



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
Townsend, Montana 59644

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

Fr. David Severson, Pastor

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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: "Sometimes a little thing you do gives happiness to someone. So never stop doing little things." - Annurag Prakash Ray

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:

- Holy Cross Parish will begin our nine month holy hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which more recently takes on a greater urgency. In addition to the Thursday evening immediately preceding the First Friday we will also have an hour with the Blessed Lord every Thursday at 5 PM barring Holy Days or other major conflicts.
- We have received \$14,916 dollars in donations for the sprinkler system. Many thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners .
- 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!
- The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Parish Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, September 11th following Evening Mass. To show our appreciation for your support of our activities we will have a dinner of Tri Tip Steaks, various side dishes and desert of Pies. Sorry, not pies by guys this time. Everyone is invited. To my fellow Knights, Please attend this event as we will be installing our new officers at the Mass and we will need help serving. If there are Knights I do not have e-mails for please forward to them and myself so I can add to the list.



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 Sa-

cred 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

Shirley Helmick fell and broke her hip which is healing on schedule, she has moved to assisted living and would love to hear from her Townsend Montana friends at Holy Cross. Her address is Shirley Helmick Serenity Care Home LLC 269 Little Sands Run Rd., Buchannon, WVA 26201.

- The American Legion is hosting Broadwater County Patriot's Day on September 9th from Noon - 3pm.

Mass	Schedule
Sunday Sept. 2, 2018	Mass 10 am
Monday Sept. 3., 2018	No Scheduled Mass Office Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 5:30 pm Holy Cross Benefactors & Volunteers
Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Max Peace
Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese 6 pm Holy Hour of Reparation
Friday, Sept. 7, 2018	Mass of the Sacred Heart 9 am The Unborn
Saturday Sept. 8, 2018	Confession 4:15-4:45 pm Mass 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 9, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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

STEWARDSHIP

08/18-19/2018

Holy Cross

44 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,873.00
Loose	\$ 84.00
Votive Candles	\$ 109.50
1 Sanctuary Furniture	\$ 500.00
1 Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Total HC	\$ 2,576.50

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
06-30-2018 \$61,163.34

Cemetery

Cemetery	08/30/2018
Sprinkler Goal	\$14,000.00
Sprinkler Donations	\$14,916.00
Cemetery Fund	
July Balance	\$7925.22
August Donations	\$1,200.00
Sprinkler Sys.	\$9,436.00
August Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Sent to Foundation	< \$1,200.00
Sprinkler Sys Down Pay	< \$1,398.56
Expenses	< \$ 77.26
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$15,885.40

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

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



Scripture Readings 9-9-18
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 35:4-7a (128B)
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5

Gospel Mark 7:31-37
Communion Antiphon:
Like the deer that yearns for running stream., so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 8, 2018
5:00 pm

Greet: Gene & Bev Determan
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Paul & Donna Latka
EM: Debbie Miller & Terry Love
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Ryan Racht

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 9, 2018
9:00 am

Greet: Missy Cox
Lector : Brian Hohn
Gifts: Brian & Claudette Hohn
EM: Steve Kitt & Monte Montonario
Servers: Abby & Zach Wickens
Music : Men's Choir
Home Ministry: Mary Duede
Money Counters: Jill Menard & Pat Montonario

New Ministry Schedules are on the table at the back of the Church. If you would like to be on the ministry schedule, please contact the Parish Office.



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, Diana Mell

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Hard-Hearted Hypocrisy (MK 7:1-23)

Our Blessed Lord continuously teaches, reprimands and consoles in the living Word of God. It is in this vibrant and real exchange that is always available to us where he speaks of our crosses, our failures and our joys this very day, in our very time. In today's Gospel the Lord even addresses the crisis in our Church as he boldly calls out the hypocrites of old.

Hypocrite: (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

1: a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion

2: a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs or feelings

Synonyms: pretender, dissembler, deceiver, liar, pietist, sanctimonious person, plaster saint

*"Sometimes we forget how frequently and explicitly Jesus spoke of evil and sin. He was (and is) full of mercy, but that's because we need his mercy. A good friend tells us when we're in the wrong; **only wolves in sheep's clothing console the sinner in his sin.** Because Christ is so demanding with us, because he tells us directly how much we need to change our lives, we can trust that he has our best welfare in mind. He wants to be with us in heaven, so he sternly warns us against everything that could lure us in the opposite direction."*

- Fr John Bartunek

Although every Christian can certainly also be hypocritical hopefully it only reaches the level of doing things we don't want to do out of weakness (St Paul). But even still I can't help but think of a church sign I once saw: *"Hey, I would never be a Christian. I mean, look at all the hypocrites in the Church!"* *"Well, we'd be glad to move over—there's always room for one more."*

Nonetheless, let's continue to strive for holiness through humility and fast and pray for healing, purification and unity in the universal Church. We need not beat ourselves up if we are constantly striving to grow in our relationship with the Blessed Lord and untiringly seek what is right and just. As far as the evildoers and wolves in sheep's (or shepherds) clothing we neither have to beat them up as God's justice will have it's day. St Paul reminds us of this: *"Do not be deceived; **God is not mocked**, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."* - Gal 6:7

"Be courageous; be not puffed up by prosperity nor cast down by adversity. Keep humble in this life so that God may exalt you in the next."

- St Stephen of Hungary