



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 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, August 28, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, August 29, 2017	Daily Mass 6 pm Seminarians
Wednesday, August 30, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, August 31, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Father Charli Roman Holy Hour of Reparation 6 PM
1st Friday, September 1, 2017	Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am The Unborn
Saturday, September 2, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday September 3, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

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

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.
- The Circle of Compassion will be handing out bazaar information this weekend. There will be a Circle Contact meeting on September 10 following Mass in the Parish dining room regarding bazaar preparations.

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.

- The mid-year contribution statements are in the box in the Narthex. Please take yours and let the Parish Office know if there are any needed corrections. Thank you
- The office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday September 4.



Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 2, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Bob, Gay Ann & Leandro Masolo
Lector: Robin Kirscher
Gifts: Keith & Robin Kirscher
EM: Debbie Miller & Jill Menard
Servers: Aspen & Sierra Slyker

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 3, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : Chuck & Lisa Larson
Lector : Brian Hohn
Gifts: Brian & Claudette Hohn
EM: Chris Wright & Buffy Woodring
Servers: Jade Martin & Zoey Wickens
Music : Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Juanita Bray
Money Counters: Pat Montonario & Jill Menard

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
8/19-20/2017

Holy Cross	
46 HC Envelopes	\$1,873.00
Loose	\$ 79.42
Youth	\$ 0.00
Reimbursement	\$1,052.33
13 Holy Day	\$ 157.00
Total HC	\$3,161.75

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

Cemetery

Cemetery 08-25-2017
 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

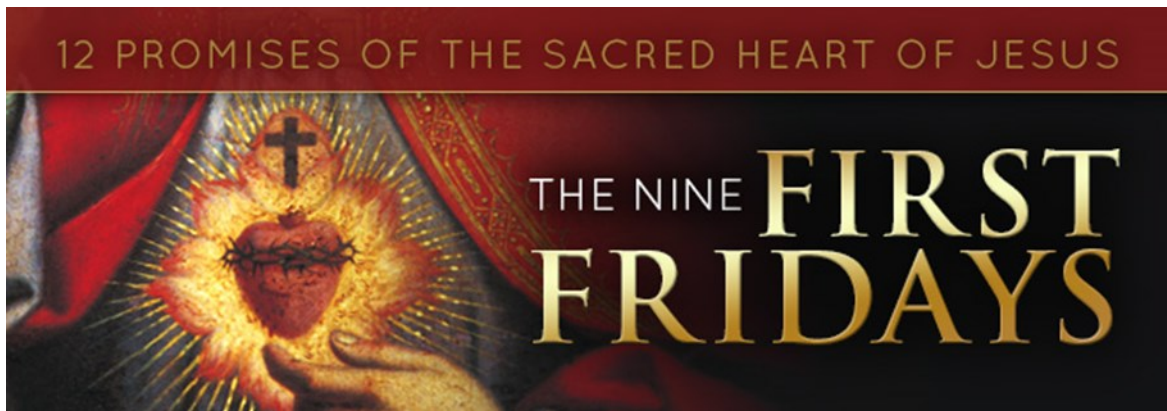
Young, Kathy Harrington, Sherry Clayburn,
 Randy Dooley, Jack & Pat Mahon. Kelly Flynn,
 Father Byrne, Mary Ann Jensen, Sharon
 Obrigewitch, Elliot Weakland, Troy Helmick

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. Call Brenda & Bill Chafin at 406-771-8658 or Terry and Dave Stukey at 406--452-3542 for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is

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

September 3, 2017
Scripture Readings:
Jeremiah 20: 7-9 / 124
Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Romans: 12, 1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27



"I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor [the grace of final repentance], or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life." — Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Nine consecutive Fridays in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Traditionally beginning the 1st Friday of SEPTEMBER through the 1st Friday of MAY)

Our Lord appeared to **St. Margaret Mary Alcoque** (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind.

He said to her:

"Behold this heart which, notwithstanding the burning love for men with which it is consumed and exhausted, meets with no other return from most Christians than sacrilege, contempt, indifference and ingratitude, even in the sacrament of my love [the Eucharist]. But what pierces my heart most deeply is that I am subjected to these insults by persons especially consecrated to my service."

Jesus asked for special prayers and practices to make amends (reparation) for this great neglect to the **proper reverence owed to God**. For those who did this faithfully, he made what St. Margaret Mary referred to as the "Great Promise" which was the last and greatest of the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CONDITIONS TO FULFILL THE FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

The specific conditions to receive the Great Promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are:

1. **Receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays** of the month (this assumes that the person is in a state of grace, having made a sacramental confession for any mortal sins prior to receiving communion).
2. Having the intention, at least implicitly, of **making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.

(NOTE: Holy Cross Parish will give the opportunity of a Holy Hour of Reparation every Thursday night before the first Friday - come join us!)



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION continued

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

- 1.** I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2.** I will give peace in their families.
- 3.** I will console them in all their troubles.
- 4.** I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
- 5.** I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
- 6.** Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7.** Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- 8.** Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- 9.** I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
- 10.** I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
- 11.** Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
- 12.** In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

Source Websites: <https://www.catholiccompany.com> <https://www.americaneedsfatima.org>