



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 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,	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, August 22, 2017	Daily Mass 6 pm Seminarists
Wednesday, August 23, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, August 24, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am The Unborn
Friday, August 25, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Jill Menard RB Connie Miller
Saturday, August 26, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday August 27, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

**August 20, 2017: Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/118

Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6 & 8

Romans: 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Quote of the week:

"May nothing stop you from living and growing in your Heavenly Father's friendship, and from witnessing to His infinite goodness and mercy." - Pope Francis August 17, 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 Annual Parish Picnic at 4 pm on Sunday August 27. Please plan on joining your Parish family. The parish will furnish burgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks. Please bring a side dish and lawn chair. The youth will be selling "SonLight" raffle tickets at the picnic. RE Registration will take place during the picnic as well.
- There will be a Religious Education meeting on Wednesday August 23 at 6 pm in the Parish Center basement. Anyone who is interested in helping out is welcome to come.

### 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 26, 2017**  
**6:00 pm**

*Greeters :* Keith & Robin Kirscher  
*Lector:* Brian Hohn  
*Gifts:* Brian & Claudette Hohn  
*EM:* Steve Kitt & Chris Wright  
*Servers:* Abby & Zoey Wickens

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday August 27, 2017**  
**9:00 am**

*Greeters :* Anne Inghram  
*Lector :* Julie Lethert  
*Gifts:* Mary Garman & Gerry Solwey  
*EM:* Tom & Julie Lethert  
*Servers:* Riley & Cubby Richtmyer  
*Music :* Carole Plymale  
*Home Ministry:* Jean Boucher  
*Money Counters:* Kristi Gersch & Julie Lethert

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**  
**8/12-13/2017**

Holy Cross	
56 HC Envelopes	\$3,239.00
Loose	\$ 41.00
6 Youth	\$ 6.00
4 Holy Day	\$ 165.00
Total HC	\$3,451.00

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:  
 \$21,144.33 as of 06/30/17

**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 \$4,038.90

Cemetery Endowment Fund  
 Foundation to 6/30/1717  
 \$32,292.69

**BAZAAR 2017:**  
 Raffle Donation: \$100.00

**THANK YOU!**



**Prayer Chain**

Gene Determan,  
 Jerri Thueson,  
 Joanie Pritchard,  
 Elaine Graveley,  
 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,  
 Father Byrne, Sharon Obrigewitch, Elliot  
 Weakland

**ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!!** The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is October 6-8, 2017 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 or Terry and Dave Stucky at 406--452-3542 for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is

**August 27, 2017 Scripture Readings:**

**Isaiah 66: 18-21 / 123**

**Psalms 117: 1,2**

**Hebrews: 12: 5-7, 11-13**

**Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30**

**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



### "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!"

The heart of God can be moved. Jesus had a particular mission to accomplish; the age of the universal Church was still waiting in the wings while he worked among the Jews. The parameters of this mission did not include Canaanites (ancestral enemies of the Israelites). But the woman had what Christ's heart yearns for: love, faith, and humility.

She was seeking a miracle not for herself, but for the sake of her beloved daughter and at her own expense (imagine how humiliating it would be to tag along behind a Jewish rabbi in public screaming to get his attention). And she believed in Christ. It is hard to imagine how she had come to believe in him. Perhaps her initial faith was quite small (she calls him "Son of David", which could be a merely political title), but contact with him increased it (at last she came, "kneeling at his feet", as to a divinity). In any case, she knew that he could do it. She also knew that he would not do it because she deserved it, but simply because he cared. She was not angry with God for sending this trial; she did not come to Jesus furiously demanding justice. She accepted the trial and recognized that the miracle would be no less a gift than existence itself. This enabled her to take the rebuff and come right back with another petition to the Lord.

*Love, faith, and humility: these are the secret ingredients for prayer that moves the heart of God - even a prayer as simple as, "Lord, help me."*

*The Better Part, Fr Bartunek*