



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 9, 2018

Fr. David Severson, Pastor

Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar

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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: "For the family to be able to proceed well, *with trust and with hope*, it must be nurtured by the Word of God" - Pope Francis

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.
- 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.
- Women of Faith meetings will meet Tuesday September 11th, after the K of C Dinner, about 7:30 in Classroom C. See you there!
- If you would like to be on the ministry schedule, please contact the Parish Office.
- RE Teachers meeting Thursday September 6th at 6 pm.



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

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.

Pastoral Council Wednesday, September 12th @ 6 pm.

Mass	Schedule
Sunday Sept. 9, 2018	Mass 9 am
Monday Sept. 10, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 5:30 pm Father Brian Jeffries RB Marie Hankins
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 <u>Pastoral Council 6 pm</u>	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am The Unborn
Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese 5 pm Holy Hour of Reparation Adoration
Friday, Sept. 14, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Saturday Sept. 15, 2018	DRILL WEEKEND NO SCHEDULED MASS
Sunday Sept. 16, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

Scripture Readings 9-9-18
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 35:4-7a (128B)
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Gospel Mark 7:31-37

STEWARDSHIP

09/1-2/2018

Holy Cross

44 HC Envelopes	\$	906.00
Loose	\$	<u>152.00</u>
Total HC	\$	1058.00

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

06-30-2018	\$61,163.34
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Cemetery

Cemetery	09/07/2018
Sprinkler Goal	\$14,000.00
Sprinkler Donations	\$14,916.00
Cemetery Fund	
August Balance	\$15,115.40
September Donations	\$ 20.00
August Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Expenses	<\$ 00.00
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$15,135.40
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!



Scripture Readings 9-16-18
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)
Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Gospel Mark 8:27-35
 Communion Antiphon:
How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Ministry Schedule
Saturday September 15, 2018
NO SCHEDULED MASS

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 16, 2018
9:00 am

Greet: Karee Eichinger, Rowan & Peyton Vogl
Lector: Mary Duede
Gifts: Keith & Robin Kirscher
EM: Tom & Julie Lethert
Servers: Sierra Slyker & Kennedy Vogl
Music: Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Juanita Bray
Money Counters: Paul Latka & Karen Susag



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 Schauber. Elaine Severson, Ed Boucher, Anita Kearns, LaReissa Swenson, Shirley Helmick, Diana Mell, Bernice Toney

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

We should never despair of the power of God. No soul is too hardened to be penetrated by Christ's love and forgiveness; the greatest sinners often make the greatest saints. Though someone appears deaf to the Word of Life and unable to respond to the invitations of the Holy Spirit, our confidence must never be shaken, for Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

This applies even to the lives of believers. Often we seem to be stuck in our spiritual lives, unable to advance, incapable of overcoming certain defects or sinful habits. Sometimes this discourages us, and we slack off in our efforts to practice self-discipline and to live a vibrant life of prayer. That's when the devil can make a bold move on us, luring us into a relationship or an activity that actually obstructs the flow of God's grace in our lives. Precisely then, when we seem to have reached a spiritual plateau, we need to let Christ take us "away from the crowd" (perhaps on a retreat) to renew our interior hearing. His power is never lacking, but our faith oftentimes is.

- Fr. John Bartunek, *The Better Part*



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East Helena Council # 10576 Special Thank You Newsletter

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Membership Director - Gary

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The East Helena Knights of Columbus would like to give glory to God. We thank those who participated and joined us, and the Emmons family at the Benefit for our brother Knight Chris on August 24th. The outpouring of love showed that night for Chris and his family touched many hearts. When we come together for each other, we are doing what our Lord has commanded each and every one of us to do. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping the Knights of Columbus carry out the Lord's work. This outpouring of love has overwhelmed the Emmons family and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you so much for your support.

"Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord."

—USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, "Promise to Protect" Bookmark.