



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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Fr. David Severson, Pastor**

**March 4, 2018**  
**Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar**

Office: 266-4811 Email: [holycrossmt@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossmt@gmail.com) Website: [holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org)  
 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

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

Thought of the week: Watch over your thoughts because they become words. Watch over your words because they become actions. Watch over your actions because they become habits. Watch over your habits because they become your character. Watch over your character because it becomes your destiny. — *Unknown Author*

**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:**

- Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6 pm.
- The Circle of Understanding will host soup supper following 6 pm Mass on Tuesday, March 6th. Please remember to bring your own cup, spoon and bowl.
- Pastoral Council will meet March 7th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.
- The Men's Group will meet Thursday March 8th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.
- CYC is the weekend of March 9-11 at Carroll College contact Shawna Wickens for more information.
- The Circle of Compassion will host soup supper on Tuesday March 13th following 6 pm Mass.
- The Quilters and Middle and High School youth will be selling raffle tickets with the proceeds going to the Youth Scholarship fund to be used toward Legendary Lodge or the Senior Scholarship. Tickets will be available after Mass or contact one of the Quilters or Middle and High School youth.

**ADORATION  
 OF THE  
 BLESSED  
 SACRAMENT**



"How many of you say: I should like to see His

face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."

- New Ministry Schedules are on the table at the back of the Church.
- "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."

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Monday March 5, 2018	<b>No Scheduled Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b> March 6, 2018	<b>Rosary</b> <b>Daily Mass 6 pm</b> Just for the "Teenagers" Michael, Katherine, Eric, Joshua, Caleb, Eve & Gabby RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
<b>Wednesday,</b> March 7, 2018	<b>Rosary</b> <b>Daily Mass 9 am</b> Special Intentions RB Dolores Meuchel
<b>Thursday,</b> March 8, 2018	<b>Rosary</b> <b>Daily Mass 9 am</b> Alliso9n, Shannon & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
<b>Friday,</b> March 9, 2018	<b>Mass 9 am</b> <b>Adoration 9:30-10:30</b> Marvin Meyer RB Pete Sullivan <b>STATIONS of the Cross</b> <b>6 PM</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> March 10, 2018	<b>Mass 6 pm</b> Jim Horner RB Bob & Barb Williamson
<b>Sunday</b> March 11, 2018	<b>Confession</b> <b>8:30-8:45 am</b> <b>Mass 9:00 am</b> Parish Family

**Scripture Readings 3/4/18**

**Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B)**

**Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11**

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

**Gospel John 2:13-25**

02/17-18/2018

Holy Cross	
57 HC Envelopes	\$2,390.00
Loose	\$ 21.87
2 Stipends	\$ 25.00
2 Black & Indian Miss	\$ 35.00
1 CRS	\$ 0.00
<b>Total HC</b>	<b>\$ 2,476.87</b>

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	\$37,332.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	\$ 1,700.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$43,363.94</b>

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,613.87

**Cemetery Endowment Fund**

12/31/17 \$34,151.74

ACA 2017	2/22/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,250
ACA PD	\$ 12,160
% of Goal	62 %
% Participation	47.12%

**THANK YOU!**

**Scripture Readings 3/11/18**

**Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 (32B)**

**Psalms 137:1-2,4-5,6**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Gospel John 3:14-21**

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday March 10, 2018**

**5:00 pm**

*Greeters :* Monte & Pat Montonario  
*Lector :* Cathy Armstrong  
*Gifts:* Paul & Donna Latka  
*EM:* Jerry Solwey & Monte Montonario  
*Servers:* Sierra Slyker & Abby Wickens

**Ministry Schedule**

**Sunday March 11, 2018**

**9:00 am**

*Greeters :* Carole Plymale  
*Lector :* Mary Duede  
*Gifts:* Dan & Bernadette Swenson  
*EM:* Tom & Julie Lethert  
*Servers:* Ryan Racht & Kaden Richtmyer  
*Music :* Choir  
*Home Ministry:* Jean Boucher  
*Money Counter:* Jill Menard & Pat Montonario



**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 Gorman, 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, Jenny Schaubert, Bill Fitzgerald, Dana Banks, Larissa Swenson, David J & Heather Parker, Marj Kohn, JL Jones

**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)

**Attention Parish Choir Members**

Those wishing to participate in the choir for the Chrism Mass, March 19, are welcome at any of the following rehearsals:

March 3, 10:00 am, Holy Rosary Church, Bozeman

March 4, 3:00 pm, St. Ann Church, Butte

March 11, 2:30 pm, Blessed Trinity Church, Missoula

Rehearsals in Helena and Kalispell are being arranged.

**Final rehearsal in the Cathedral will be on MARCH 19 AT 3:00 PM.**

Please contact S. Mary Jo Quinn to reserve a rehearsal spot or to make other arrangements.

Questions/reservations: Email: [maryjoq@blessedtrinitymissoula.org](mailto:maryjoq@blessedtrinitymissoula.org); Phone: 406-721-2405

Choir members are invited to take part in the Monday afternoon presentation

by Fr. Mark Francis, SVD, President of Chicago Theological Union at Saint Mary Church.

Registration for this event and the dinner that follows the Chrism Mass is arranged through local parishes.

Catholic Women's Conference

"A Spa Day For the Soul"

Pamphlets are on the table in the Narthex.

**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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION

### CHRIST THE TEACHER

In the chronology of John's Gospel, this event takes place at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. John's point of view, however, rightly interprets it in light of Christ's entire life (Jesus is already speaking of his resurrection). Thus we see how clearly Jesus understood his mission from the very start.

Christ is the ultimate defender of mankind's authentic relationship with God, and therefore he cleanses from the Temple (an architectural symbol of that relationship) everything that detracts from true faith and heartfelt worship. The officials in charge of the Temple take umbrage at this flouting of their authority, and Christ responds by explaining, albeit indirectly, his own identity and his reason for coming to earth. He calls *himself* the Temple (the word Jesus used, "sanctuary", was the inner part of the Temple, the most important part), because as true God and true man, he is the paradigmatic meeting place of the divine and the human. This meeting place, this communion between God and man, will be rejected at first (at the Crucifixion), but he will assure that in the end it takes root and endures (from the Resurrection into the age of the Church).

God had revealed himself directly to only one ancient nation, the nation of Israel. He had instructed them to build a Temple, a place of worship and communion between the one true God and his Chosen People. Solomon's Temple had housed the altars of sacrifice as well as the Ark of the Covenant itself, the box containing the tablets of the Ten Commandments. No holier place existed on earth - until the coming of Christ. Now, in the aftermath of Christ's coming, the presence of God has spread throughout the globe; every Christian heart is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, and every Catholic Tabernacle contains the living presence of the very author of the New and everlasting Covenant. Christ would later say that he was "greater than Solomon," for as magnificent as Solomon's Temple was (it was considered one of the wonders of the ancient world), it only foreshadowed the true Temple, the one that human hands could never destroy.

*The Better Part, Fr John Bartunek*

