



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 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**

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| Monday,<br>July 24, 2017    | No Scheduled Mass   |
| Tuesday,<br>July 25, 2017   | Rosary<br>Daily Mass 9 am<br>Jill Menard RB<br>Connie Miller                                  |
| Wednesday,<br>July 26, 2017 | Rosary<br>Daily Mass 6 Pm<br>Bishop's Intentions  |
| Thursday,<br>July 27, 2017  | Rosary<br>Daily Mass 9 am<br>Seminarians  |
| Friday,<br>July 28, 2017    | Daily Mass 9am<br>Adoration<br>9:30-10:30 am<br>David & Pam Masolo RB<br>Bob & Gay Ann Masolo |
| Saturday,<br>July 29, 2017  | Confession 5-5:30 pm<br>Vigil Mass 6 pm<br>Homebound Parishioners                             |
| Sunday<br>July 30, 2017     | Mass 9:00 am<br>PARISH FAMILY   |

Quote of the week:

"Let us be led by the Virgin Mary on the path that leads to the holy mountain that is Christ, where God and man meet." - Pope Francis July 16, 2017

**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:**

- The Circles of Love and Understanding will be cleaning the Parish Center kitchen on Saturday July 29 beginning at 9 am. All Circle members are encouraged to come help clean the area. Many hands make light work.
- 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 Augare.

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 29, 2017**  
 6:00 pm

*Greeters :* Missy Cox  
*Lector:* Chris Wright  
*Gifts:* Vince & Clara Boster  
*EM:* Terry Love & Debbie Miller  
*Servers:* Caleb & Carson LeLacheur

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday July 30, 2017**  
 9:00 am

*Greeters :* Allen & Linda Padgett  
*Lector :* Mary Duede  
*Gifts:* Dan & Bernadette Swenson  
*EM:* Tom & Nora Bazuin  
*Servers:* Emmalin Fischer & Aspen Slyker  
*Music :* Carole Plymale  
*Home Ministry:* Mary Duede  
*Money Counters:* Jill Menard & Judy Riddle

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**  
 7/15-16/2017

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|-------------------|------------|
| Holy Cross        |            |
| 54 HC Envelopes   | \$2,270.00 |
| Loose             | \$ 31.51   |
| Youth             | \$ 2.00    |
| 1 Restricted Gift | \$ 200.00  |
| 1 ACA             | \$ 40.00   |
| 1 Sacristy        | \$ 30.00   |
| Total HC          | \$2,573.51 |

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        |
| <u>Donations</u>  | <u>\$14,170.00</u> |

Total in Cemetery Acct \$5,623.12

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

**ACA 6-30-2017**

|                       |          |
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| <b>ACA:</b> Goal      | \$21,800 |
| Pledged               | \$15,556 |
| Paid                  | \$14,551 |
| Outstanding Pledges   | \$ 1,005 |
| % of Goal             | 71%      |
| Outstanding Donors    | 10       |
| Total Donors          | 70       |
| Registered Households | 105      |
| % Participation       | 66.67%   |

**THANK YOU!**

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena has approved a grant award to Holy Cross Parish in the amount of \$400 to be used for adult religious education classes.

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena has approved a grant award to Holy Cross Parish in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for religious education and vacation bible school program



**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, Dick & Iva Eggar, Fran Wright, Alan Young, Kathy Harrington, Sherry Clayburn, Randy Dooley, Jack & Pat Mahon. Kelly Flynn, Billie Thorne, Father Byrne, Juanita Bray, Pat Montonario

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Hold fast the helm, the Kingdom of God is at hand.**

Jesus Christ knows why he has come: to establish a Kingdom. His confidence in this Kingdom is absolute: the Kingdom will endure and grow to fruition. Enemies will act out against it, but they cannot stop it. To be with Christ is to be with the King who reigns forever; to follow him is to tread the surest path; to fight for his Kingdom is to win an eternal victory, no matter the vagaries of this or that battle.

His Kingdom, in its seminal form of the Church, has already outlasted empires, wars, invasions, heresies, disasters, and every imaginable happenstance and hiccup of history. Not only is it still intact after twenty centuries, and still recognizable and identifiable by its enduring doctrine and structure, but it continues to play a major role in millions of lives and in world affairs, and it continues to pump into human society generation after generation of saints, men and women who renew what is best in humanity and purify what is worst. How many earthly kingdoms and empires and achievements has the Church witnessed come and go, like so many arrows whizzing through the air or so many pebbles tossed into the sea? They are innumerable. But Christ's Kingdom remains, and grows, and spreads. This is the Kingdom we love and serve, because its King is the everlasting and loving Lord.

From *The Better Part*, Fr. John Bartunek

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual St. Mary Peak Pilgrimage Hike on Sunday, August 13, 2017. The rosary will be prayed at designated locations along the trail. Mass will be celebrated at the peak with Father David Severson as celebrant. The hike is about 7.5 miles round trip with 2400' of elevation gain. Participants should be well-prepared for changing weather conditions and have sturdy boots, water, lunch and snacks. The St. Mary Parish Knights of Columbus will be providing a BBQ for participants at the parish following the hike.

Participants meet at St. Mary Parish in Stevensville at 7AM the day of the hike for carpooling to the trailhead.

For further information, contact Tom Weber, [406.207.0229](tel:406.207.0229), [thomascorvallis@gmail.com](mailto:thomascorvallis@gmail.com) or Susan Foster, [406.249.5765](tel:406.249.5765), [su-sankfoster406@gmail.com](mailto:su-sankfoster406@gmail.com).



September 29–October 1, 2017

Best Western Plus, Flathead Lake Inn & Suites, Kalispell, Montana

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: [www.retrouvailleMT.org](http://www.retrouvailleMT.org) or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)