



**Holy Cross Parish Bulletin**  
**P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)**  
**Townsend, Montana 59644**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 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 9 am

Thought of the week: LORD TEACH US TO PRAY—Luke 11:1

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:**

- There is a sign up sheet for workers for the Ice Cream Booth at the County Fair. The Circle of Hope is hosting the Ice Cream Booth.
- Sunday August 5th the Knights will be hosting coffee and donuts downstairs following Mass.
- Parish picnic will be held on Sunday August 26th. Mass will be at 10 am, with the Picnic to follow. John Rauser will be roasting a pig, please bring a side dish to share. The Parish will be accepting monetary donations for the Holy Cross Cemetery underground sprinkler system.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

"When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open his. We will go to him, and he will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God!"

- St. John Vianney

Mass	Schedule
Sunday July 29, 2018	Mass 9am
Monday July 30, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, July 31, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm The Seminarians
Wednesday, August 1, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Thursday, August 2, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese
Friday, August 3, 2018	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Homebound Parishioners
Saturday August 4, 2018	DRILL WEEKEND NO SCHEDULED MASS
Sunday August 5, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual St. Mary Peak Pilgrimage Hike on Sunday, August 19, 2018. Participants will meet at St. Mary's Parish in Stevensville at 7:00AM for carpooling to the trailhead. The rosary will be prayed at designated locations along the trail. Mass will be celebrated at the peak with Father David Severson, celebrant. The hike is about 7.5 miles round trip with 2400' of elevation gain. Participants should be well-prepared for changing weather conditions and have sturdy boots, water, lunch and snacks. The Knights of Columbus Council #13093 will be providing a BBQ for participants at St. Mary's Parish following the hike. For further information, contact Tom Weber, [406.207.0229](tel:406.207.0229), [thomascorvallis@gmail.com](mailto:thomascorvallis@gmail.com).

**Sycamore Tree Retreat Center**

The Father spoke one Word, who was His Son, and this word He is always speaking in eternal silence. It is in silence that the soul must hear it." - Saint John of the Cross  
 The Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center exists to provide solitude and silence, where one enters into a deeper personal encounter with Christ. To find out more please visit <http://sycamoretreeretreat.org/>.

**Scripture Readings 7-29-18**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2 Kings 4:42-44 (110B)**  
**Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18**  
**Ephesians 4:1-6**  
**Gospel John 6:1-15**

**STEWARDSHIP**

07-14-15/2018

Holy Cross

48 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,713.50
Loose	\$ 212.00
1 Holy Father	\$ 50.00
Total HC	\$ 1,975.50

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

03/31/2018 \$61,163.34

**Cemetery**

Cemetery	06-29-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,050.00

Cemetery Fund

June Balance	\$3,041.22
July Donations	\$ 430.00
Sprinkler Sys.	\$ 450.00
July Gravesites	\$ 100.00
Expenses	\$ 1,126.00
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$2,895.22

Cemetery Endowment Fund

03/31/18 \$33,679.17

**THANK YOU!**

Please consider a memorial for our loved ones to the Holy Cemetery instead of flowers.

**Ministry Schedule  
Saturday August 4, 2018**

**DRILL WEEKEND  
NO SCHEDULED  
MASS**

**Ministry Schedule  
August 5, 2018**

**9:00 am**

- Greet:* Larry and Buffy Woodring
- Lector :* Chris Wright
- Gifts:* Jade Martin & Shari Toney
- EM:* Jerry Solwey & Charles Slyker
- Servers:* Abby & Zoey Wickens
- Music :* Jill Flynn
- Home Ministry:* Pat McNeive
- Money Counters:* Jill Menard & Judy Riddle

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for help setting up for and cleaning up after the Parish Picnic.



**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.

Dillon Armstrong  
Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR,  
Shannon Augare.

St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Deacon Nathan Scheidecker, and Kyle Tannehill.

**Pray for vocations to the Priesthood**

**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.

**Finance Council** members: Juanita Bray, Brian Hohn, John Rauser-Chair, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl, meet quarterly.

**Pastoral Council** members: Bernadette Swenson-Chair, Shari Toney, Shawna Wickens & Chris Wright, meet first Wednesday of the month, Sept-May.

**Cemetery Committee:** Paul Latka, Terry Love, Rich Majszak-Chair, Gay Ann Masolo, Doris Mingay and Missy Rauser.

**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, Ed Boucher, Anita Kearns, LaReissa Swenson, Shirley Helmick, David Plymale



**Scripture Readings 8-5-18  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (113B)**

**Psalms 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54**

**Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

**Gospel John 6:24-35**

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste. OR I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

## Dialogue or Disassociation: What to Do with Heretics and Public Sinners in the Church



Eric Sammons July 16, 2018

*OnePeterFive Blog*

The watchword of the day is "dialogue." Invoked by Church leaders like an Eastern mystical mantra, dialogue is the solution to every problem. Pro-abortion politicians claiming to be good Catholics? We need dialogue. Priests promoting same-sex relationships? We need dialogue. Millions of Catholics leaving the Church in droves? We need dialogue. No matter the issue, dialogue will make the world sing in perfect harmony.

But dialogue is not always the answer. Sometimes, in fact, the Church has embraced the opposite of dialogue - disassociation - as the proper means to address certain issues. Consider the problem of heretics and public sinners within the Church. What should we do when someone claims to be Catholic (or even is a priest or bishop) and yet acts in a manner fundamentally at odds with the Faith? Should we dialogue with him or disassociate from him?

### Cut Off the Part to Save the Body

This is by no means a problem unique to the modern age. The first Christians faced it, too. Their answer was clear: the heretic or public sinner was to be ejected from the Church. They knew that the Church was the Body of Christ, and if one part of the Body was diseased, it was better to cut off that part than to let it infect the entire Body. This is just common sense. If you spend most of your time with people who abuse drugs, it's likely that you will start to use drugs as well. If your close circle of friends are all communists, there's a good chance you'll end up quoting Marx and making red your favorite color. Allowing those who advocate for heresy or publicly promote and commit immorality to continue in good standing in the Church will lead to those evils infecting the whole Body of Christ.

St. John the Apostle specifically warned of the dangers of allowing heretics in the Church. He wrote, "If any one comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into the house or give him any greeting; for he who greets him shares his wicked work" (2 John 10-11). When St. John speaks of someone who "does not bring this doctrine," he is referring to someone who embraces and teaches heresy. His command is to disassociate with the heretic, and in fact, if one does accept him, he "shares his wicked work." In other words, he is as guilty of heresy as the heretic.

St. Paul had even harsher words about the dangers of accepting immorality within the Church. To the Christians in Corinth he wrote:

*I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with immoral men; not at all meaning the immoral of this world, or the greedy and robbers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But rather I wrote to you not to associate with any one who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or robber - not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Drive out the wicked person from among you." (1 Cor. 5:9-13)*

A couple important points to note from this powerful - and politically incorrect - passage. First, St. Paul is speaking specifically of *Christians* who commit immorality. They are to be ousted from the Church. Also, and more shocking to modern ears, St. Paul says we are *supposed* to judge those in the Church who sin. So much for today's supra-doctrine of tolerance.

## Dialogue or Disassociation: What to Do with Heretics and Public Sinners in the Church continued

### Evangelization and Disassociation

But what of the command of Jesus to evangelize the world? Isn't it the job of the Christian to reach out to the sinner and those in error and bring them to Christ? How can you do that if you never associate with them? Here is the key difference: we are called to evangelize those outside the Church, no matter how far from Christ they may be, but we are called to resist - even expel - those inside the Church who persistently embrace heresy or engage in immorality. St. Paul, the great Christian evangelizer, would go to the ends of the earth to bring the lost sheep into the fold, but he had no patience for allowing a notorious heretic or sinner to infect the Church from within.

We see this attitude in practice in the early Church. In the middle of the 2nd century, a popular preacher named Marcion was teaching heresy. One day, St. Polycarp - a disciple of St. John the Apostle - met Marcion. "*Do you know who I am?*" Marcion asked. Polycarp replied, "*Yes, I know you very well, you firstborn of Satan!*" There was no tolerance for heresy from Polycarp, a trait he learned at the feet of St. John himself.

Contrast that attitude with today. Fr. James Martin, the Jesuit priest who has a popular following based on his advocacy of the LGBT lifestyle, has been preaching heresy and encouraging immorality for years now, yet many inside the Church support him. Even many of those who embrace the Church's teaching on homosexuality are hesitant to be too critical of him. Just look at noted Princeton professor and orthodox Catholic Robert George, who takes pains to promote his friendship with Fr. Martin. He defends his friendship as important "dialogue." While George's personal orthodoxy is beyond question and his exaltation of "dialogue" is in keeping with the current higher education ethos, his public acceptance of Fr. Martin appears to go against both St. Paul's and St. John's directives.

### Dangers of Disassociation

In today's Church, the charge of "Pharisee" will immediately be applied to those who take the approach I advocate here. To the modern mind, no crime is greater than intolerance of "alternative lifestyles" or unorthodox beliefs. And it's true that there are dangers to avoid when it comes to disassociating with the heretic or notorious sinner. One can easily become self-righteous and see almost everyone as "unclean" and unworthy of association. But what I'm advocating (and what I think both St. John and St. Paul advocated) applies specifically to notorious and public heretics and sinners. It's applicable to Fr. Martin, but not necessarily to your Catholic friend Jim who knows less about Catholicism than the average CNN anchor. It includes Nancy Pelosi, but not Aunt Nancy who was never taught about transubstantiation.

Another danger is a fortress mentality. That term has been overused in recent years to criticize the post-Trent Church, but it is nevertheless a legitimate concern. Every Catholic should always look outward, looking to evangelize. Yes, there are times when one has to protect one's fortress, but the only long-term way to win a war is to go out into the battlefield. Retreating to our fortress is particularly a danger for traditionalists, who in reaction to fifty years of attacks from within the Church can sometimes see every non-traditional Catholic as the enemy, putting up walls to anyone outside the accepted community.

These potential dangers should not make us hesitant to resist evil when it infects our Church. St. John and St. Paul would have been scandalized by the tolerance for evil that we find within the Church today. We need to follow their example and reject evil in our midst, and even reject the evildoers.

#### 4th Annual Eucharistic Conference

August 5-10, 2018 / Each Evening at 5:30 pm.

Saint Anthony Parish is pleased to announce the Eucharistic Conference will be held in Laurel, MT, August 5-10, 2018. The theme is "The Splendor of Truth", celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae: God's Vision of Marriage, Love, and Life*. Special guest speakers include Bishop Michael W. Warfel of Great Falls/Bigs., and many distinguished presenters from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Joseph. Now is the time to unleash the power of this teaching for the healing of our society.

The Eucharistic Conference promises to be intellectually, liturgically, and spiritually enriching. Experience the Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form, Sacred Music, enjoy activities planned just for them!