
Lector: Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Monte & Cathy Armstrong
EM: Missy Cox & Jill Menard
Servers: Ryan Racht & Cubby Richtmyer

Ministry Schedule
Sunday July 23, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : Ed & Jean Boucher
Lector : Carole Plymale
Gifts: John & Missy Rauser
EM: Don & Max Peace
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Zach Wickens
Music : Mary Garman
Home Ministry: Juanita Bray
Money Counters: Allison Bakken & Karee Eichinger

Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected

Infant Baptism:
 Parents are to be registered, active, practicing parishioners. Parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class offered by the parish. Dates are to be confirmed by the parish office prior to making any arrangements.

Weddings:
 Six months notice required. Wedding date availability are to be confirmed by the priest prior to booking any reception venues.

Christian Burial:
 Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director. A funeral Mass will replace the daily scheduled Mass.

Social Hall:
 Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events. Please call the office for information for any of the above notices, 406-266-4811.

Stewardship of Treasure
 7/1-2/2017

Holy Cross	
46 HC Envelopes	\$2,105.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
Youth	\$ 00.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 30.00
Total HC	\$2,210.00

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
 \$21,046.32 as of 03/31/17

Cemetery

Cemetery 07-14-2017
 Outstanding Pledges
 \$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 3,700.00
Donations	\$14,170.00

Total in Cemetery Acct \$6,878.46

Cemetery Endowment Fund
 Foundation to 3/31/17 \$31,365.69

ACA 6-30-2017

ACA: Goal	\$21,800
Pledged	\$15,556
Paid	\$14,511
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 1,045
% of Goal	71%
Outstanding Donors	10
Total Donors	70
Registered Households	105
% Participation	66.67%

THANK YOU!



Prayer Chain

Gene Determan,
 Jerri Thueson,
 Karen Lebahn, Joanie Pritchard, Doug Thomas, Mona Maddox, Elaine Graveley, Kristen Johnson, Ron Shupe, Madison McCauley, Pat Montonario's granddaughter Zoe, Marie Hoeffner, Hazel Jean Bayers, Dick & Iva Eggar, Fran Wright, Alan Young, Kathy Harrington, Sherry Clayburn, Randy Dooley, Jack & Pat Mahon. Kelly Flynn, Billie Thorne, Jim Holland

JOURNEY 2017

What are YOU looking for?
 Join us for a Catholic Journey Spiritual Weekend
All are invited ~ All are welcome
 Looking for a weekend to deepen your spirituality?
 Give yourself a 3 day gift.
 This new Catholic Journey is for Catholics who are seeking a deeper understanding of and commitment to their role as laity in the church. We also invite fallen away Catholics, non-Catholics of other Christian denominations, and even those of non-Christian faith or no faith to attend. It is an opportunity to experience a weekend of Catholic spirituality as lived in a group of Catholic laity, who share with them the Catholic Community, reflections on the Catholic faith and Catholic prayer and spirituality.

Weekends will be held at SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, East Helena, MT.
 * Women's weekend-Sept 14-17, 2017 (Contact Carol, 431-5733)
 * Men's weekend- Sept 21-24, 2017 (Contact Tony, 431-6602)
 Weekends begin at 7:00 PM Thursday evenings and end about 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoons

Reflection on the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:1-13

There is power in the words of Christ. Immense crowds press upon him. Christ was attractive to so many. Clearly, if he roused them to a revolution, they would follow; if he led them to storm a city, they would rally; but instead he invites them to change their hearts, and they do not understand him. Christ's Lordship is real ("many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see" i.e. Jesus himself, the Lord), but he wields it gently; he refuses to bully us into following him. He was the "sower" of the parable, and he remains thus until today. His Church continues to plant the seed of truth, but never forces hearts to welcome it.

This combination of eagerness to win over disciples but respect for his listeners' freedom is especially evident in Jesus' use of parables. Some interpret the parable tactic and his quotation from Isaiah to mean that he uses these stories and comparisons to conceal his meaning from his opponents, but there is also another way to look at it. When someone refuses to accept the plain truth, you sometimes have to take a roundabout way to convince them. In his parables, Jesus offers his listeners a chance to accept certain truths in the abstract, before perceiving how they apply to them personally (this is what the prophet Nathan did with King David after his sin with Bathsheba, see 2 Samuel 12). It's a way of sneaking uncomfortable truths through his listener's mental defense mechanisms. In this way, he may be able to penetrate indirectly the minds that have closed themselves to the direct proclamations. Even his parables show how wise and loving is the Lord.

From *The Better Part*, Fr. John Bartunek

