



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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Pentecost

May 20, 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: "This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures." Pope Francis

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 10 am**

Mass	Schedule
Sunday May 20, 2018	Rosary Mass 9am
Monday May 21, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Thursday, May 24, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am JoAnn Marks RB JMJ Prayer Group
Friday, May 25, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Jill Menard RB Connie Miller
Saturday May 26, 2018	Confession 4:15-4:45 pm Rosary Mass 5 pm JoAnn Marks RB Terry Love
Sunday May 27, 2018 Graduation Reception	Rosary 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:

- The Rosary will be prayed before every Mass during May. If you are willing please lead a decade of the Rosary.
- Holy Cross's High School and Junior High School Graduates will be honored at a reception following Mass on May 27th. High School graduates are Kate LeLacheur & Leo Masolo. Middle school graduates are: Kaitlyn Cheeseman, Carson LeLacheur, Jade Martin, Braden Racht, Riley Richtmyer, Sierra Slyker, Emma Stolte, Jacklynn Steele, Kennedy Vogl and Zoey Wickens. Please remember to keep all of our graduates in your prayers as they continue the next step in their journey in Faith and life. High School Graduates, please wear your cap and gown to Mass next Sunday May 27th.
- 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.
- Congratulations Barb Williamson for winning the quilt raffled off by the Quilters.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"I am not in an audience with our Holy Father, not am I in the presence of a saint from heaven, nor with some distinguished personality. Before me, dear Jesus, You are present under the frail appearance of the host. With the eyes of faith I believe that You are present as my God, my Lord, my Redeemer, the Creator of heaven and earth, my all. I believe, dear Jesus, that You are truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the most Blessed Sacrament."

- Reflections and Prayers for Visits with our Eucharistic Lord, John J. Cardinal Carberry

- VBS needs cardboard tubes paper towel size and larger. If you have any cardboard tubes that meets their needs, please bring them to the Church. The VBS crew greatly appreciates you helping them out.

### 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

05/13/2018

Holy Cross	
54 HC Envelopes	\$ 2,473.00
Loose	\$ 145.00
1 Stipend	\$ 10.00
2 Reimbursement	\$ 2,153.33
1 Florence Crittenton	\$ 50.00
1 Magnificat	<u>\$ 34.95</u>
Total HC	\$ 3,816.28

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

**Cemetery**

Cemetery	05-11-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 1,050.00

**Cemetery Fund Donations**

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,782.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total Donations	\$44,013.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$3,288.87

**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%

**Scripture Readings:**

**05/27/2018**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**Deuteronomy 4:32=34, 39-40**  
(165B)

**Psalms 33:4=5,6,9,18-19,20,22**

**Romans 8:14-17**

**Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20**

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday May 26, 2018**  
**5:00 pm**

*Greet: Brian & Claudette Hohn*  
*Lector: Claudette Hohn*  
*Gifts: Monte & Pat Montonario*  
*EM: Missy Cox & Debbie Miller*  
*Servers: Ryan Racht & Caleb LeLacheur*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday May 27, 2018**  
**9:00 am**

*Greet: Graduates HS & MS*  
*Lector: Gay Ann Masolo*  
*Gifts: Kate LeLacheur & Braden Racht*  
*EM: Buffy Woodring & Chris Wright*  
*Servers: Caleb LeLacheur & Zach Wickens*  
*Music: Carole Plymale*  
*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 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**



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 Schaubert. Elaine Severson

## The Pope's Mission

### The Most Acceptable Form of Worship

In the last session of our retreat on the Call to Holiness, we heard Pope Francis teach on discernment, with the help of a community, of our place in the great mission of God in the world. We learned that, indeed, we will make mistakes. So, we ought to be patient and gentle with ourselves and others. The path toward holiness is long, but we should not abandon the effort out of disappointment at the pace. Holiness is not an achievement. Perfection is myth. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin taught that to remain open to God's grace, do not try to force your progress along. Give God the benefit of trusting that He is leading you on the way to something unknown and new.

Likewise, being on this way calls for a re-imagining of what it means to worship God.

Pope Francis explains that contrary to common practice, we do not only give glory to God through attending church services or following Church teachings. The primary means to glorify God is through our personal relationship with Him. And the ultimate criterion on which that relationship is judged is what we have done for others.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis explains that "our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters." As it suggests in Scripture, otherwise our prayer is noise ([Amos 5:23-24](#); [James 2](#)). Similarly, Saint Thomas Aquinas, one of the Doctors of the Church, teaches that our works of mercy toward our neighbors are more noble than acts of worship. We worship God, he explains, not for God's benefit. God does not need our sacrifices. We worship God to stir our devotion and [action on behalf of our neighbor](#). That might be heavy news. But it ought to ring true. Christianity is meant to be practiced, not simply attended on Sundays.

Take a moment to articulate this idea in your own words.

Pope Francis suggests that these teachings are indeed demanding but are practical and available for everyone. Christianity is, above all, meant to be put into practice.

Now, take a moment to reflect on what might stand in your way to putting these teachings into practice. What may make it impossible to feel or show any concern for those in need?

Pope Francis suggests that those who wish to give glory to God, and truly long to grow in holiness, are called to be tenacious in their practice of the works of mercy. Living a Christian life must include closeness and activity on behalf of the outcast, the poor, and the marginalized.

## SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2018**



### Culture of Life Conference

Affirming the Culture of Life Conference is coming October 26-27, 2018 at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Make plans to join this weekend of healing in Billings Montana with special guests: Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Bob Hurd, Sr. Nancy Kehoe, and more! Topics will range from "Family: the Foundation of Healing to Mental Health and End of Life Issues. More details and registration information are coming soon!

# COME SAIL AWAY



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### HOLY CROSS PARISH

Ages Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade welcome

June 12<sup>th</sup> & June 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:30 (lunch provided), June 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00

Cost: \$10.00 per child

To register contact Shawna Wickens by phone (459-7273) or by e-mail ([blessedfamily619@gmail.com](mailto:blessedfamily619@gmail.com)). Registration forms are also available in the Narthex of the church.