Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
Townsend, Montana 59644

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 24, 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

Quote of the week:
"Let us find the courage to purify our hearts by removing the rocks and thorns which choke the Word of God." - Pope Francis September 18, 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 and 28:19-20)

Announcements:
- Saturday and Sunday September 23 & 24 is the last chance to purchase Son Light tickets.
- 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.
- 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you are holding an event, please contact the Parish Office by noon the Thursday before, or the event information will not be published in the bulletin.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

Attention Circle of Love: Please bring your items for the Bazaar Basket to the church no later than next Sunday October 1st. You can give them to Mary Duede or leave them in the church office with Buffy. If you have any questions, call Mary or Jeannie Steele. Thank you for your help

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

Email: holycrossmt@gmail.com
Website: holycrossmt.org
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30am to 2:30pm; Friday 9:30am-1:30pm
Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10 am

Mass Schedule

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Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 30, 2017
6:00 pm

Greeters: Missy Cox
Lector: Vince Boster
Gifts: Monte & Cathy Armstrong
EM: Terry Love & Debbie Miller
Servers: Aspen & Sierra Slyker

Ministry Schedule
Sunday October 1, 2017
9:00 am

Greeters: Jade Martin & Shari Toney
Lector: Felicia Head
Gifts: Bob, Gay Ann & Leandro Masolo
EM: Don & Max Peace
Servers: Caleb LeLacheur & Cubby Richtmyer
Music: Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Allison Bakken & Karee Eichinger

Prayer Chain
Gene Determan, Jerri Thueson,
Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison
McCaulay, Pat Montonario's granddaughter
Zoe, Marie Hoeffner, Jerri Thueson, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley,
Kelly Flynn, Father Byrne, Mary Ann Jensen,
Sharon Obrigewitch, Elliot Weakland, Troy
Helnick, Robin Kirscher

LIVING FATIMA CONFERENCE
The Living Fatima Conference will take place
at the new St. Francis School in Billings on
Friday and Sat., October 13 and 14
To register go to www.kjcrradio.com to get
registration form. Registration from September
2 to October 12, 2017 is $35
** On-line registration closes at 12 noon on
October 12, 2017.
Registration at the door is $40.
Sponsored by Billings Catholic Radio KFCR to
evangelize, educate and inspire a faithful life
in Christ.

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 prepara-
tion class offered by the parish.
Dates are to be confirmed by the
parish office prior to making any ar-
rangements.

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.

All kids up to 12th grade: Bring your
painted or carved pumpkin right after
mass to the Bazaar dinner. No fee to
enter. The overall winner gets 50% of
the money taken in! The other 50%
goes to the youth programs. Other
prizes too!
Adults: Vote on your three favor-
ites. Put 2 quarters in the bucket for
your favorite design, and 1 quarter
each for two others you like. Don’t
have any quarters? See the cash-
iers. They will gladly trade you 4
quarters for your dollar!
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 or Terry and Dave Stukey at 406-452-3542 for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

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 RSVP to Katie Ryan @ 406-422-1445, Dan Wing @ 406-439-4715 or Mike Kesckes @ 406-449-6811

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:

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