



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 31, 2019

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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:

- The Sacrament of Confession for the rest of Lent is available by appointment. The Cathedral of St. Helena's confession schedule is Saturday 9:30–11 am.
- RE is Wednesday, April 3rd.
- 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.
- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held following Mass on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate plastic eggs and or candy to fill the plastic eggs, please bring them to the office by noon Wednesday April 17th. Thank you

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in His Sacrament of the Altar He is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in His Sacrifice daily offered as really as once offered on the Cross,"

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Announcements Cont...HS Youth News

We had three high school youth attend the CYC Convention this past weekend at Carroll College. The theme for the weekend was "Ignite...On Fire, But Not Consumed." They united with many other high school kids from around the state, took part in Reconciliation, Adoration, and many discussions on prayer, surrendering to God to be free to live out our purpose and inviting the Holy Spirit to ignite the flame inside us to live out the graces God has given us. Words from John 10:10 were a foundation for the weekend, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." May we all live our life to the full as we continue on our journey to holiness!

Mass	Schedule
Sunday March 31 2019	Mass 10am Parish Family
Monday April 1 2019	No scheduled mass Office closed
Tuesday April 2 2019	No Mass Rosary 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper hosted by The Women of Faith after Rosary
Wednesday April 3 2019	Rosary Mass 9:00am Homebound Parishioners
Thursday April 4 2019	Rosary Mass 9:00am Adoration 5pm Adult Faith Formation 6pm Volunteers
Friday April 5 2019	Mass 9:00am Adoration 9:30-10:30am Stations of the Cross 5:30p Seminarians
Saturday April 6 2019	No Confession Mass 5pm Poor Souls
Sunday April 7 2019	Mass 10:00am Parish Family Seminarian fundraiser break- fast after mass

Scripture Readings 03-31-19

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a (31A)

Psalms 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

STEWARDSHIP

03-23-24-2019

Holy Cross

46 HC Envelopes	\$1,627.50
Loose	\$ 24.00
1 Reimbursement	\$1,260.87
1 Rice Bowl/Food Pantry	\$ 5.00
Total HC	\$2,917.37

Holy Cross Monthly Expense:

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

12-31-2018	\$55,745.77
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Cemetery

03-01-2019

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

THANK YOU!



Scripture Readings 04-07-19
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)
Psalms 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Romans 8:8-11
Gospel John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45
Communion Antiphon:
 Every one who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 6, 2019 5:00 pm

Greet: Keith and Robin Kirscher
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Harold and Laura Gibbs
EM: Steve Kitt and Monte Montonario
Servers: Carson and Caleb LeLacheur

Ministry Schedule

Sunday April 7, 2019 10:00 am

Greet: John and Missy Rauser
Lector: Mary Duede
Gifts: Eichinger Family
EM: Martin Mingay and Chris Wright
Servers: Jade Martin and Zach Wickens
Music: Choir
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Karee Eichinger and Kristi Gersch

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, LaVonne Tew, George Jenkins and family



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.