



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8, 2018

Fr. David Severson, Pastor

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm; or by appointment

Saturday Mass 5 pm

Sunday Mass 10 am

Thought of the week: Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with your God—Mica 6:8

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 10 am

Mass	Schedule
Monday April 9, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	Rosary Mass 6 pm Bishop's Intentions
Wednesday, April 11, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am Seminarists
Thursday, April 12, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am The Unborn
Friday, April 13, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30–10:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday April 14, 2018	Confessions 4:15-4:45 pm Mass 5 pm Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Divine Mercy Sunday April 15, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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:

- Christian Men's Breakfast hosted by Holy Cross Tuesday April 10th at 6:30 am.
- Women of Faith meeting Tuesday April 10th following Mass.
- Knights' of Columbus meeting Tuesday April 10th 7 pm.
- RE Class Wednesday April 11th 5:15-8pm dinner hosted by Six family. First Reconciliation during class.
- Pastoral Council Wednesday April 17th at 6:30 pm in the Conference3 Room.
- 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.
- First Communicants this year are: Alex Bakken, Emma Delgado, Colter Schaible, Carter Sommers, Max Wickens,
- April 18th MS/HS RE students and parents night 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form

of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, penetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Scripture Readings 4/8/2018

Sunday of Divine Mercy:

Acts 4:32-35 (44B)

Psalm 118:2-4, 16-15, 22-24

I John 5:1-6

Gospel John 20:19-31



03/31-04/012018

Holy Cross	
38 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,649.50
Loose	\$ 374.00
35 Easter	\$ 1,902.00
1 Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
1 Good Friday	\$ 5.00
2 CRS	<u>\$ 110.00</u>
Total HC	\$ 4,045.50

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

Cemetery

Cemetery	04-06-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,612.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total Donations	\$43,843.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$3,113.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund

12/31/17 \$34,151.74

ACA 2017	3/28/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,300
ACA PD	\$ 12,318
% of Goal	62 %
% Participation	47.12%

THANK YOU!

Scripture Readings 3rd Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018
Acts: 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B)
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1st Letter of St John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Ministry Schedule
Saturday April 14, 2018
5:00 pm

Greet: Harold & Laura Gibbs
Lector: Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Paul & Donna Latka
EM: Claudette Hohn & Missy Cox
Servers: Carson & Caleb LeLacheur

Ministry Schedule
Sunday April 15, 2018
9:00 am

Greet: Tom & Nora Bazuin
Lector: Carole Plymale
Gifts: Keith & Robin Kirscher
EM: Earl Kohn & Jerry Solwey
Servers: Kaden & Riley Richtmyer
Music: Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Mary Duede
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

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, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Jenny Schauber, Bill Fitzgerald, Dana Banks, Larissa Swenson, Marj Kohn, Doug Baum, Mary Simmons & Family, Mary Hicks, Anita Leiter

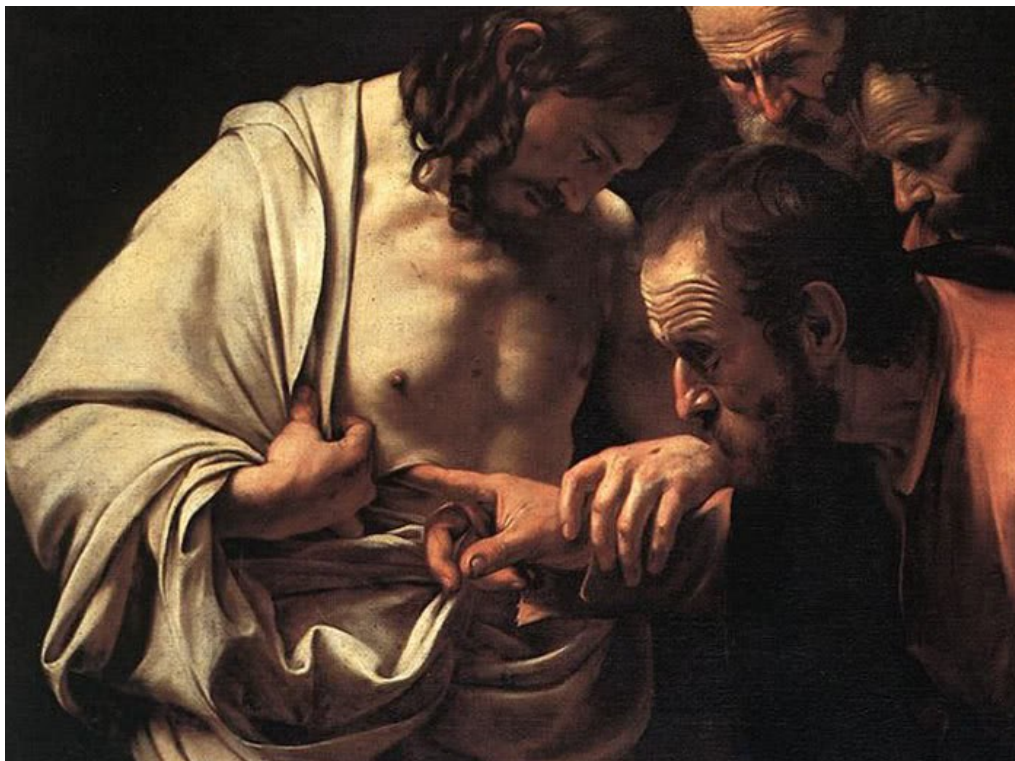
Reflection—2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

We call St Thomas the Apostle "doubting Thomas" we may be off the mark in doing so. Jesus did not ask the other Apostles to believe in his resurrection without showing them the wounds in his hands and sides. Thomas was merely demanding his rights as an Apostle when he demanded the same privilege. And none of the others responded to the risen Christ with a faith as complete and firm as Thomas's: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas knew what this meant. He knew that if Christ has come back from the dead, then everything he said about himself, everything he claimed to be, was true. Jesus blessed him for his faith.

Our faith, and the faith of all Christians throughout the centuries, is built upon the solid foundation of the Apostles' testimony to the risen Christ, a testimony validated by twenty uninterrupted centuries of Church life, of saints and martyrs, of sacraments, liturgy, and a college of bishops that links us directly, even physically to that little group of frightened Apostles who encountered the Risen One. Blessed indeed are we who have believed: although we have not seen Christ in the flesh, we have seen, experienced, and benefited from the undeniable work of his Spirit. In times of darkness and doubt, we know where to look to recover the light.

At the beginning of creation, "the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters." (Genesis 1:2) When God created man and woman, he "formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being." The word for "wind" in Hebrew (and in Greek, the language of the New Testament) is the same as the word for "breath" and "Spirit." Thus, when St John points out the detail of Jesus breathing on the disciples as he gives them the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the commission to carry on his work of evangelization, he is calling to mind the "wind" and the "breathing" of the first creation. The Fathers of the Church understood this first post-Resurrection appearance to the Apostles as the start of a new creation. Jesus has won the forgiveness of sin, which marred the first creation, and dubs his Apostles messengers and distributors of this forgiveness; as they spread it throughout the world and build up the Church, all mankind is to be renewed, elevated to a more sublime intimacy with God. As St Paul put it, "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The Better Part, Fr. John Bartunek



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

