



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Fr. David Severson, Pastor

March 24, 2019

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 10 am

Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade

-Charles Dickens

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

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 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:

- RE is Wednesday, March 27th
- The Diocese Office is now taking applications for Legendary Lodge Camp. There are lots of scholarships to help all students with the financing. Be sure to contact Women of Faith (406-439-9404) Marj, Knights of Columbus (406-980-1447) Rich, and/or Diocese Office (42-5820) Dan Bartleson, Camp Director, for information. No student will be denied from attending Legendary Lodge!! Apply early to reserve your spot.
- The Women of Faith and Knights of Columbus senior scholarship applications are now available and due back to the Women of Faith by April 15th. Applicants must be the equivalent of a graduating high school senior and must plan to pursue some form of higher education. Applicants will be asked to provide proof of confirmation, documentation of participation in at least one parish ministry, fill out the application and interview with the selection committee. For more information please contact Marj Kohn at 406-439-9404.
- Chrism Mass will be Thursday, April 11, 2019 Most Reverend Alexander K Sample, Archbishop of Portland-in-Oregon presiding at the Cathedral of St. Helena at 5pm. If anyone is interested or plans on attending the Chrism Mass or the dinner following, please contact the parish office no later than March 27th. Allowing the office staff to get the needed forms to the Diocese by the cutoff date.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

Announcements Cont...

- BECA (Broadwater Early Childhood Advocates) is conducting a survey to obtain info from parents regarding childcare services and preschools available and needed. Survey responses are anonymous and we encourage you to be candid with your answers. You can take the survey at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLScGMd5t9yqx4BDeB3hRzV1ICma8gBi4y_kr5U9QYMVE422FLg/viewform. Type this web address into the address bar at the top of the web page. If you have any issues please contact LaReissa Swenson at 406-266-4670.

Mass	Schedule
Sunday March 24 2019	Mass 10am Parish Family
Monday March 25 2019	No scheduled mass Office closed
Tuesday March 26 2019	Mass 5:30pm Jill Menard RB Connie Miller Lenten Soup Supper hosted by The Knights' of Columbus after mass
Wednesday March 27 2019	Rosary Mass 9:00am Homebound Parishioners
Thursday March 28 2019	Rosary Mass 9:00am Adoration 5pm Adult Faith Formation 6pm Volunteers
Friday March 29 2019	Mass 9:00am Adoration 9:30-10:30am Stations of the Cross 5:30p Seminarians
Saturday March 30 2019	Confession 4:15-4:45 pm Mass 5pm Poor Souls
Sunday March 31 2019	Mass 10:00am Parish Family

Scripture Readings 03-24-19

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)

Psalms 95:1-2,6-7,8-9

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

STEWARDSHIP

03-17-2019

Holy Cross

46 HC Envelopes	\$2,169.50
Loose	\$ 20.50
1 Reimbursement	\$7,138.22
1 Stipend	\$ 10.00
3 Black & Indian Miss.	\$ 150.00
Total HC	\$9,488.22

Holy Cross Monthly Expense:

Snow Removal	\$1,460.00
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Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

12-31-2018	\$55,745.77
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Cemetery

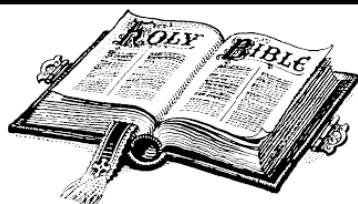
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January Balance	\$16,727.32
January Donations	\$ 00.00
Open Gravesite	\$ 00.00
Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Expenses	\$ 00.00
Total in Cemetery Acct	\$16,727.32

This includes the \$14,000 needed for the sprinkler system.

Cemetery Endowment Fund	
12/31/18	\$42,779.48

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



Scripture Readings 03-31-19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a (31A)
Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel John 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

Communion Antiphon:
 The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 30, 2019 5:00 pm

Greet: Bev and Gene Determan
Lector : Claudette Hohn
Gifts: Monte and Cathy Armstrong
EM: Terry Love and Debbie Miller
Servers: Sierra Slyker and Kennedy Vogl

Ministry Schedule

Sunday March 31, 2019 10:00 am

Greet: Allen and Linda Padgett
Lector : Julie Lethert
Gifts: Bakken Family
EM: Tom and Nora Bazuin
Servers: Emmalin Fischer and Abby Wickens
Music : Mary Garman
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counters: Karen Susag and Julie Lethert

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.

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 and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Mary Palmonari, Gerta Laash, Bill Lane. Danielle Swenson-Gill, Jenifer Naraki, Bob Masolo



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.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal	\$22,300.
Pledged	\$ 11,885.
Paid	\$ 9,785.
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 2,100.
% of Goal	53%
Outstanding Donors	7
Total Donors	41
Registered Households	95
Participation % of Households	43.16%

Upcoming Events



The Montana Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The conference will feature excellent keynote speakers, fellowship, discussion, prayer, Mass and Reconciliation. There will also be a light breakfast and hardy lunch.

Speakers will include:

Brian Kraut; Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Spokane.

Dr. Eric Hall; Theology and Philosophy Professor at Carroll College and the Hunthausen Professor of Peace and Justice.

The conference fee is \$45 before March 15th and \$55 after that date. The theme, "Armor of Light" will explore a man's Work/Life balance and answer the questions; "How are men called to witness, lead and be disciples in work, home and public life?" and "How do men best live out the Faith from Monday to Saturday?"

Information and registration at: www.mtcatholicmen.org

There is a timely new movie coming out next weekend (March 28-31) about Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director, called "Unplanned". It is a powerful real life account of transformation. It opens nationwide and will play in cities throughout Montana. You can find a theater near you by visiting: <https://unplannedtickets.com/>

About the film:

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Please visit www.unplannedfilm.com to find out more about the film.

Upcoming Events

Montana CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Come to Me!" Matt 11:28

April 27, 2019, Delta Hotels by Marriott, Helena, MT

www.helenacwc.com / 406.677.7772

Lord Jesus, thank you for the constant love you have for me. Thank you for the gift of life and the gift of faith. Today, take me into your Sacred Heart and renew me. I open my heart to your grace, to be healed where healing is needed. Replace any wounds or worries with your peace and joy. Send your Holy Spirit into my whole being: body, mind and soul. Guide me to be the woman you have created me to be: your beloved daughter, disciple, and friend. Please remove any obstacles which keep me from living this way. Make me a woman of faith, hope and charity. Lord, pour out your grace upon the upcoming Catholic Women's Conference, upon the planning efforts, and upon many women that they may hear your invitation and say "yes." May the conference be a time of spiritual renewal, healing, reconciliation, and joy for all who attend. Thank you Lord Jesus for all this, I pray in your sweet name. **Mary Mother of God, pray for us!**



Mary, Queen of the Family, I entrust myself and family to you. Your simple and loving home life with Joseph and Jesus is an example for all families. I pray for unity and strong enduring family love like yours. May our home be filled with joy, sincere affection, patience, respect and mutual honor. May your Son's grace and peace be with us and when we are tested, give us a generous heart to want and do the Will of God. Keep us all in your Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart of your Son Jesus and make us a holy family. **Mary, Queen of the Family, pray for us! St. Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us!**

Foundation Board of Trustees approved distributing \$18,224.00 of our unrestricted resources among the 68 parish endowment funds as follows:

- Each parish saw \$134.00 reflected as a contribution from the Foundation on their 9/30/18 quarterly endowment statement.

- An additional \$134.00 is available as a match to each of the 68 parish endowment funds. If your parish invests in their fund (through a donor gift or using its own money) on or before June 30, 2019, the Foundation will match that contribution up to \$134.00. To date 17 parishes have met the match.

If your parish hasn't yet met the match, you have until June 30, 2019, to take advantage of the opportunity.