



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16, 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: "Some people come in our life as **blessings** . Some come in your life as **lessons** .
— Mother Teresa

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 will be a Religious Education kickoff Parent/Child fun night on Wednesday September 26th at 6:15 pm. Parents are required to attend.
- 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.
- **Volunteers are needed at the Food Pantry Booth during the Fall Fest -October 6 and 7. To signup for a few hours, please contact Mary Palmonari, Anne Inghram, or stop by the Food Pantry on Friday between 3:00 and 5:00. Town Pump is matching dollar for dollar up to \$7500! Thank you for your time.**
- Thank you all for your many prayers and kind thoughts. I am doing fine. Max



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"You consider Zacheus happy because Our Lord vouchsafed to enter his house and eat with him; you deem St. John happy because he rested on the breast of our Saviour at the Last Supper; and, above all, you regard St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary so very happy because they nourished and supported Our Dear Lord. But are you not as happy as they? Are you not even happier? You do not hold Our Lord in your arms as Simeon did, but you receive Him into your heart in Holy Communion; you do not rest on the bosom of St. John, but the Saviour rests in your heart after Holy Communion; you do not nurse and support Our Lord like St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin, but you have a still greater happiness, for the Saviour Himself nourishes you and gives Himself to you as your food. O Love! O Love! O who can understand the love of God for men!"

- *The Blessed Eucharist*, Fr. Michael Muller, C.S.S.R.

Mass	Schedule
Sunday Sept. 16, 2018	Mass 9 am
Monday Sept. 10, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 5:30 pm Vince Meuchel RB Dolores Meuchael
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Vince Meuchel RB Dolores Meuchael
Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese 5 pm Holy Hour of Reparation Adoration
Friday, Sept. 21, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Saturday Sept. 22, 2018	MASS 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 23, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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

STEWARDSHIP

09/8-9/2018

Holy Cross

53 HC Envelopes	\$ 2,016.00
Loose	\$ 52.00
2 Restricted Gift	\$ 3,800.00
1 Holy Father	\$ 70.00
Total HC	\$ 5,938.00

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	\$ 80.00
August Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Expenses	<\$ 00.00
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$15,195.40
Cemetery Endowment Fund	
06/30/18	\$33,679.17

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



Scripture Readings 9-23-18
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, (134B)
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8
James 3:16-4:3
Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Communion Antiphon:
**You have laid down your pre-
 cepts to be carefully kept;
 may my ways be firm in keep-
 ing your statutes.**

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 22, 2018
5:00 pm

Greet: Harold & Laura Gibbs
Lector : Robin Kirscher
Gifts: Monte & Cathy Armstrong
EM: Missy Cox & Monte Montonario
Servers: Aspen Slyker & Zach Wickens

Ministry Schedule
Sunday September 23, 2018
9:00 am

Greet: Chuck & Lisa Larson
Lector : Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Jade Martin & Braden Racht
EM: Charles Slyker & Chris Wright
Servers: Emmalin Fischer & Carson LeLacheur
Music : Choir
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Kristi Gersch



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 and Religious Life.

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, Maureen Hopper

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

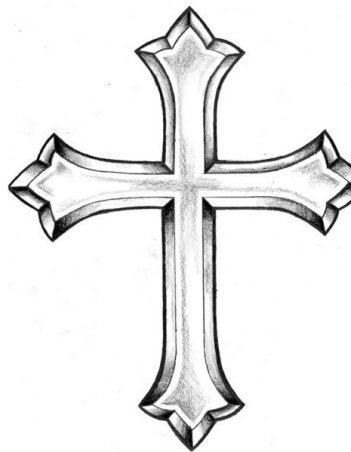
Triumph of the Cross

(Friday we celebrated the Feast of Holy Cross Parish)

“The way you think is not God’s way but man’s.” In other words, God’s ways differ from our ways, but we need to learn to follow him and not ourselves. Christ teaches this lesson in the context of his own passion and death, which he has just predicted to his band of followers. When Peter tries to convince Christ to have the path of the Kingdom bypass the cross and its terrible sufferings, he is sharply and publicly rebuked. And then Christ affirms, explicitly and uncompromisingly, that he and all his followers must “bear the cross,” must experience suffering in this life. He goes so far as to say that those who refuse to accept the sacrifices and sufferings that God sends or allows will “lose their lives.”

The joy of following Christ necessarily involves the pain of self-denial and self-sacrifice. It is not easy to be faithful to one’s conscience, to the teachings of the Church, to the Ten Commandments, to the will of God; it involves self-mastery and, sometimes, humiliation and persecution. “No disciple is greater than his master,” as Christ says later on (John 13:16); if he had to suffer in order to open the gates to heaven, we will have to suffer as we follow him in. Perhaps no other gospel lesson is more difficult to learn, or more important.

- Fr. John Bartunek, *The Better Part*



“Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ’s side, blood and water for the world’s cleansing...”

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation—very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God’s suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.”

- From a discourse by Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop