



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

Fr. David Severson, Pastor

Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Sunday 8:30-8:45 am or by appointment

Drill Weekend No Scheduled Mass on Saturday

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, Dec 4, 2017	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017	Rosary Mass 6 pm James Theodore Ulmer RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017	Rosary Mass 9 am Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kline RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017	Rosary Mass 9 am Mr. & Mrs. Fred Meyer RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception Virgin Mary 6 pm
Friday, Dec. 8, 2017	Mass Immaculate Con- ception Virgin Mary 9 am John & Linda Ulmer RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017	Vigil Mass 5 pm Diana Krieger RB Eddie & Joyce Ulmer
Sunday Dec 10, 2017	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:

- **Cookie Exchange!** Please join us downstairs after Mass Sunday December 3rd, for coffee and our annual Cookie Exchange. The second dozen cookies will be given to the clients of the Townsend Food Pantry.
- **Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas**, RE for all grades will be on December 6th and December 13th at the regular times, dinner provided. Grades preK-5 and any middle school student that can come help will meet at 4:00 on each of those Wednesdays as well to practice for the Christmas program.
- **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Father will celebrate Vigil Mass on Thursday December 7th at 6 pm, and Mass on Friday December 8th at 9 am.
- **Beginning December 9th Saturday Mass will be at 5 pm.**
- **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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"How I loved the feasts!... I especially loved the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God!... I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred Monstrance..." - *St. Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church*

- **The Circle of Compassion** will be hosting Coffee Hour following Mass on Sunday December 10th.
- **Christmas Program, Dec. 17th, 5 pm.** Potluck dinner follows the Christmas program. If your last name begins with A-F please bring a Salad or Veggie dish. G-L bread, M-Q, Dessert and R-Z,

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 Schauber, Bill Fitzgerald, Martin

December 3, 2017

Scripture Readings:

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

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

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

**Stewardship of Treasure
11/25-26/2017**

Holy Cross	
47 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,731.50
Loose	\$ 22.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 25.00
15 Camp., 4 Human Dev.	\$ 487.00
Total HC	\$2,265.50

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	\$36,667.00
Don. Direct to Found.	\$ 1,700.00
Total Donations	\$42,398.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,386.87

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

ACA 2017	11/15/2017
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 10,305
ACA PD	\$ 7,725

THANK YOU!

**Ministry Schedule
Thursday December 7, 2017
6:00 pm**

Lector : Ronnie Steele
Gifts: Ushers
EM: Claudette Hohn & Earl Kohn
Music Cantors
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Ty Steele

**Ministry Schedule
Friday December 8, 2017
9:00 am**

Lector : Cathy Armstrong
EM: Don Peace & Buffy Woodring
Music: Carole Plymale

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday December 9, 2017
5:00 pm**

Greeters : Gene & Bev Determan
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Harold & Laura Gibbs
EM: Debbie Miller & Terry Love
Servers: Caleb LeLacheur & Ryan Racht

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday December 10, 2017
9:00 am**

Greeters : Dan & Bernadette Swenson
Lector : Julie Lethert
Gifts: Jade Martin & Shari Toney
EM: Chris Wright & Buffy Woodring
Servers: Emmalin Fischer & Abby Wickens
Music : Men's Choir
Home Ministry: Jean Boucher
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Julie Lethert

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

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.

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

Reflections for the Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ten Ways to Get More out of Advent [Lorene Hanley Duquin](#)

Keeping a balance between the spiritual and the secular will require a little planning on your part. Start by making a list of everything that needs to be done. Then block into your calendar specific times every day for personal prayer, spiritual reading and reflection.

As you move through Advent you will begin to relish those quiet moments in your day. They will become like a spiritual port in a secular storm. The prayer time will restore your spirit. The spiritual insights will help to keep you focused. You may like it so much that you'll decide to carry over into the New Year the practice of setting aside daily quiet time with God.

Here are some simple ways to incorporate traditional Advent practices into your busy schedule:

Reflect on Advent as a time of waiting. The idea of waiting is not popular in our culture of instant gratification, but it creates in us a new kind of self-discipline that helps us to appreciate the present moment and look to the future with peaceful anticipation.

Turn your breathing into a prayer. Take a few deep breaths throughout the day and imagine that God's love is flowing through you to every part of your body. As you exhale, let go of tension, worry and anything else that is not of God.

Long for the Lord. Make it a habit of silently praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Unite with Mary. Set aside time once a day to join Our Lady in praying the Cantic of Mary (see Lk 1:46-55).

Do something nice for someone every day. It might be an encouraging word, a phone call, a note of appreciation or a little act of kindness.

Get rid of grudges. Use Advent as an opportunity to let go of any anger or resentment that you might be holding onto.

Pray for patience. If you find yourself becoming anxious or upset, ask the Lord for the gift of patience. Then make a conscious effort to be a more patient person.

Offer up something painful or difficult in your life. The best way to transform trials and tensions is to turn them into a prayer.

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Attend your parish penance service and take advantage of the opportunity to cleanse your soul in preparation for the coming of Jesus.

Think about the special gifts and talents God has given you. How are you using these gifts to serve others?

Holy Cross Advent & Christmas

Immaculate Conception— Vigil Mass 6 pm December 7th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception 9 am December 8th

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

Advent Penance Service - Tuesday, December 5th. Service at 5 pm,

Confessions heard from 5:15 - 6:30 pm.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - December 8, Mass at 12 noon and again at 6 pm.

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

Immaculate Conception - Fri. Dec. 8 - 7:00 pm

Advent Penance Service - Tue. Dec. 19 - 7:00 pm

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 Reconciliation Service - Mon. Dec. 4 at 5:30 PM

Marian Prayer Service of the Luminous Mysteries - Thu. Dec. 7 at 5:30 PM

Immaculate Conception - Fri. Dec. 8 - 11:00 AM Parish Mass at Touchmark and 5:30 PM Parish Mass on Mis-soula Avenue

Advent Evening Prayer - Sundays, Dec, 3, 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