



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 5, 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: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. . . - *John 6:35*

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.

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).



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O, Divine Jesus, lovely in so many tabernacles, without visitor or worshipper, I offer Thee my poor but loving heart. May its every beat be a prayer of love for Thee.

O sweet Jesus, let me lay at Thy sacred feet my daily share of joys, struggles and sorrows, my hopes and fears, and do Thou in the stillness of Thy sanctuary, tenderly gather them into Thy Sacred Heart. Solace my doubts, calm my fears, and grant that day by day I may become more united to Thee.

Dear Jesus, it will not be long until I come to visit You again. Till then I leave my poor heart before the Tabernacle. Let its every beat tell You that I love You.

Bless me before I go, my Jesus. Bless my home and undertakings. Bless my friends, and my enemies too. Amen

Rev. Joseph Cacella

Mass	Schedule
Sunday August 5, 2018	Mass 9am
Monday August 6,, 2018 <u>Office Closed</u>	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 <u>Office Closed</u>	No Scheduled Mass
Wednesday, August 8, 2018 <u>Office Closed</u>	No Scheduled Mass
Thursday, August 9, 2018 <u>Office Closed</u>	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese
Friday, August 10, 2018 <u>Office Closed</u>	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am Homebound Parishioners
Saturday August 11, 2018	Mass 5 pm Ben Parker RB The Barnes Family
Sunday August 12, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

**Scripture Readings 8-5-18**  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (113B)  
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**STEWARDSHIP**

07-14-15/2018

Holy Cross	
50 HC Envelopes	\$ 2,142.50
Loose	\$ 141.00
2 Sanctuary Remodel	\$ 800.00
1 Stipend	\$ 25.00
Total HC	\$3,108.50

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:	
06/30/2018	\$60,153.59

**Cemetery**

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

Cemetery Fund	
June Balance	\$3,041.22
July Donations	\$ 430.00
Sprinkler Sys.	\$5,480.00
July Gravesites	\$ 100.00
Expenses	\$ 1,126.00
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$7,925.22
Cemetery Endowment Fund	
03/31/18	\$34,039.50

**THANK YOU!**

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

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday August 11, 2018**  
**5:00 pm**

*Greet:* Keith & Robin Kirscher  
*Lector :* Cathy Armstrong  
*Gifts:* Monte & Cathy Armstrong  
*EM:* Monte & Montonario & Steve Kitt  
*Servers:* Braden Racht & Zach Wickens

**Ministry Schedule**  
**August 5, 2018**  
**9:00 am**

*Greet:* Allison, Alex & Anders Bakken  
*Lector :* Mary Duede  
*Gifts:* Allison, Alex & Anders Bakken  
*EM:* Missy Cox & Shari Toney  
*Servers:* Sierra Slyker & Kennedy Vogl  
*Music :* Men's Choir  
*Home Ministry:* Mary Duede  
*Money Counters:* Allison Bakken & Karee Eichinger

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



**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.



**Scripture Readings 8-12-18**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**1 Kings 19:4-8 (116B)**  
**Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Ephesians 4:30-5:2**  
**Gospel John 6:41-51**  
 Communion Antiphon:  
**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

**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**



**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

# Bread of Life: Believe and Then Receive

By [Thomas Smith](#) (Blog from *The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible*)

The Gospel of John has rightly been called the Eucharistic Gospel. At first blush, this appellation may surprise some readers. After all, the Gospel of John contains no narrative of the Last Supper that includes the words of Eucharistic institution, as the Synoptics offer us. Instead, the Gospel is filled with Eucharistic images and language intended to help us go deeper into that mystery of Christ's Body and Blood. It is the fruit of decades of spiritual reflection on this gift by Jesus's Beloved Disciple, the last of the Gospel writers.

## The Bread of Life Discourse

Over the next few weeks, the Sunday Gospel readings will lead us through the most explicit language of Jesus regarding his flesh and blood offering. It's called the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:35-58). This teaching of Jesus follows on the heels of the feeding of the multitude, a Eucharistic symbol in itself. I have a special fondness for this discourse because, like many converts, it played a part in my conversion to Catholicism ([Tweet this](#)). I marvel, even now, that somehow I missed or minimized the very clear teaching of Jesus regarding this gift.



## Why don't non-Catholics see the Eucharist in John 6?

One of the keys to understanding how our non-Catholic friends may miss the Eucharist in this sermon is to understand one of the primary lenses through which they read the Scriptures. For many, the primacy of the doctrine of *sola fide* (that we are saved by faith *alone*) becomes a "way" of reading not only Paul, but also Jesus. It colors how they see many texts. For me, as a Protestant minister, this discourse was about saving faith. I wasn't completely wrong on that point, as you will see, but that singular focus blinded me to the Eucharistic elements that follow.

Let me explain.

The Bread of Life Discourse is divided into two parts: John 6:35-47 and John 6:48-58. The divisions are discerned literarily by Jesus's words "I am the bread of life" which begins the first half (vss. 35-47) and its repetition opens the second (vs 48).

**In the first half, Jesus will focus on believing in him. Take a moment to read [John 6:35-47](#) and note that "believing" in Jesus will open eternal life to us. In fact, even earlier Jesus says, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29). Those are the verses that captured my attention as a non-Catholic, and somehow I mentally stopped there. But, Jesus's focus on faith was strategic. We must truly believe in his divinity and that he is sent by the Father in order to receive the second half of the discourse where Jesus explicitly teaches about consuming his flesh and blood (vs. 48-58).**

## From Believing to Eating

Notice, while reading the second part of the discourse, that the primary verb changes from believing to eating. His audience in Capernaum did not miss this language shift. Look at their response in vs. 52, "'How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?' In the next verse, the language is unambiguous, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). "Amen, amen" is a way of telling your audience to pay special attention to what follows, as it is of great importance.

Many, who didn't possess the necessary faith in Jesus's divinity and origin, rejected this teaching and stopped following Jesus (John 6:66). Jesus asked the Twelve whether they will leave also. Peter, speaking on behalf of those who believe, declared, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). It is their belief in who Jesus is (part one) that opens their hearts to receive his teaching about the Eucharist (part two). It is only in reading the discourse as a whole that we see the complementarity of believing in Jesus so we may then receive him in the Eucharistic meal.

**Question: As your faith grew and matured, did you see a corresponding growth in your love and appreciation of the Eucharist? How is that love of the Eucharist expressed in your life?**