



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)  
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 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: Father of mercy, bring us face to face with our own weakness when we are tempted to judge others. May we find peace and life in simply stepping back and allowing you to be the merciful Judge of us all. Amen.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 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:

- Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6 pm.
- The Knights' of Columbus will host soup supper following 6 pm Mass on Tuesday, March 21st. Please remember to bring your own cup, spoon and bowl.
- **Penance Service** Wednesday March 21st, at 5 pm.
- Middle and High School Community Service.
- If you would like to receive the Magnificat beginning with the July 2018 edition, please contact the Parish Office, 266-4811. The more that order the less expensive they are. Up to 39 copies are \$34.95 for one year, 40-99 copies are \$29.95 for the year July 2018 through June 2019.
- The Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt will be held after Mass on Easter Sunday. Anyone wanting to donate plastic eggs or candy to fill eggs, please have the eggs and/or candy to the Church by Thursday March 29.
- At the Easter Vigil John Rauser will enter into full Communion and Missy Rauser will be confirmed. During the Easter Season Michael & Kaiya Fisette will enter into full Communion and Kayha, Malikai, and Mathyas Fisette will be baptized.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Mystery of Faith!"

In order to examine in depth the mystery of the Eucharist, we must continually return to the Upper Room where in the evening of Holy Thursday the Last Supper took place. In today's liturgy St. Paul speaks precisely of the institution of the Eucharist. This text seems to be the most ancient one concerning the Eucharist, preceding the account itself given by the Evangelists. In his Letter to the Corinthians Paul writes: "The Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it, and said "This is My Body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (1 Cor 11:23-26)

*English translation of the Homily given in Polish by the Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, at the close of the Eucharistic Congress in Wroclaw*

Mass	Schedule
Monday March 19, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Joe & Roxie Nistler
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Bishop's Intentions
Thursday, March 22, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Larry Henzel RB Chuck & Carole Plymale
Friday, March 23, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Seminarians <u>STATIONS of the Cross</u> 6 PM
Saturday, March 24, 2018	Mass 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday March 25, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

### Scripture Readings 3/18/18

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (35B)

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel John 12:20-33

03/10-11/2018

Holy Cross	
46 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,941.00
Loose	\$ 30.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 5.00
1 Liturgical Books	\$ 22.20
1 Restricted Gift	\$ 300.00
13 CRS	\$ 252.00
Total HC	\$ 2,550.20

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

**Cemetery**

Cemetery 03-16-2018  
Outstanding Pledges \$1,150.00

**Cemetery Fund Donations**

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,472.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	\$ 1,700.00
Total Donations	\$43,503.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,703.87  
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%

**Scripture Readings 3/25/18**

**Isaiah 50:4-7 38(ABC)**

**Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**Gospel The Passion of the Lord Mark 14:1-15:47**

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday March 24, 2018**  
**5:00 pm**

*Greeters :* Missy Cox  
*Lector :* Chris Wright  
*Gifts:* Gene & Bev Determan  
*EM:* Steve Kitt & Monte Montonario  
*Servers:* Sierra & Aspen Slyker

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday March 25, 2018**  
**9:00 am**

*Greeters :* Dan & Bernadette Swenson  
*Lector :* Brian & Claudette Hohn  
*Gifts:* Larry & Buffy Woodring  
*EM:* Earl Kohn & Jerry Solwey  
*Servers:* Abby & Zoey Wickens  
*Music :* Men's Choir  
*Home Ministry:* Mary Duede  
*Money Counters:* Paul Latka & Karen Susag



**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, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn,

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

## Area Holy Week Schedules

### Holy Cross:

March 29th Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm

March 30th Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6 pm

March 31st Easter Vigil: 8:45 pm

April 1st Easter Sunday 10 am.

### The Cathedral of St. Helena's:

March 29, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm

March 30, Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 12 noon

Stations of the Cross, 5 pm

March 31, Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer, 9 am

Great Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm

April 1, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Masses at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am

### Our Lady of the Valley

Palm Sunday - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

Monday of Holy Week - 12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week - 12:10 Mass, Confession at 3:30 - 5:00 PM.

Holy Thursday - 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday) - 12:10 PM Stations of the Cross; 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 9:00 AM Morning Prayer; 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses.

### SS. Cyril & Methodius and St. John the Baptist in Clancy.

March 29, Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon

March 30, Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius

March 31, Easter Vigil - 8:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius

April 1, Easter Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius;

April 1, Easter Sunday—12:00 p.m. at St. John's in Clancy

Catholic Women's Conference

"A Spa Day For the Soul"

Pamphlets are on the table in the Narthex.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION

## Christ the Lord

We are on the verge of Christ's Passion. Jesus knows exactly what is going to happen to him. "His hour" has arrived. He will suffer ignominy, public humiliation, abandonment by his closest companions, betrayal at the hand of an intimate friend, rejection by the very people he came to save, supreme and drawn-out physical torture, even a kind of separation from his Father - and then he will die. By announcing this to his disciples beforehand he demonstrates to them that he suffers it willingly, for the sake of the Father's glory and the eternal Kingdom. Thus, Christ's passion signifies the unbreakable strength of his divine love, the ultimate freedom shown forth by obeying God's will under the most trying circumstances. It is the reversal of Adam's tragic weakness that had led him to give in to temptation and disobey God's wise commands. Now he "passing sentence on this world," now, through the unshakable love and trust that he will demonstrate by his obedience unto death on a cross, "the prince of this world [the devil] is to be overthrown." We are on the verge of the climax of human history.

So that the crowds will grasp meaning of this pivotal moment in human history, the Father himself audibly affirms what the Son is going to do. Jesus was speaking to the people, but he must have looked up as he addressed his Father. His listeners had been focused on Jesus throughout the impassioned speech, and suddenly, as he lifts his gaze and utters his prayer to the Father, they hear a voice from heaven respond! It must have been a shock - exhilarating to those who had already come to believe in Jesus, and disconcerting to those who doubted him. Jesus Christ is the champion of the human race, the savior of mankind, the everlasting Lord; he knows it; the Father knows it; how deeply do we know it?

*The Better Part, Fr. John Bartunek*

