



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
Townsend, Montana 59644

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 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 31, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Wednesday, August 2, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Bishop's Intentions
Thursday, August 3, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Seminarists
Friday, August 4, 2017	Daily Mass 9am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Jonathan Kiddish RB Marie Hankins
Saturday, August 5, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday August 6, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

Please sign up to help out at the Ice Cream Booth and or Quilting booth during the rodeo & fair. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

Quote of the week:

"When we need help, let us turn to the Father who always looks on us with love and never abandons us."

- Pope Francis July 23, 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:

- Beginning Tuesday August 1, Daily Mass will be at 6 pm; then Wednesday -Friday Daily Mass will be at 9 am. Adoration will continue 9:30-10:30 am on Friday.
- 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 support.

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 August 5, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Gene & Bev Determan
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Mary Garman & Jerry Solwey
EM: Steve Kitt & Jerry Solwey
Servers: Braden & Ryan Racht

Ministry Schedule
Sunday August 6, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : Missy Cox
Lector : Chris Wright
Gifts: Karee Eichinger & Peyton Vogl
EM: Missy Cox & Jill Menard
Servers: Kennedy Vogl & Carson LeLacheur
Music : Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Lorraine Woodring

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
 7/22-23/2017

Holy Cross	
58 HC Envelopes	\$2,240.50
Loose	\$ 31.00
Youth	\$.00
1 Stipend	\$ 150.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 30.00
Total HC	\$2,451.50

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 \$5,623.12

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

ACA 6-30-2017

ACA: 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!



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 grand-

daughter 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

Virtus Training will be available on Saturday August 19 at 10 am. Please contact the Parish office to receive the information to register on-line. Thank you

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



Treasures of the Kingdom: Dr. Scott Hahn Reflects on the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of

heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we, too—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure - a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see [Philippians 3:8](#)). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)). That purpose is that Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified, will also one day be glorified.

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 or Susan Foster, [406.249.5765](tel:406.249.5765), su-sankfoster406@gmail.com.



September 29-October 1, 2017

Best Western Plus, Flathead Lake Inn & Suites, Kalispell, Montana
Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul?
Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change.
They may need your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. 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 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com