



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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 10, 2017**

**Fr. David Severson, Pastor**

**Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar**

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm; Sunday 8:30–8:45 am or by appointment

Saturday Mass 5 pm

Sunday Mass 9 am

Thought of the week: "the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; - Romans 13:12

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10 am**

**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)

Mass	Schedule
Monday, Dec 11, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Dec 12, 2017	Rosary Mass 6 pm Bill I & Claudine Ulmer RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017	Rosary Mass 9 am Mr. Mrs. Theodore Ulmer RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017	Rosary Mass 9 am Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Friday, Dec. 15, 2017	Rosary Mass 9 am Seminarists
Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017	Vigil Mass <u>5 pm</u> Home Bound Parishioners
Sunday Dec 17, 2017	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

**Announcements:**

- **The Circle of Compassion** will be hosting Coffee Hour following Mass on Sunday December 10th.
- **The Townsend Food Pantry** would like to thank everyone that was involved in giving a little Christmas cheer to their clients by donating home made cookies.
- **Due to Christmas**, RE for all grades will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the regular times, dinner provided. Grades preK-5 and any middle school student that can come help will meet at 4:00 on Wednesday as well to practice for the Christmas program.
- **Christmas Cards** for Father Byrne. there will be a basket in the Narthex to place cards for Father Byrne. On Christmas day the cards will be given to Father Byrne.
- **Christmas Program, Dec. 17th**, following Mass. Please come down and support our youth. The Christmas program will begin with brunch while the children get ready then they will present their program. If your last name begins with A-F please bring fruit, G-L bread, or sweet rolls, M-O, Dessert and P-Z, please bring a breakfast casserole to share.

**ADORATION OF  
THE  
BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**



"Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish  
*Saint Peter*

nothing..."-

- New lector workbooks are available in the office. If you can't make it in during office hours, please call and we will put the book in the file holder on the outside of the office door.
- New liturgical ministry schedules are on the table at the back of the Church.
- **Serenity Point** sends a warm and heartfelt thank you to the ladies of CCW for donating \$100 for Christmas gifts for their residents.

**December 10, 2017**

**Scripture Readings:**

**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11/12**

**Psalms 85:9-10,11-12,13-14**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

Stewardship of Treasure  
12/3/2017

Holy Cross	
50 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,387.50
Loose	\$ 53.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 25.00
1 Stipend	\$ 10.00
Total HC	\$1,541.50

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

**Cemetery**

Cemetery	12-01-2017
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 3,700.00
Donations	\$36,737.00
Don. Direct to Found.	\$ 1,700.00
Total Donations	\$42,468.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,456.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund  
to 09/30/17 \$32,933.71

ACA 2017	11/15/2017
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 11,280
ACA PD	\$ 8,715

THANK YOU!

Ministry Schedule  
Saturday December 16, 2017  
5:00 pm

*Greeters :* Brian & Claudette Hohn  
*Lector:* Claudette Hohn  
*Gifts:* Keith & Robin Kirscher  
*EM:* Monte Montonario & Jerry Solwey  
*Servers:* Aspen & Sierra Slyker

Ministry Schedule  
Sunday December 17, 2017  
9:00 am

*Greeters :* Shari Toney  
*Lector :* Gay Ann Masolo  
*Gifts:* Martin & Doris Mingay  
*EM:* Tom & Nora Bazuin  
*Servers:* Caleb & Carson LeLacheur  
*Music :* Carole Plymale  
*Home Ministry:* Juanita Bray  
*Money Counters:* Pat Montonario & 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.

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

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



**Prayer Chain**

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

**December 17, 2017**

**Scripture Readings:**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16 (11b)**

**Psalm 89:2-4, 4-5, 27, 29**

**Romans 16:25-27**

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

**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 Second Sunday of Advent

Fr John Bartunek, The Better Part

John the Baptist is celebrated repeatedly throughout the liturgical year. He especially occupies a central role in the liturgy of Advent, because during Advent the Church does what John taught the Israelites to do: get ready for Christ's coming.

John is described as the one who "prepares a way for the Lord" and "makes his paths straight." His example of humility and poverty (he ate the poorest of food, dressed in the poorest of clothes, and lived in the wilderness) gave weight to his words when he told people to repent of their arrogance and greed. The baptism he administered symbolized the people's desire to turn away from selfishness and be faithful to God's will, a desire that he could stir up because he was already living that kind of fidelity.

This same interior conversion is an ongoing thing for all Christians, as we strive to become more like Christ each day. The Church emphasizes this part of Christian spirituality during its two penitential seasons, Advent and Lent. Advent, St John the Baptist's most visible liturgical season, is the beginning of the liturgical year, a time to examine our hearts and to remove from them all selfishness, impatience, and laziness, so that they can become worthy dwelling places - wide, smooth, and well kept roads - for the King who is on his way. And not only should we prepare our own hearts, but also, like John, the sincerity of our repentance should embolden us to invite and assist others to make room for Christ in their lives. If John had not announced Christ's coming with his words and example, many of his peers would have been unprepared for God's action in their lives; if we keep Christ's message, the Good News of Christmas and Easter, to ourselves, many of our peers will be deprived of the grace of God, which they need so badly.



**Holy Cross Advent & Christmas Schedule**

- Advent Penance Service 6:30 pm December 13th (Youth 5:15-6 then following dinner adults)
- 4th Sunday of Advent December 24th 9 am
- Christmas Eve Sunday December 24 th5 pm
- Christmas Day Mass Monday December 25th; 10 am
- Mary, Mother of God January 1st—No scheduled Mass Since this falls on Monday; Holy Day Obligation is suspended

**SS Cyril & Methodist Advent & Christmas Schedule**

- ★ Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 - 4:30 & 7:00 pm in East Helena
- ★ Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 - 6:30 pm at St. John's in Clancy
- ★ Christmas Day - Dec. 25 - 10 am in East Helena
- ★ Christmas Day - Dec. 25 - 12 Noon - Latin Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form in East Helena
- ★ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Monday, January 1 - 10 am in East Helena
- ★ January 1 - 12 Noon - Latin High Mass in the Extraordinary Form in East Helena

**Advent/Christmas at Our Lady of the Valley**

- 4th Sunday of Advent - Sat. Dec. 23 - 6:00 pm  
Sun. Dec 24 - 8:00 am and 10:30 am
- Christmas Eve Masses - Sun. Dec. 24 - 4:00, 6:30 and 9:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass - Mon. Dec. 25 - 9:00 am
- Mary, Mother of God January 1 - No scheduled Mass

**Christmas/Advent at Saint Mary**

- ★ Advent Evening Prayer - Sundays, Dec, 10, and 17 at 5:30 PM
- ★ Christmas Eve Masses - 5:30 and 10:00 PM
- ★ Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 AM
- ★ Mary, Mother of God - Vigil Mass on Dec. 31 at 5:30

