



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2017

Fr. David Severson, Pastor

Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar

Office: 266-4811

Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 5-530 pm or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm

Sunday 9 am

Quote of the week: Day 16: Here's your nudge. When more than 13,400 babies were saved from abortion during 40 days for Life...it happened during someone's hour of prayer

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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, Oct. 16, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017 Office Closed	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm David & Pam Masolo RB The Masolo Family
Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Mom & Dad RB Jill Menard
Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Teresa Vitale RB Bob & Barb Williamson
Friday, Oct. 20, 2017	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Teresa Vitale RB Bob & Barb Williamson
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017	Confession 5-5:45 pm Rosary 5:40 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Oct. 22, 2017	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Rosary 8:40 am Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

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:

- Sunday October 15, the Pastoral Council will host coffee hour and present part 11 of the Parish Process Plan. Please come join us and share your thoughts and ideas as the Diocese plans for the next 5 years.
- Men's Group will meet Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 pm.
- Sunday October 15, Father will be meeting with anyone serving or willing to serve as a Lector after Mass.
- Thank you to all those who participated in the pumpkin contest! We had 12 participants and took in \$55.36. 1st place (Aspen) took home half the money. The other half goes to the youth programs. 2nd and 3rd prizes of candy and glow sticks went to Kiera and Caleb. Thank you to all who dug deep in their pockets and voted!
- Town Pump will match all monetary donations up to \$5,000 to the Townsend Food Pantry between now and the end of November.
- 40 Days for Life is an internationally-coordinated 40-day peaceful pro-life campaign to end abortion. Our local, 24/7 40 Days for Life will be held from Wednesday, **September 27, 2017**, to Sunday, **November 5, 2017**.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth,"

- Saint
Mother
Teresa of
Calcutta



October 15, 2017

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah: 25: 6-10a / 142

Psalms: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,5,6

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 or 22:1-10



Ministry Schedule
Saturday October 21, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Harold & Laura Gibbs
Lector: Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Harold & Laura Gibbs
EM: Steve Kitt & Missy Cox
Servers: Abby & Zach Wickens

Ministry Schedule
Sunday October 22, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : Martin & Doris Mingay
Lector : Julie Lethert
Gifts: Dan & Bernadette Swenson
EM: Tom & Nora Bazuin
Servers: Carson LeLacheur &* Ryan Racht
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counters: 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.

Respect Life Corner

Do you want to learn a natural method of family planning either to avoid or achieve pregnancy? Are you interested in a method that is in line with Church teaching and works with your body? The Creighton Model Fertility *Care* System helps couples understand and manage their fertility together. Husbands play a key role in the process, learning to read the couple's chart and understand days of fertility. The "issue" of fertility is no longer on one spouse's shoulders, but the couple uses the program together, motivating each other to bring about success.

Contact Erin Welsh, CFCP, at holy-familyfertility@gmail.com or check out www.holyfamilyfertilitycare.com for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure
 10/7-8/2017

Holy Cross	
48 HC Envelopes	\$2,109.00
Loose	\$ 79.63
Youth	\$ 5.00
2 Restricted Gift	\$ 100.00
1 Stipend	\$ 50.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 25.00
Total HC	\$2,363.63

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

Cemetery

Cemetery 10-13-2017
 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 6/30/17
 \$32,292.69

BAZAAR 2017:

Raffle Donation:	\$750.00
Raffle Tickets	\$4195.00
Dinner	\$2619.00
Dinner Donations	\$160.00
Silent Auction	\$2960.00
Crafts	\$ 366.00
Total	\$11050.00
Expenses	\$ 2565.45
Net Income	\$ 8484.55

THANK YOU!

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Philippians: 4: 12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-19

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, Elliot Weakland, Troy Helmick, Jenny Schaubert

The BHS Close-Up group is bringing back the Community Birthday Calendar from years gone by! The proceeds from this fundraiser will support the 2019 Close-Up trip to Washington, DC and New York. Calendars are \$10 each and come with 5 FREE listings for each calendar! These listings can be birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, meeting dates, etc. Additional listings are only 25 cents each. Calendars will be delivered in December, but can NOT be guaranteed by Christmas.

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

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Reflections for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God invites, but he does not coerce; he will never force us into his friendship, nor into heaven. This parable and the ones he spoke immediately before it address the mysterious topic of human freedom. In light of the parable, we clearly perceive how foolish those men were who preferred their own little businesses to the king's feast. Not only did they end up being destroyed, but they also missed out on the royal celebration. They loved good things so much (their work and their profit) that they tragically declined the much better thing. If they had only been willing to admit their indebtedness to the king, whose rule made the peace and prosperity they were enjoying possible in the first place, they would have easily adjusted their own plans to honor him. In that case, they could have enjoyed both the good things and the better things. In the parable their mistake is clear, but in our own lives we often fall into the same trap: God's plans seem to interrupt our own, and we forget that ours have no meaning except inside of his.

Even one of those who did accept the invitation somehow responded insufficiently. In ancient times, when a wedding was announced the actual day and hour were not immediately disclosed. Guests were alerted that they would be invited to a wedding, and that they should stay ready. Likewise, Christ's first coming announced the wedding feast of the Kingdom, but we do not know the actual day and hour when we will be summoned to it. By continually living in a vital and personal friendship with Christ we stay ready. In ancient times the host provided his guests with wedding garments as part of the celebration; the man who is at the banquet without one must have refused the host's gesture of welcome. Likewise, if we neglect our friendship with Christ - if we continue to put our whims and preferences ahead of God's will, believing without putting our faith into action, we may end up excluded from the banquet. The reality of human freedom, the awful possibility that you or I may reject God's gracious invitation, should be always in our minds, motivating us to take care of our own life of grace, and spurring us on to summon others to the feast.

Fr John Bartunek, from *The Better Part*



Come and join us for our Parish Mission
 SS. Cyril & Methodius, East Helena
 October 14 - 18, 2017.

Theme: Christ our Companion on the Journey

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli was born and raised in Dallas, TX. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1997. He is currently the pastor of St. Monica Catholic Church in Dallas. He also has given numerous retreats and days of recollection. He first met Fr. Bart Tolleson when he was in the seminary. Fr. Guadagnoli also loves to travel and is looking forward to his first visit to Montana.

Mission Schedule

October 14-15: Fr. Guadagnoli will preside at all the weekend Masses, October 16, 17, & 18:

Confessions 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.; Mass at 11:30 a.m.; Mission conference 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m.; Confessions 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.; Mission conference 7:00 p.m. (Evening conference is a repeat from earlier conference)