



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 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. 18, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Seminarians
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am The Unborn
Friday, Sept. 22, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 24, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

September 17, 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

Quote of the week:

"I encourage you to entrust yourselves to the Lord, who is the only one who helps and inspires us to contribute to reconciliation and peace."
- Pope Francis September 7, 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 pre K-through middle school will meet in the Parish Center on Wednesday September 20 at 5:15 pm,
- All RE Parents are invited to share dinner with their child on Wednesday September 27. The Parish will furnish the meat and request that the parents bring potluck side dishes and dessert. Dinner begins at 6:10 pm, come learn about what your child is learning this year and what the Parish and RE Teachers expectations are of the parent.
- 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

If you are holding an event, please contact the Parish Office by noon the Thursday before, or the event information will not be published in the bulletin.



Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 23, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Clara & Vince Boster
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Clara & Vince Boster
EM: Steve Kitt & Jill Menard
Servers: Caleb & Carson LeLacheur

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.

The Tree of Life is holding a fundraiser banquet on Thursday September 28 in the Brondel Center at St. Helena Cathedral. The Tree of Life Foundation is a billboard ministry which installs and maintains inspirational Christ centered and pro-life billboards around and near Helena. All are welcome. There will be a silent auction and dinner provided. This year the speaker will be Jan Wenderoth who is a counselor at God's Love Ministry and will also speak on the origin of the God's Love Ministry. Please RSBP to Katie Ryan @ 406-422-1445, Dan Wing @ 406-439-4715 or Mike Kesckes @ 406-449-6811

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 24, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : Tom & Julie Lethert
Lector : Chris Wright
Gifts: Jade Martin & Shari Toney
EM: Missy Cox & Claudette Hohn
Servers: Braden Racht & Zach Wickens
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Jean Boucher
Money Counters: Jill Menard & Pat Montonario

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 Har-

rington, Sherry Clayburn, Randy Dooley , Jack & Pat Mahon. Kelly Flynn, Father Byrne, Mary Ann Jensen, Sharon Obrigewitch, Elliot Weakland, Troy Helmick, Robin Kirscher

September 24, 2017

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55: 6-9 / 133
 Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
 Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a
 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

Stewardship of Treasure
9/09-10/2017

Holy Cross	
50 HC Envelopes	\$2,135.50
Loose	\$ 77.00
1 Youth	\$ 1.00
1 Holy Day	\$ 5.00
1 Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Total HC	\$2,223.50

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

ACA 2017 2 pledge envelopes

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



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.

CATHOLIC LUTHERAN DIALOGUE

DECLARATION ON THE WAY: CHURCH, MINISTRY, AND EUCHARIST

For over 50 years there have been conversations between the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches to discover the places where we have unity and understanding in church, ministry, and Eucharist, and where we are still a work in progress.

Our Lady of the Valley and Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring four-weeks of conversation on these topics. The meetings begin October 2 and 9 at Our Redeemer's and continue at Our Lady of the Valley on October 16 and 23 from 7:00-8:30, Mondays. An electronic version of the resource book, "Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist" can be downloaded at:

http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/lutheran/upload/Declaration_on_the_Way-for-Website.pdf

All are invited to participate in our conversations as we celebrate our unity in Christ! Please call the OLV Parish office for questions or if you plan to attend. 458-6114.

Our prayer and study will culminate with a Prayer Service led by the Catholic and Lutheran Bishops of Montana on Monday, Oct. 30th at the Cathedral.

Reflections for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Christ, God offers us forgiveness of a debt we could never pay - the debt of sin. But when we refuse to forgive the little offenses others cause us, we handcuff God's mercy and put ourselves under strict justice. Previously, Christ pointed out that "For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you." (Matthew 7:2) This is the way God has found to unfurl his mercy without compromising his justice; he leaves each person free to choose between the two.

But this lesson is hard for us to learn. We tend to resent not only willful offenses, but also innocent mistakes. Whenever someone else causes us even a tiny inconvenience, we can easily lash out at the offender. This is especially the case close to home - we often have less patience with our siblings and parents (or roommates) than we do with strangers and acquaintances.

In this parable, as in the Our Father, Jesus gives us the secret to forming a patient, forgiving heart. It consists in recognizing the immense evil of our own sin, and thereby perceiving the vastness of God's goodness in forgiving it. Until we see how ugly are the ingratitude and selfishness that characterize our relationship with God, we will never grasp how generous is his forgiveness. When we do, however, our shriveled hearts expand, and our joyful patience knows no bounds.

Fr Bartunek



ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!! The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is , Oct. 20-22,2017 in Great Falls. Sign up now!! Information and registration is available online at WWW.GREATFALLSSCEE.ORG Call Brenda& Bill Chafin at [406-771-8658](tel:406-771-8658) or Terry and Dave Stucky at [406--452-3542](tel:406-452-3542) for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!