



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 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, Sept. 11, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Father Bryan Jeffries RB Marie Hankins
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Friday, Sept. 15, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am The Unborn
Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 17, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

September 3, 2017 Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 33: 7-9 / 127

Psalms 95: 1-2,6-7,8-9

Romans: 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

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:

- There will be a Circle Contact meeting on September 10 following Mass in the Parish dining room regarding bazaar preparations.
- The first Religious Education class for all youth ages 3 years old through high school will be on Wednesday September 13. For those who have not already registered, registration for RE will be held in the Parish Center on Wednesday, September 13th beginning at 4:30 pm. Prior to the first RE class. Registration fees are \$10 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. If this poses a financial hardship, please contact the Parish office.
- Bazaar donation sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

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, and Kyle Tannehill.

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, West MA, T. Aidan Toombs

- K of C's meeting Tuesday September 12 at 7 pm Class Room B.
- CCW meeting Tuesday September 12 hosted by Bonnie Olsen in the Parish Center.
- **The Circle of Compassion will be handing out bazaar information this weekend.**



Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 16, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Monte & Cathy Armstrong
Lector: Chris Wright
Gifts: Bob, Gay Ann & Leandro Masolo
EM: Missy Cox & Claudette Hohn
Servers: Jade Martin & Zoey Wickens

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 17, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : Chuck & Lisa Larson
Lector : Mary Duede
Gifts: Anne Inghram & Jill Menard
EM: Tom & Julie Lethert
Servers: Emmalin Fischer & Aspen Slyker
Music : Men's Choir
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counter: 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
9/02-03/2017

Holy Cross	
59 HC Envelopes	\$2,042.00
Loose	\$ 46.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 30.00
Total HC	\$2,118.00

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

Cemetery

Cemetery	09-10-2017
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00
Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 3,700.00
Donations	\$14,125.00

Total in Cemetery Acct \$4,063.90

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

BAZAAR 2017:

Raffle Donation:	\$100.00
Raffle Tickets	\$390.00
Dinner Tickets	\$ 16.00
Total	\$506.00

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

- All RE parents are invited to dinner on Wednesday September 27. The Parish will furnish meat, and parents are asked to bring a potluck dish.

September 10, 2017

Scripture Readings:

Sirach 27: 30—28: 7/130

Psalms 103: 1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12

Romans: 14: 7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Hurricane Harvey Information

In his request, USCCB Vice President Archbishop Jose` H. Gomez of Los Angeles indicated: "Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy." He added: "We also stand with our brother bishops in the region who have the difficult task of providing pastoral care in these most trying times while managing their own losses. Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed."

Funds given to the collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted diocese through the USCCB. The hurricane has affected southeast Texas, including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and could also strike Louisiana.

To donate by credit card via "online giving" on the diocesan website (www.diocesehelena.org)- in "general gift" tab, indicate "Hurricane Harvey."

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



Grief Support Group: "The capacity to love requires the necessity to mourn."
Beginning Tuesday September 26, 2017, 1:00pm Saint Mary Catholic Community.

A grief support group is a safe place to meet with others who are grieving. It is a place to share your stories, your tears and your hopes. Whether your loss is recent, or even months or years old. You may benefit from the support and sacred time with others on the same journey.

All are welcome who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There are times after a death when we need someone to talk to...we need to know we are not alone, others share our pain, our questions our concerns.

Facilitator: Helen Beausoleil, LCSW Call Saint Mary's parish office at 442-5268 for more information and to register.

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](tel:406-771-8658) or Terry and Dave Stukey at [406--452-3542](tel:406-452-3542) for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

Reflections for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ The Teacher

We must do everything we possibly can to bring one another back when we stray. We must hold each other accountable, not by arrogantly judging our brothers and sisters (we can hardly see the speck in their eyes for the plank in our own, remember), but by reaching out to them when they are in trouble. This passage follows Christ's parable of the good shepherd who leaves his 99 sheep alone in order to seek out the one who has strayed. Christ is insisting here that his ministers have the same selfless and determined attitude.

The leader of the Christian community is traditionally called a pastor, which comes from the Latin word for shepherd. Bishops are pastors of their diocese; priests are pastors of their parishes; all Christians, in a sense, are pastors of those souls entrusted to their spiritual or physical care. With this instruction, Jesus is enjoining each of us (but especially his ordained ministers, those who will carry on the ministry of his Twelve Apostles) to give everyone the attention they need, to go after the wandering sheep and do everything possible to bring them back into the safety of his fold.

In Christ, Fr David Severson