



**Holy Cross Parish Bulletin**  
**P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)**  
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The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 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 9 am

Thought of the week: Happy Mother's Day: Her children rise up and call her Blessed—Proverbs 31:28

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:**

- Happy Mother's Day! The Knights' will be serving breakfast downstairs following Mass Sunday May 13th.
- The Rosary will be prayed before every Mass during May. If you are willing please lead a decade of the Rosary.
- Trailhead Community Fellowship Church is hosting the Annual Community Mother's Day Tea on Saturday May 12th at 2 pm.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy

angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."  
 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

*motherhood*

IS A CHOICE YOU MAKE EVERYDAY,  
 TO PUT SOMEONE ELSE'S HAPPINESS  
 AND WELL-BEING AHEAD OF  
 YOUR OWN, TO TEACH THE HARD  
 LESSONS, TO DO THE RIGHT THING  
 EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT SURE  
 WHAT THE RIGHT THING IS...  
 AND TO FORGIVE YOURSELF, OVER  
 AND OVER AGAIN, FOR DOING  
 EVERYTHING WRONG.

DONNA BALL

- The Circles of Faith & Hope will be deep cleaning the Parish kitchen on Wednesday May 16th at 7 pm. If you are in those Circles, please come help.
- Holy Cross is volunteering at the Food Pantry in June. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex. We need volunteers on Friday to stock and on Saturday to aide clients of the Food Pantry.

Mass	Schedule
Sunday May 13, 2018	Rosary Mass 9am
Monday May 14, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	No Scheduled Mass Office Closed
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am Emmy Smith RB JMJ Prayer Group
Friday, May 18, 2018	No Scheduled Mass Adoration ? 9:00–10:00 am ?
Saturday May 19, 2018	Confession 4:15-4:45 pm Rosary Mass 5 pm Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Sunday May 20, 2018	Rosary Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

**Scripture Readings: 05/13/2018**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Acts 1:1-11 (58B)**  
**Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Ephesians 1:17-23**  
**Gospel: Mark 1**

05/6/2018

Holy Cross	
45 HC Envelopes	\$ 2,328.00
Loose	\$ 114.00
1 Home Mission	\$ 50.00
<b>Total HC</b>	<b>\$ 2,492.00</b>

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

**Cemetery**

Cemetery	05-11-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,682.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	\$ 1,700.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$43,913.94</b>

Total in Cemetery Acct \$3,188.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund

12/31/17 \$34,151.74

ACA 2017	05/11/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,400
ACA PD	\$ 12,633
% of Goal	63%
% Participation	48.08%

**THANK YOU!**

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday May 19, 2018**  
**5:00 pm**

*Greet:* Harold & Laura Gibbs  
*Lector :* Chris Wright  
*Gifts:* Paul & Donna Latka  
*EM:* Jerry Solwey & Chris Wright  
*Servers:* Kennedy Vogl & Zoey Wickens

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday May 20, 2018**  
**9:00 am**

*Greet:* Anne Inghram  
*Lector :* Carole Plymale  
*Gifts:* Anne Inghram & Sierra Slyker  
*EM:* Claudette Hohn & Jerry Solwey  
*Servers:* Emmalin Fischer & Aspen Slyker  
*Music :* Jill Flynn  
*Home Ministry:* Bill & Anita Kearns  
*Money Counters:* Juanita Bray & 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, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Jenny Schauber.

**Scripture Readings:**

**05/20/2018**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Acts 2:1-11 (63B)**

**Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

**Sequence: Come, O Holy Spirit, Come**

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

## JOURNEY 2018

What are YOU looking for?

Join us for a Catholic Journey Spiritual Weekend

All are invited. All are welcome!

Looking for a weekend to deepen your spirituality? Give yourself a 3 day gift.

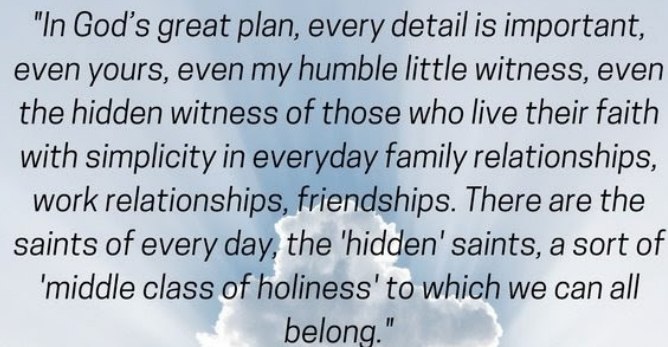
This new Catholic Journey is for Catholics who are seeking a deeper understanding of and commitment to their role as laity in the church. We also invite non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholics of other Christian denominations, and even those of non-Christian faith or no faith to attend. It is an opportunity to experience a weekend of Catholic spirituality as lived in a group of Catholic laity, who share with them the Catholic Community, reflections on the Catholic faith, and Catholic prayer and spirituality.

Weekends will be held at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, East Helena MT

\* Women's weekend—September 13-16, 2018 (Contact Tricia Bartz, 459-2801)

\* Men's weekend—September 20-23, 2018 (Contact Rick Davenport, 461-7343)

Weekends begin at 7:00 pm Thursday evenings and end about 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoons.



*"In God's great plan, every detail is important, even yours, even my humble little witness, even the hidden witness of those who live their faith with simplicity in everyday family relationships, work relationships, friendships. There are the saints of every day, the 'hidden' saints, a sort of 'middle class of holiness' to which we can all belong."*

Donations will be collected for the Florence Crittenton Home located in Helena through May 20. The playpen will be set up in the Narthex. For more information go to [www.florencecrittenton.org](http://www.florencecrittenton.org)

\$2- one for baby and one for mom will also be collected.

Here's a list of most needed items:

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Kleenex

Liquid Hand Soap

Disinfecting (Clorox type) wipes

Baby bottle brushes

Aquafor type lotion tubs for dry skin.

Gift Cards for Target, Walmart and Gas Cards.

## Stand in the Shoes of Our Brothers and Sisters

With so many voices vying for our attention, our lives can be noisy, distracting, and disorienting. At times, some of these voices can amount to almost yelling "fire" in a crowded theatre. They play upon our fears to influence our behavior. There are other voices, different but similar, that instead yell "religion" in crowded public spaces. Here, rather than running for the exits, we can quickly, fearfully, and often also without thinking, pick sides. The danger in both these analogies are the same. People can be trampled.

The prophets of old consistently admonish their leaders and communities for trampling the defenseless in their midst. Idolatry and oppression are the themes of the Biblical prophets and seem to be a human constant; that is, putting something not of God in the position of the religious and oppressing the vulnerable because of it. In this tradition, Pope Francis teaches, an error exists today among Christians that reduces the depth and joy of the Gospel.

*Rejoice and Be Glad* suggests that those Christians who find social activism as "superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist," or who relativize it or reduce it to one particular issue, obscure the clear criterion of Jesus on which we as Christians will be judged. "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." The text of [Matthew 25:35-36](#) not only sheds light on who God is in and through Christ, but also illuminates our path to greater relationship with Him.

Pope Francis presents these uncompromising demands of Jesus and invites us to accept them with a genuine spirit of openness. Yes, they are difficult. Yes, the world says profits are more important than people. Yes, we can remain strong in our particular faith convictions. However, as Pope Francis suggests, there are no "ifs or buts" when it comes to contemplating Christ's way of holiness. "Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel."

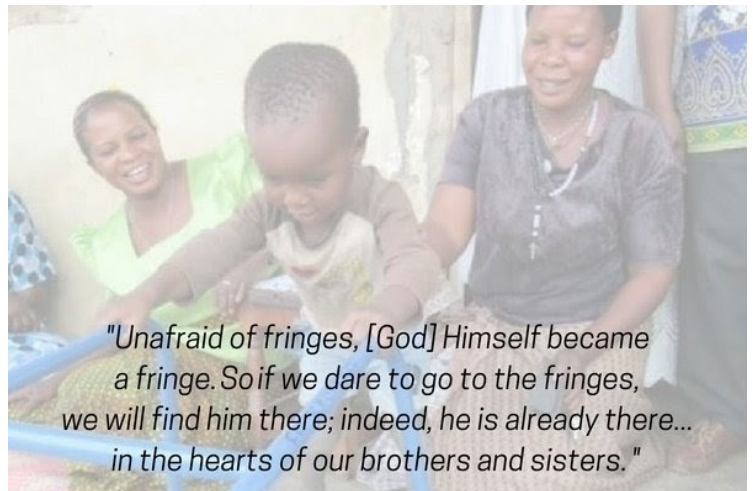
When we witness a homeless man or woman sleeping on the streets, we can choose to see this person as a troubling sight, an obstacle in our path. Or we can respond with faith and love. We've heard similar platitudes before, but what does that mean exactly - practically?

Through the eyes of faith, one cannot help but realize that the hungry, the sick, the captive, the poor are human beings with a dignity identical to our own, infinitely loved by God. Through the eyes of love, we must see that no one is superior to, or inferior to another. We are all infinitely loved.

With the eyes of faith we can respond and accept all as brothers and sisters redeemed by the same Christ we believe redeems us. "This is what it means to be a Christian!" Through the eyes of love, we realize holiness cannot be understood apart from active recognition of the dignity of all human beings.

Pope Francis teaches that the proper attitude of a Christian is to "stand in the shoes of our brothers and sisters who risk their lives to offer a future to their children." *Rejoice and Be Glad* reminds us that helping just one person alone is not enough. Our duty as Christians is to remain involved and active to release later generations and restore social and economic justice so there will no longer be exclusion. We do this in the company of others, for others.

We keep this in mind, as we listen and watch the many voices around us that attempt to cause panic or have us pick sides. This is not the way toward holiness - but we know what is.



"Unafraid of fringes, [God] Himself became a fringe. So if we dare to go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there... in the hearts of our brothers and sisters."