



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

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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: "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." *Luke 9:23*

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)

Announcements:

- 2017 Parishioner Contribution statements are on the table in the Narthex.
- Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6 pm.
- Please remember if you are holding a function in the Church, before leaving make sure all doors are closed and locked.
- Circle of Hope will host soup supper on Tuesday February 20th following 6 pm Mass. Circle of Love will host soup supper following 6 pm Mass on Tuesday, February 27th.
- If you are hosting an event in the Parish Center and can not get to the office during business hours to pick up an event use form, there are some in the file holder on the outside of the office door.
- FYI—NAME CHANGE: It has been discussed and voted on to change our name from Council of Catholic Women to Holy Cross Women of Faith.
- RE Class Wednesday February 28th 5:15–8 pm, dinner hosted by Michelle Cheeseman.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"It is there in His Eucharist that He says to me: 'I thirst, thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your suf-

ferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all my life, all my tenderness."

- *Mother Mary of Jesus, the Foundress of the Sisters of Marie Reparatrice*

- "Sing to the Lord a new Song! Make this Easter your best yet. Choir practice every Wednesday 6 pm. Enter by the street-side-door. All are welcome."
- THANK YOU for changing lives!! We are so grateful for all who participated in our Change for Life campaign.



Mass	Schedule
Monday Feb. 19, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Gabe, Sommer & family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
Wednesday, Feb 21, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Matt, Carolyn & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Maria, Pat & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
Friday, Feb. 23, 2018	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration Jean Hankins RB Harley & Marie Hankins <u>STATIONS 6 PM</u>
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018	Confession 4:15–4:45 pm Mass 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Feb. 25, 2018	Confession 8:30–8:45 am Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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Genesis 9:8-15 (23B)

Psalms 25:4=5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

02/10-11/2018

Holy Cross	
49 HC Envelopes	\$ 2,352.50
Loose	\$ 11.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
1 Reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,074.62</u>
Total HC	\$ 3,438.12

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
\$22,146.01 as of 12/31/17

Cemetery

Cemetery	02-11-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,927.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total Donations	\$43,258.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,233.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund

12/31/17 \$34,151.74

ACA 2017	2/14/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,250
ACA PD	\$ 11,995
% of Goal	62 %
% Participation	46.15%

February 25, 2018

Genesis 221-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (26B)

Psalms 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday February 24, 2018**

5:00 pm

Greeters : Brian & Claudette Hohn
Lector : Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Harold & Laura Gibbs
EM: Terry Love & Debbie Miller
Servers: Caleb & Carson LeLacheur

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday February 25, 2018**

9:00 am

Greeters : Allen & Linda Padgett
Lector : Doris Mingay
Gifts: John & Missy Rauser
EM: Chris Wright & Buffy Woodring
Servers: Braden Racht & Riley Richtmyer
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Juanita Bray
Money Counters: Allison Bakken & Karee Eichinger



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.

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, meet first Wednesday of the month, Sept-May.

Finance Council members: Juanita Bray, Brian Hohn, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl, meet quarterly.



Prayer Chain

Gene Determan, Father Byrne, 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, Dana Banks, Cory Janes, Larissa Swenson, Marvin Meyer Family,

Lenten Schedule for Our Lady of the Valley Parish:

Every Friday of Lent: 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

(Begins Feb. 16) Followed by Soup & Bread

7:15 pm Adult Spirituality series: "Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home"

Penance Liturgy: Tue. Mar. 20 - 7:00 pm

Lenten Schedule at SS. Cyril & Methodius:

Stations of the Cross, Friday after noon Mass, Feb. 16 through March 23

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, March 13, Prayer Service at 5 pm, Confessions 5:15-6:30 pm.

Cathedral of St. Helena's Lenten schedule.

Stations of the Cross Fridays, February 16 through March 30 at 5 pm

Confessions follow the Saturday morning Mass from 9:35 until approx. 11 am

Journey to Jerusalem Study Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21 at 10-11:30 am or Thursdays March 8, 15, 22 at 6:30-8 pm. (This is by preregistration)



Bishop's Lenten Appeal for the Guatemala Repair Projects I wanted to let you know that we've set this up on our website as a special collection in case someone in your parish would like to make a donation via credit card or direct debit. We will acknowledge those charitable gifts in January of 2019. We are not accepting pledges for this appeal. If someone wants to pledge over the course of the year to assist the mission they can do so through the other two Guatemala tabs for the Mission, School, Clinic and Angel Fund.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION

"The Kingdom of God" is one of Christ's most frequently used phrases. He came to establish it, he rules it, and he taught us to pray constantly for its coming ("Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done"). In his initial announcement of its arrival, Jesus gives us the first lesson about what it entails.

"The Kingdom of God is close at hand," he proclaims, and then he adds, "repent and believe the Good News." The "Kingdom of God" merely refers to wherever things are done God's way, wherever his will and his heart infuse life into the souls of men and women. To repent means to turn away from doing things our own, selfish way (which is the way we tend to do things ever since Adam and Eve set the unfortunate precedent); to believe in the Good News means to trust that God's way, God's will, is the best choice. If we trust in the love, wisdom, and power of God, we will have the courage to fashion our lives according to his standards (which are made clear and practical in the Church's teachings). If we recognize our own limitations and selfish tendencies, we will have the necessary humility to repent. If we want to enter this Kingdom and share in its unequalled vitality and meaning, we simply need to trust in God more than ourselves - over and over again.

The Better Part, Fr. John Bartunek

