



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 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: *PRAYER IS ASKING GOD TO ALIGN YOU WITH HIS WILL RATHER THAN ASKING HIM TO BE ALIGNED WITH YOURS.*

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 and Parent meeting Wednesday September 26th at 6:15 pm for kids preschool through high school. Parents are required to attend.
- The 2018 Holy Cross Bazaar will be held on Sunday October 28th from Noon to 3 pm. Please get together with your Circles. Find out what your assignment for the Bazaar is and plan to contribute to the only fundraiser the Parish holds each year. Each Circle is asked to donate a theme basket for the Silent Auction. The baskets need to be to the Parish by Friday October 26th before 1:30pm. Thank you for helping make the Bazaar a great success.
- The Kitchen crew will have the needed food items list in the Narthex by Saturday September 29th, please check the list for what is needed and have the food items to the Parish by Friday October 26th before 1:30 pm
- If you would like to make a donation toward the cash raffle prize for the Bazaar, please contact Father David..



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Volunteers are needed at the Food Pantry Booth during the Fall Fest - October 6 and 7. To sign up 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.

Mass	Schedule
Sunday Sept. 23, 2018	Mass 9 am
Monday Sept. 24, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018	Daily Mass 5:30 pm Jill Menard RB Connie Miller
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am The Unborn
Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Selection of the 11th Bishop of Helena Diocese 5 pm Holy Hour of Reparation Adoration
Friday, Sept. 28, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Saturday Sept. 29, 2018	Anita Leiter Funeral 11am  MASS 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
Sunday Sept. 30, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

09/8-9/2018

Holy Cross

41 HC Envelopes	\$2,2138.00
Loose	\$ 102.00
1 Stipend	<u>20.00</u>
Total HC	\$ 2,260.00

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
September Gravesites	\$ 300.00
Expenses	<\$ 71.36
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$15,424.04
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**  
**Sunday September 29, 2018**  
**5:00 pm**

*Greet:* Brian & Claudette Hohn  
*Lector :* Gay Ann Masolo  
*Gifts:* Gene & Bev Determan  
*EM:* Steve Kitt & Charles Slyker  
*Servers:* Carson & Caleb LeLacheur

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday September 30, 2018**  
**9:00 am**

*Greet:* Keith & Robin Kirscher  
*Lector :* Brian Hohn  
*Gifts:* John & Missy Rauser  
*EM:* Tom & Nora Bazuin  
*Servers:* Abby Wickens & Ty Steele  
*Music :* Carole Plymale  
*Home Ministry:* Mary Duede  
*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 and Religious Life.



**Scripture Readings 9-30-18**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Numbers 11:25-29 (137B)**  
**Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14**  
**James 5:1-6**  
**Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

Communion Antiphon:  
**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.**  
**This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

**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, Bernice Toney, Maureen Hopper, Anita Leiter Family, Diana Mell Family, Marjo Hoppe

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**(Also the Memorial of St. "Padre" Pio of Pietrelcina - 1887-1968)**

### **Saint Pio on the Holy Hour With Jesus**

When an Open Holy Hour occurs at our local adoration program we should not wonder who is going to cover it. Jesus is not asking the person to the right or left of us, the person with more time on their hands, or the person that is holier than us. He is asking us. St. padre Pio realized this as he spent as much time in adoration as possible. "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When you want to find me, come near the tabernacle." Padre Pio considered adoration so important that this was the directions he gave to his fellow friars if they went looking for him. "I weep and mourn at the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for often I'm consoled. We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength. Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to him, along with those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart, and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best. By means of the angels, Jesus calls the poor and simple shepherds, in order to manifest Himself to them. He calls the learned men by means of their science. And all of them, moved by His inner grace, hasten to adore Him. He calls all of us by divine inspiration, and communicates with us by means of His grace. How many times has he invited us, too? And how readily have we responded? My God, I blush and become embarrassed when I have to answer such a question." St. Padre Pio was so happy during his many hours of Eucharistic Adoration that he wrote: "When I am close to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I feel as if my heart is bursting out of my chest. When Mass ended I remained with Jesus to render Him thanks. My thirst and hunger do not diminish after I have received Him in the Blessed Sacrament, but rather, increase steadily. Oh, how sweet was the conversation I held with Paradise this morning. The Heart of Jesus and my own, if you will pardon my expression, fused. They were no longer two hearts beating but only one. My heart disappeared as if it were a drop in the ocean."

"The holy hour in our modern rat race is necessary for authentic prayer. Our world is one of speed in which intensity of movement is a substitute for lack of purpose; where noise is invoked to drown out the whisperings of conscience; where talk, talk, talk gives the impression that we are doing something when really we are not; where activity kills self-knowledge won by contemplation..."

There seems to be so little in common between our involvement with the news of the world and the Stranger in whose Presence we find ourselves. The hour means giving up a golf game or a cocktail party, or a nap...

Sometimes it is hard, especially during vacation when we have nothing to do. I remember once having two hours between trains in Paris. I went to the Church of Saint Roch to make my holy hour. There are not ten days a year I can sleep in the daytime This was one. I was so tired, I sat down at 2:00p.m.--too tired to kneel--and went to sleep. I slept perfectly until 3:00p.m. I said to the Good Lord: "Did I make a holy hour?" The answer came back: "Yes! That's the way the Apostles made their first one." The best time to make a holy hour is in the morning, early, before the day sets traps for us. By being faithful to it, and letting nothing interfere with it, we use it as the sign and symbol of our victimhood. We are not called to great penances, and many would interfere with our duty, but the hour is our daily sacrifice in union with Christ."