



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

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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. 25, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Walter & Sue Kosman RB Anne Inghram
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Jill Menard RB Connie Miller
Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Father Raftis RB JMJ
Friday, Sept. 29, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Father Raftis RB Gibbs Family
Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017	Confession 5-5:30 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 31, 2017	Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

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Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55: 6-9 / 133

Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

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.
- Circle of Faith meeting downstairs after Mass Sunday Sept. 24.
- 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you are holding an event, please contact the Parish Office by noon the Thursday before, or the event information will not be published in the bulletin.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.



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

- **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



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 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, 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.kjcradio.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 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.



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 favorites. 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 cashiers. They will gladly trade you 4 quarters for your dollar!

Stewardship of Treasure
9/16-17/2017

Holy Cross	
62 HC Envelopes	\$2,397.00
Loose	\$ 53.00
Youth	\$ 00.00
1 RE Donation	\$ 500.00
1 Restricted Gift	\$ 45.00
1 Reimbursement	<u>\$2,242.68</u>
Total HC	\$5,237.68

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

\$21,144.33 as of 06/30/17

Cemetery

Cemetery 09-22-2017
 Outstanding Pledges
 \$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 3,700.00
Donations	<u>\$14,125.00</u>

Total in Cemetery Acct \$4,063.90

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

BAZAAR 2017:	
Raffle Donation:	\$700.00
Raffle Tickets	\$710.00
Dinner Tickets	\$104.00
Dinner Donations	\$ 70.00
Total	<u>\$1,584.00</u>

ACA 2017 1 pledge envelopes

THANK YOU!

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Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 18: 25-28 / 136

Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Philippians 2: 1-11, or 2-5

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32



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.

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

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.

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 Stuke 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-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.

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