



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5, 2017

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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. 6, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017	Rosary Mass 6 pm Ellen Herzner RB Mary Gliko
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017	Rosary Mass 9 am Marvin Love RB The Love Family
Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Immaculate Heart of Mary RB Mary Gliko
Friday, Nov. 9, 2017	Mass 9 am Sacred Heart of Jesus RB Mary Gliko
Saturday, Nov. 10, 2017	Confession 5-5:45 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm David Laughlin RB Bob & Barb Williamson
Sunday Nov. 11, 2017 K of C's Breakfast	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Mass 9:00 am PARISH FAMILY

November 5, 2017

Scripture Readings:

Malachi 1: 14b-2:2b, 8-10/151

Psalms 131:1,2,3

1 Thessalonians: 2: 7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

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:

- Holy Family Catholic Parish, is holding their Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday November 5, 2017. They will be serving dinner from Noon to 4:00 pm. Good Food & Good Fun
- Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday November 7 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.
- RE classes** Wednesday November 8 beginning at 5:15 pm. Kelli Delgado & Katie Grewell will host dinner.
- Men's Group** Thursday November 9, at 6:30 pm.
- Town Pump will match all monetary donations up to \$5,000 to the Townsend Food Pantry between now and the end of November.
- Christmas choir** is now practicing on Wednesdays at 6 all are invited to join. We will sing on Christmas Eve.
- Breakfast after Mass** on Sunday November 12 in honor of all those serving and having served in the military and emergency personnel.
- CCW** meets Tuesday November 14 at 7 pm hosted by Jeanne Steele in the Parish Center.
- Knights' of Columbus** meet Tuesday in classroom B at 7 pm.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love."
- Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

A Stewardship Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

We serve in your name as did your apostles before us. And we live, as they did, in anxious times, painfully aware of sin's presence in the world; a world in need of your Father's mercy.

As your disciples, we also live in hope, confident that your light is breaking through the changing moods of life— healing, embracing and transforming as your presence moves deep within us.

Help us see every hour of our lives as a moment of grace: A time when we open our hearts to you in prayer, discover your truth in our work and leisure and live each moment as blessings to one another.

Make us better stewards of the great wealth of gifts you have bestowed upon us. And show us how to teach others to open their hearts to those who hunger, thirst or who are strangers.

Refresh our minds, renew our faith, and inspire us to proclaim your Gospel with a new energy in word and in deed for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
FINANCING THE MINISTRY OF THE BISHOP OF HELENA



Ministry Schedule

Saturday November 11, 2017

6:00 pm

- Greeters :* Jill Menard
- Lector :* Gay Ann Masolo
- Gifts:* The Masolo Family
- EM:* Chris Wright & Terry Love
- Servers:* Braden & Ryan Racht

Ministry Schedule

Sunday November 12, 2017

9:00 am

- Greeters :* Don & Max Peace
- Lector :* Chris Wright
- Gifts:* Brian & Claudette Hohn
- EM:* Tom & Julie Lethert
- Servers:* Carson & Caleb LeLacheur
- Music :* Men's Choir / Pianist Jason Jeffery
- Home Ministry:* Juanita Bray
- Money Counters:* Paul Latka & Karen Susag

Prayer Chain



Gene Determan, Jerri Thueson, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison McCauley, Pat Montonario's granddaughter Zoe, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Jack & Pat Mahon. Kelly

Flynn, Father Byrne, Mary Ann Jensen, Elliot Weakland, Troy Helmick, Jenny Schauber, Bill Fitzgerald

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. If you would like to order a calendar, please see Tyson Racht, Peyton Vogl, or ANY Close-Up member. Tyson and Peyton will also be in the vestibule after Mass on Sunday, on November 19, to take orders. Thank you for your support!

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

A "Difficult Choice"

Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a "difficult choice."

Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother's womb.

So, of course, it is "difficult". Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a "difficult choice". If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life?

Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a "difficult choice". Of not.

Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionist to disguise the "difficult choice" that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading "blob of tissue"—like a cancerous growth. Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being that a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother's womb?

**Stewardship of Treasure
10/28-29/2017**

Holy Cross	
58 HC Envelopes	\$2,575.00
Loose	\$ 88.00
2 Youth	\$ 6.00
1 Reimbursement	\$ 1,178.39
1 Stipend	\$ 45.00
2 Sacristy	\$ 15.00
1 World Mission Sunday	\$ 15.00
Total HC	\$3,981.39

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

Cemetery

Cemetery 11-03-2017
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:	\$750.00
Raffle Tickets	\$4195.00
Dinner	\$2619.00
Dinner Donations	\$190.00
Silent Auction	\$3,058.00
Crafts	\$ 386.00
Total	\$11168.00
Expenses	\$ 2565.45
Net Income	\$ 8632.55
ACA 2017	10/24/2017
Goal	\$22,900
ACA PD	\$ 2,800
THANK YOU!	

November 12, 2017
Scripture Readings:
Wisdom 6:12-16 / 154

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 2nd - All Souls, Indulgences, and YOU!

Let's have a review of the indulgences available for All Souls and the days that follow, so that you can plan your own action. Don't let these days slip by.

From the Handbook of Indulgences:

Visiting a Church or an Oratory on All Souls Day

A plenary ("full") indulgence, which is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on (November 2nd,) All Souls Day.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence on All Souls Day (2 Nov)

Visit a church and pray for souls in Purgatory

Say one "Our Father" and the "Apostles Creed" in the visit to the church

Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the Holy Father's intentions (that is, the intentions designated by the Holy Father each month)

Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day if you can get to Mass)

Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of All Souls Day

For a plenary indulgence be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin

(otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary, "full").

You can acquire one plenary indulgence a day.

A partial indulgence can be obtained by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. You can gain a plenary indulgence **visiting a cemetery each day between 1 November and 8 November**. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only for the Souls in Purgatory, is also granted when you **visit a church or a public oratory on 2 November**. While visiting the church or oratory say one *Our Father* and the *Apostles Creed*.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when saying the "*Eternal rest ... Requiem aeternam...*" prayer.

Do you know this prayer?

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

It is also customary to add the second half of the "Eternal Rest" prayer after the prayer recited at the conclusion of a meal.

We give Thee thanks, almighty God, for all Thy benefits, Who livest and reignest, world without end.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.