

Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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April 29, 2018

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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: "If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are." *Saint Mother Teresa*

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:

- Legendary Lodge and High School scholarship applications are due to Holy Cross Women of Faith by May 1, 2018.
- The Rosary will be prayed before every Mass during May. If you are willing please lead a decade of the Rosary.
- RE Fun Day will be on Wednesday May 2nd beginning at 5:15 pm. The parish will furnish hamburgers and hotdogs. RE parents are asked to please bring a side dish to share.
- May Crowning will take place on Sunday May 5th. We will be singing Bring Flowers of the Rarest as the youth process up.
- Trailhead Community Fellowship Church is hosting the Annual Community Mother's Day Tea on Saturday May 12th at 2 pm.
- The Knights' will be serving breakfast on Mother's Day following Mass.

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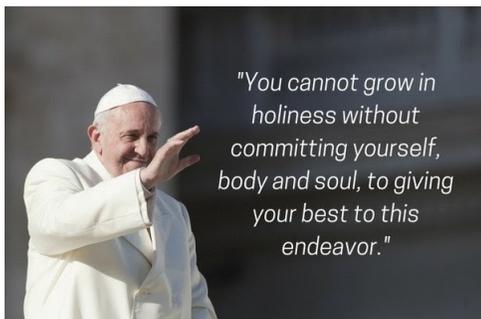
"What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we

find ourselves alone at his feet, before the holy tabernacle! ...

'Come, my soul, redouble your ardor! You are here alone to adore your God! His look rests on you alone!' Ah! if we only had the angels' eyes! Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ here, on that altar, and looking at us, how we should love him! We should want to stay always at his feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us."

- St. John Vianney

Mass	Schedule
Monday April 30, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, May 1, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Wednesday, May 2, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Thursday, May 3, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am Holy Hour of Reparation 6-7 pm No Adoration to follow
Friday, May 4, 2018	Mass of the Sacred Heart 9 am No Adoration to follow
Saturday May 5, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Sunday May 6, 2018	May Crowning Mass 9:00 am Parish Family



Scripture Readings: 4/29/18
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:2-31 (53B)
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1John 3:18-24
Gospel John 15:1-8

04/21-22/2018

Holy Cross	
47 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,867.50
Loose	\$ 274.00
1 Stipend	\$ 40.00
Magnificat	\$ 34.95
Total HC	\$ 2,216.45

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

Cemetery

Cemetery	04-27-2018
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	04/27/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,300
ACA PD	\$ 12,333
% of Goal	62 %
% Participation	47.12%

THANK YOU!

Scripture Readings:

05/06/2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (56B)

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1John 4:7-10

Gospel John 15:9-17

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday May 5, 2018
No Scheduled Mass**

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday May 6, 2018**

9:00 am

Greet: Terri & Emmalin Fischer, Eileen Ryce & Fiona Nelson
Lector: Carole Plymale
Gifts: Dan & Bernadette Swenson
EM: Jerry Solwey & Chris Wright
Servers: Jade Martin & Zoey Wickens
Music: Choir
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
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

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

Unless requested otherwise after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain



Gene Determan, Father Byrne, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison McCauley, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Jenny Schaubert.

Reflection—5th Sunday of Easter

"I am the vine you are the branches."

Where does the vine stop and its branches begin? Their union is too complete to tell.

Jesus tells us point blank what the Father wants. God wants us to "bear much fruit" and to "be [his] disciples." God wants our lives to show forth his goodness, to bring lost souls back into the fold, to fill human society and culture with the justice and beauty they need to flourish. Our desire to do something with our lives is a gift from God; we are created in his image, and he is Creator - we too yearn to build, to contribute, to make a difference that will last not only in this life but into all eternity.

Bearing this fruit requires in the first place our own efforts to stay united to the vine, through prayer, the sacraments, and loving obedience to God's will. And it also requires our being pruned - the purification of our selfishness that comes through suffering and sacrifice. Love and sacrifice, as all the lives of the saints attest to, and as Christ himself exemplifies, keep the sap flowing. They yield the fruit we yearn for most: living a life that resounds with meaning and energy, a life that positively impacts others and exudes joy and enthusiasm, a life that changes this world for the better in as profound a way as Christ's own life did, and a life whose meaning and impact overflow into eternity. This is what God wants for us; this is why Jesus came to earth. Bearing such fruit makes life worth living; without it we are dry, dead branches good for nothing except the fire - pretty simple lesson, pretty dire consequences if we don't learn it well.

The Better Part, Fr. John Bartunek





Quilt Raffle

Help our youth to go to Legionary Lodge. All money raised is to go to the youth scholarship. We want to send as many that want to go!!!!

What is not used for legionary lodge will be added to the college scholarship fund.

Tickets are \$1 per ticket or \$5 for a book of 6.

JOURNEY 2018

Are you looking for a way to deepen your spirituality? Give yourself a 3 day gift. A "Catholic Journey Spiritual Weekend" is a unique opportunity for Catholics and non-Catholics to attend and experience a weekend of Catholic spirituality. For Catholics, it may renew or enhance Catholic fellowship and allow for recommitment to work in the Lord's vineyard. For the non-Catholic and those of non-Christian or no faith, it is an invitation to more fully understand the Catholic faith.

This year the Women's weekend is September 13th through the 16th and the Men's weekend is September 20th through the 23rd.

If you would like to learn more about a "Catholic Journey Spiritual Weekend", or if you'd like to apply as a candidate or team member, call Tricia at #459-2801 for the women's weekend or Rick at #461-7343 for the Men's weekend.

All are invited, and All are welcome!