



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26, 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: "Relationships don't thrive because the guilty are punished, but because the wounded are *merciful*." — Max Lucado

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:

- The Circle of Hope will be holding their annual get together Tuesday August 28th, following Tuesday 5:30 pm Mass. Schaubers will be hosting their gathering at 139 South Pine. This is pot luck with meat provided.
- The Diocese has approved the Parish to put in an underground sprinkler system at the Cemetery if we have all of the needed funds in place before we begin the project. We need \$14,000 (this bid is only valid for thirty days) to date we have received \$10,730 in donations. If you can help us meet our goal, please contact Father David.
- Women of Faith meetings will be starting up again on September 11th, Tuesday. Each meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month, after the 5:30 pm Mass. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"And just as He appeared before the holy Apostles in true flesh, so now He has us see Him in

the Sacred Bread. Looking at Him with the eyes of their flesh, they saw only His Flesh, but regarding Him with the eyes of the spirit, they believed that He was God. In like manner, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, let us see and believe firmly that it is His Most Holy Body and Blood, True and Living.

For in this way our Lord is ever present among those who believe in him, according to what He said: "Behold, I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." (Mt. 28, 20)

- St. Francis of Assisi

Quote of the week

Prayer, without a doubt, is the most powerful weapon the Lord gives us to conquer evil. But we must put ourselves into the prayer. It is not enough just to say the words; it must come from the heart. And prayer needs to be continuous. We must pray no matter what kind of situation we find ourselves in. The warfare in which we are engaged is ongoing, so our prayer must be ongoing as well.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Mass	Schedule
Sunday August 26,	Mass 10 am
Monday August 27, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, August 28, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 5:30 pm Bernadette Barnes RB Dawn Zehr
Wednesday, August 29, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, August 30, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese
Friday, August 31, 2018	Daily Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 am The Unborn
Saturday Sept. 1, 2018	Confession 4:15-4:45 pm Mass 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 2, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

Scripture Readings 8-26-18

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B)

Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Gospel John 6:60-69

STEWARDSHIP

08/18-19/2018

Holy Cross

36 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,920.00
Loose	\$ 123.00
12 Holy Day	<u>\$ 348.00</u>
Total HC	\$ 2,391.00

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

06-30-2018 \$61,163.34

Cemetery

Cemetery	08/19/2018
Sprinkler Goal	\$14,000.00
Sprinkler Donations	\$10,730.00
Cemetery Fund	
July Balance	\$7925.22
August Donations	\$1,200.00
Sprinkler Sys.	\$5,390.00
August Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Sent to Foundation	\$1,200.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 77.26</u>
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$13,097.96

Cemetery Endowment Fund
06/30/18 \$33,679.17

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

THANK YOU!

Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 1, 2018
5:00 pm

Greet: Missy Cox
Lector : Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Keith & Robin Kirscher
EM: Steve Kitt & Charles Slyker
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Sierra Slyker

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 2, 2018
9:00 am

Greet: Anne Inghram
Lector : Carole Plymale
Gifts: John & Missy Rauser
EM: Claudette Hohn & Earl Kohn
Servers: Jade Martin & Ty Steele
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Allison Bakken & Karee Eichinger

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.



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



Scripture Readings 9-2-18
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, (125B)
Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Communion Antiphon:
How great is the goodness,
Lord, that you keep for those
who fear you.

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, Diana Mell

LETTER TO PARISHES REGARDING THE CURRENT SCANDAL IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters of the parishes of St Joseph and missions, St Bartholomew and Holy Cross,

I write to you with a heavy heart with mixed emotions of sadness and outrage of what is being exposed in our Holy Catholic Church regarding the scandals of men who were supposed to be holy shepherds of the Church. Perhaps what is even more scandalous is that the tip of the iceberg was exposed sixteen years ago and it was not properly dealt with and so we pray that the light shines in the darkness and purges the ranks of the holy priesthood. Such evildoers have preyed on and sought self-gratification at the expense of wounding innocent children, adolescents and adults alike who will never be the same again until they reach eternal life restoring them of their dignity. Almost exclusively of these ungodly and asocial crimes were from active homosexual predators, the remaining is categorized as pedophilia (sexual abuse of children). The Church and any ecclesial community which represents Christian values must be held to higher standards. However, there is no evidence that the Catholic Church has any higher percentage of sexual abuse than other faith traditions let alone public institutions. In fact, in most cases of the latter, public institutions including schools, unfortunately, have a much higher percentage of abuse. (*Cf. John Jay Report*).

Those who are guilty of such grave sins and crimes against humanity, and those who turned a blind eye and willfully chose not to expose these evils, must be immediately stripped of any faculties, privileges and authority of the ordained ministry and handed over to civil authorities.

As one body in Christ we are obligated to fast and pray for a cleansing of Christ's Church as our Lord first said, ***"This kind can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."*** (*Matt. 9:28 Douay-Rheims Bible*) Leaders of the Church, including Pope Francis, have recently echoed this truth. And so I encourage you dear brothers and sisters **to seriously consider implementing some type of fasting** (from meat on Fridays as is the custom of the Church, or simply eating less on Wednesdays and Fridays as our Blessed Mother has asked us to do.) **As well, fasting and prayer always should accompany one another in order for prayer to be more effective.** One of the greatest prayers given to us, outside of the highest form of worship of the Sacred Liturgy and adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, is that of the **holy rosary**. If you haven't already please consider praying a daily rosary as a family or in groups gathering in our churches for the remainder of the 54 day rosary novena. The novena will conclude with "Rosary Coast to Coast" where thousands will gather across the nation to call upon God's mercy. The intention is for our nation's conversion and now, obviously, we must include for the state of our Church and her cleansing. At the conclusion of these 54 days on Oct. 7th each parish under my responsibility will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Sunday Mass. Led by the priest we will implore God's mercy to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary by the praying of the rosary followed by a solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I highly encourage all parishioners including children to be present.

Lastly, which perhaps should have been firstly, I sincerely apologize to all of you, especially for the victims of such heinous crimes for those who have been called "Father" and have taken on the indelible mark on their souls that of Holy Orders. They do not deserve to keep this title and their behavior has been the antithesis of the likeness of the Blessed Lord. I do pray for their souls that they sincerely repent and live a life of penance so that their consecrated hands and marked souls do not find themselves under an unbearable pain and despair of the justice of God for all eternity.

I also continue to lament and ardently pray for all the victims of any kind of abuse especially under the failed care of ministers of the Church. For those victims who have not already, I gently encourage you, to go to civil authorities and Church authorities who have transparent systems in place which will protect you. By doing this the proper authorities can take swift and just action upon any and all predators.

Please also continue to pray for all priests who are striving to be faithful to the magnificent call to Holy Orders as unworthy as we are.

I remain your lowly servant in Christ,

Father David Severson

Pastor, Holy Cross Parish, St Bartholomew Parish, St Joseph Parish and Missions

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM LEADERS OF THE CHURCH ON THE CRISIS

"Our Lady warned us at Fatima about an apostasy from the faith," said Burke. "I believe there's been a practical apostasy from the faith with regard to all the questions involving human sexuality and principally, it starts with the idea that there can be legitimate sexual activity outside of marriage, which of course is false, completely false."

- Cardinal Raymond Burke

(Archbishop Alexander Sample is the metropolitan diocese over the Diocese of Helena. The entire letter of five pages can be found on the Archdiocese of Portland website.)

Archbishop Sample 'shaken to core,' calls for lay-run abuse investigation

By Ed Langlois [Catholic News Service](#)

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) -- Portland Archbishop Alexander K. Sample issued a letter Aug. 20 to western Oregon Catholics in which he expresses shock, anger and discouragement over revelations of clergy sex abuse in other parts of the country.

"I have been shaken to the core of my soul over them," Archbishop Sample wrote in the five-page letter, which includes a call for renewed care of victims, reinvigorated prayer life among priests and an outside lay-run investigative body. Archbishop Sample also said that bishops should be held to the same standards as priests.

A grand jury investigation about decades of sexual abuse claims in six Pennsylvania dioceses followed revelations about crimes and misdeeds alleged against Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, a former cardinal and retired archbishop of Washington.

Abuse scandals, including cover-ups by bishops, also have shocked and saddened Catholics in Chile, Ireland and Australia in the past year.

"These horrific revelations are particularly painful in light of what victims in our own archdiocese have suffered and the impact that sexual abuse has had on the church here in western Oregon," the archbishop wrote in the five-page letter. "I am sorry beyond words for the harm that has been done." The archbishop urged Catholics to read a letter from Pope Francis, which was issued the same day. The pope called what has happened part of the "culture of death."

"These most-recent accusations and details expose -- yet again -- certain systematic and profound failures of episcopal leadership in our church," Archbishop Sample wrote. "These failures are both institutional and spiritual in nature, and date back many decades."

Archbishop Sample said that Archbishop McCarrick was entrusted with pastoral responsibility and care but instead acted "in a heinously sinful and criminal manner."

"It is also an institutional failure that someone like this could rise to such a high level unimpeded and without being challenged or held accountable," Archbishop Sample wrote. He also was critical of the cover-ups the Pennsylvania report said were carried out by church leaders.

"All of these allegations should have been brought to light much sooner; and then dealt with swiftly, justly and transparently," the archbishop wrote. He called clerical sex abuse a spiritual failure in that men called to be good shepherds instead act "in such a gravely sinful, evil manner."

The archbishop wrote that when clergy and religious lose their personal relationship with God, careerism, clericalism and "ways of life at odds with the Gospel" often result. Those who committed the sinful and illegal acts, or covered them up, are culpable, and at the same time their deeds are the work of Satan, the archbishop wrote.

"In the history of the church, whenever there was a moral or spiritual crisis, God has raised up saints who became agents of reform. This is a time for saints," the archbishop wrote.

Saying he will get more serious about prayer, penance and sacrifice, he called for a "profound spiritual renewal" among clergy. He urged priests every day to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament and pray the rosary.

"We who are clergy must reject all tendencies toward a worldliness and secularity that is inconsistent with our vocation," he wrote. He also asked the lay faithful to pray, acknowledging that they are not responsible for the scandal.

The archbishop offered a plan of action that begins with caring for and supporting victims of abuse.

"Whatever we do as a church to address these atrocities, we must keep in mind those who have been seriously harmed," Archbishop Sample wrote. "They have suffered greatly at the hands of those they should have been able to count on for spiritual care and support and in whom they should have experienced the love of the Good Shepherd."

He urged that bishops be held to the same standards as priests in matters of improper behavior or abuse, with amendments to the charter that guides policy.

He also called for an outside investigation process with the "substantial involvement" of lay experts. "A body investigating itself does not inspire confidence in the objectivity of the outcome," he wrote. Those who knew about abuse and did little or nothing should be held accountable, Archbishop Sample said, adding that all reports of misbehavior or abuse should be properly investigated.

The archbishop called the Archdiocese of Portland's child protection policies, forged after a scandal more than a decade ago, "solid and extensive." The archbishop urged anyone who has been abused by a church worker to come forward to the archdiocese's Office of Victim Assistance. "We want to help you," he wrote.

"In dealing with all of this some are quite understandably tempted to give up on the church," the archbishop concluded. "Yet our faith is finally in God, not in individuals who fail to live up to their calling in Christ." A Mass of healing for victims of sexual abuse is scheduled for St. Mary Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland Aug. 26.