



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26, 2017

Fr. David Severson, Pastor

Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 5-530 pm or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm

Sunday 9 am

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30am to 2:30pm; Friday 9:30am-1:30pm
Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10 am

Mass	Schedule
Monday, Nov. 27,	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Nov 28,	Rosary Mass 6 pm Irma Hankins RB Harley & Marie Hankins
Wednesday, Nov. 29,	Rosary Mass 9 am Mr. & Mrs. Neil Lynch RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Thursday, Nov. 30,	Rosary Mass 9 am Robert Neal Ulmer RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer Hour of Repartation 6 pm
Friday, Dec. 1,	Mass of the Sacred Heart 9 am David Kiddish RB Marie Hankins
Saturday, Dec. 2,	No Scheduled Mas
Sunday Dec. 3,	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Mass 9:00 am Dr. & Mrs. Evan Kackley RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer

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:

- RE Class Wednesday November 29, 5:15-8 pm. Dinner hosted by Shari & Sharece Toney.
- "PURGATORY AND REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS", A DAY OF RECOLLECTION, Wednesday, November 29 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., presented by Father Bart Tolleson at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. Reservations are necessary by Monday, November 27; please call 227-5334, x113 or email marie@sscyrill.org There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Please join us if you can!
- Cookie Exchange! Parish Event presented by CCW. Bring 2 dozen cookies. We will share 1 dozen and donate the other dozen to the clients of the Broadwater Food Pantry. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center. **December 3, Sunday After Mass.**
- Town Pump will match all monetary donations up to \$5,000 to the Townsend Food Pantry between now and the end of November.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

- December 8 is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation. If you are available to serve as Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or music, at 6 pm Thursday December 7 or 9 am December 8; please contact the Parish Office 266-4811.
- Beginning in December 2017, on Father David's Drill Weekend, there will be no Mass on Saturday evening there will be Mass on Sunday morning. **There will be no Mass on Saturday December 2.** Sunday December 3, 9 am Mass. Beginning December 9 Saturday Mass will be at 5 pm.

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Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 / 160

Psalms 23: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5-6

I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Matthew 25 31-46



Ministry Schedule
Saturday November 25, 2017
 6:00 pm

Greeters : Clara Boster
Lector : Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Monte & Cathy Armstrong
EM: Terry Love & Chris Wright
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Riley Richtmyer

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.

Ministry Schedule
Sunday November 26, 2017
 9:00 am

Greeters : John & Missy Rauser
Lector : Brian Hohn
Gifts: Cora Lee Horne & Anne Inghram
EM: Martin Mingay & Paul Taylor
Servers: Emma Lyn Fischer & Kennedy Vogl
Music : Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Juanita Bray
Money Counters: Kristi Gersch & Julie Lethert

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.

Pastoral Council members: Mary Garman, Bernadette Swenson, Shari Toney, Shawna Wickens & Chris Wright

Finance Council members: Juanita Bray, Brian Hohn, Max Peace, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Prayer Chain

Gene Determan, Jerri Thueson, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison McCauley, Pat Montonario's grand-daughter Zoe, Marie Hoeffner Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Father Byrne, Elliot Weakland, Troy Helmick, Jenny Schaubert, Bill Fitzgerald, Martin Clark, Kathryn, Heidi Hill,

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.

Stewardship of Treasure
 11/18-19/2017

Holy Cross	
57 HC Envelopes	\$2,116.00
Loose	\$ 54.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
1 Restricted Gift	\$ 320.00
2 Stipend	\$ 30.00
2 Camp., 4 Human Dev.	\$ 45.00
Total HC	\$2,596.00

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
 \$21,491.83 as of 09/30/17

Cemetery

Cemetery 11-10-2017
 Outstanding Pledges
 \$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 3,700.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$14,125.00</u>
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$2,316.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund
 Foundation to 09/30/1717
 \$32,933.71

BAZAAR 2017:	
Raffle Donation:	\$750.00
Raffle Tickets	\$4195.00
Dinner	\$2619.00
Dinner Donations	\$190.00
Silent Auction	\$3,268.00
Crafts	\$ 386.00
Total	\$11168.00
Expenses	\$ 2565.45
Net Income	\$ 8640.55

ACA 2017	11/15/2017
Goal	\$22,900
ACA PD	\$ 4,460

THANK YOU!

December 3, 2017

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7(2b)

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark: 13:33-37

Solemnity of Christ the King: To Whom do you give your Allegiance?

Origins of this feast:

"The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an *antidote to secularism*, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. **The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.**" (CatholicCulture.org)

This is indeed a fundamental and essential feast reminding us where our allegiance belongs, in Christ the King who already has won the battle which must come to its fulfillment. He is the only one who can reign not just in Heaven but in every Christian heart only if we let Him. He's not a tyrannical king but a king who redeemed us at the price of his own blood, **a king who wants, foremost, to rule over your heart.**

So the question remains: *To whom do you give your whole hearted allegiance?*

The pitfall for all of us is often the four major temptations: **money, power, pleasure and honor**. Sadly, in today's culture there are some Christians who first give their allegiance to a fleeting power or pleasure, to a political party over the Magisterium of the Church, or to an ideology over the Gospel. What a great time to celebrate this solemnity against this temptation and renewing our fidelity to Christ the King and the teachings of his Church!

Furthermore, how appropriate the placement of this feast as Christmas is just around the corner where consumerism begins to nag at our hearts and households.

So please, let us consider getting back to the fullness of our Catholic roots, being steeped in the knowledge of the long-standing Tradition of the Faith. Let's orient our eternal compass to the things of God and not the things of this world combating the aggressive secularism and false teachings which seek to destroy us. All the while serving one another as our Lord has commanded us, **"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."** (John 13:34-35)

+ Father Severson

Respect Life

Witnessing to the Sanctity of Human Life: The Example of Jerome Lejeune, MD

In 1959 Lejeune discovered the cause of Down's Syndrome.

He committed himself to the pro-life cause when he discovered that children with Down's Syndrome were being aborted in ever greater numbers.

In 1991, he wrote a summary of his reflections on medical ethics:

- 1) Christians, be not afraid. It is you who possess the truth. Not that you invented it but because you are the vehicle for it. To all doctors, you must repeat: "you must conquer the illness, not attack the patient."
- 2) We are made in the image of God. For this reason alone all human beings must be respected.
- 3) Abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes.
- 4) Objective morality exists. It is clear and it is universal.
- 5) In so-called pluralistic societies, they shout it down our throats: " You Christians do not have the right to impose your morality on others." Well, I tell you, not only do you have the right to try to incorporate your morality in the law but it is your democratic duty.

In 1993, Blessed Pope John Paul, his close friend, appointed Lejeune as the first president of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

French bishops have introduced his cause for canonization.

By Pro-Life Articles Author