



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 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

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly." — Andy Rooney

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:30am to 12:00pm

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 10 am

Mass	Schedule
Sunday Dec. 23, 2018	Mass 11am Jill Menard RB Connie Miller
Monday Dec. 24, 2018	Mass 4pm Office Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018	Mass 11am Office closed Parish Family
Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018	Rosary No Mass Office Closed
Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018	Rosary No Mass No Adoration
Friday, Dec. 28, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30a Homebound
Saturday Dec. 29, 2018	Mass 5 pm Pat Hooks RB Mary Hooks
Sunday Dec. 30, 2018	Mass 11 am Parish Family

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 no RE December 26th or January 2nd. RE will resume January 9th.
- The corrected ministry schedules are on the table at the back of the Church.
- Please join us in decorating the Church after Mass on Sunday, December 23rd.
- For the month of January the church is in charge of the food pantry. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for those who would like to volunteer.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"O Jesus! on this day, you have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able To sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, In this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, And like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

Applications for the Carroll College scholarship for all high school seniors planning to attend Carroll in Fall of 2019 are available in the Parish office. The completed application needs to be returned to the Parish office no later than March 1, 2019.

Scripture Readings 12-23-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a (12C)

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

STEWARDSHIP

11/24-25/2018

Holy Cross

47 HC Envelopes	\$1,550.00
Loose	\$ 98.00
1 Restricted Gift	\$ 50.00
1 Camp. 4 Hum. Dev.	\$ 100.00
2 Stipends	\$ 40.00
Total HC	\$1,818.00

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
09-30-2018 \$61,635.53

Cemetery

Cemetery	09/28/2018
Sprinkler Goal	\$14,000.00
Sprinkler Donations	\$14,916.00
Cemetery Fund	
September Balance	\$14,754.04
October Donations	\$ 2,920.00
Open Gravesite	\$ 00.00
Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Expenses	<\$ 346.72
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$17,327.32
Cemetery Endowment Fund	
09/30/18	\$36,114.82

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday Dec. 29, 2018 5:00 pm

Greet: Gene & Bev Determan
Lector : Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Harold & Laura Gibbs
EM: Monte Montonario & Steve Kitt
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Zach Wickens

Ministry Schedule

Sunday Dec. 30, 2018 11:00 am

Greet: Dan & Bernadette Swenson
Lector : Megan Bleil
Gifts: Martin & Doris Mingay
EM: Martin Mingay & Chris Wright
Servers: Emmalin Fischer & Sierra Slyker
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Doris Mingay

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 is 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, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Deacon Nathan Scheidecker, and Kyle Tannehill.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Scripture Readings 12-30-18
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (17ABC)
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Communion Antiphon:
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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, Elaine Severson, Ed Boucher, LaReissa Swenson, Marjo Hoppe, Dorothy Hahn, TJ Graveley, Marj Kohn, Jill (Johnson) Amsk & Ava Amsk, Caroline Schnur



Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal	\$22,300.
Pledged Paid	\$ 5,525.
Paid	\$ 4,590.
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 935.
% of Goal	25%
Outstanding Donors	4
Total Donors	18
Registered Households	95
Participation % of Households	18.95%

Upcoming Events

Ministry Schedule for December 24th 4pm

Greet: Monte and Cathy Armstrong

Lector: Brian Hohn

Gifts: Jade Martin and Shari Toney

EM: Missy Cox and Shari Toney

Servers: Abby, Zach and Zoey Wickens

Music: Mary Garman

Ministry Schedule for December 25th 11am

Greet: Eichinger family

Lectors: Chris Wright

Gifts: John and Missy Rauser

EM: Martin and Doris Mingay

Servers: Carson and Caleb LeLacheur and Kennedy Vogl

Music: Jill Flynn

Home Ministry: Juanita Bray