




Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **September 8, 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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30am to 12:00 pm
Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 10 am

Remember when life is not a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"I adore and venerate you as much as ever I can, though my love is so cold, my devotion so poor. Thank you for the good gift of this your holy Body and Blood, which I desire to receive...."

- St. Anselm (Archbishop and Doctor of the Church)

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:**
- Are you interested in hearing the homily again? Well Fr. Cody has a podcast where he includes much more than his homilies including complicated questions that many people ask about the faith and a series on the saints. The best way to access the podcast is by going to catholicchat.podbean.com. I hope you enjoy them!
 - The Foundation for The Diocese of Helena recently awarded Holy Cross Parish a grant in the amount of \$1,775.00. This money will be used for Religious Education/Vacation Bible School/ classroom maintenance. To learn more about the Foundation, its grants program and endowments, please contact Jeanne Saarinen at the Diocese of Helena—(406) 389-7051, or jasaarnen@diocesehelena.org
 - If you would like to host a coffee hour, please contact Buffy in the parish office
 - Gospel of Matthew starts Thursday September 19th at 7pm in the parish center.

- Announcements:**
- RCIA information meetings will be on Monday September 23rd at 6pm and Saturday September 28th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in entering the Catholic Church should attend.
 - RE kickoff night will be Wednesday, September 18th @ 6:00 with an all parish potluck dinner. The Parish will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us to hear about the plans for RE and how the parish as a whole can support our youth.
 - The first RE class will be September 25th 5:00-6:00 for ages pre-school-5th grade and 7:00-8:00 for middle school and high school. Dinner will be provided for middle school and high school students prior to class @ 6:30.
 - Son Light raffle tickets will be available for purchase from our youth after mass on Sunday 9/23 and Sunday 9/15, they will also be available at the RE kickoff night/ parish potluck dinner. With these raffle tickets you have a chance to win a 2019 Chevy Colorado and support Legendary Lodge. Cost is \$25 per ticket. \$5 of the ticket price will be returned to our parish.
 - Knights of Columbus will be hosting breakfast after mass Sunday, September 15th.

Mass	Schedule
Monday September 9	NO MASS
Tuesday September 10	NO MASS
Wednesday September 11	NO MASS
Thursday September 12	NO MASS NO ADORATION
Friday September 13	OFFICE CLOSED NO MASS NO ADORATION
Saturday September 14	Confession 4:15p-4:45p Mass 5:00p Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Sunday September 15	Mass 10:00a Parish Family Knights of Columbus hosting breakfast after mass

STEWARDSHIP

08-31/9-1-2019

Holy Cross

50 HC Envelopes	\$2,442.50
Loose	\$ 351.00
1 Foundation Grant	\$1,775.00
1 Stipend	\$ 25.00
Total HC	\$4,593.50

Holy Cross Monthly Expense:

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:

06-30-2019 \$61,416.42

CEMETARY

09-03-2019

September beginning Balance

\$1,883.35

Income:

Sept. Donations	\$ 00.00
Open Gravesite	\$ 00.00
Gravesites	\$ 00.00
Expenses:	
Endowment Fund	\$ 00.00
Lawn Care	\$ 00.00
NW Energy	\$ 00.00
Total Cemetery Acct	\$ 1,883.35

Cemetery Endowment Fund

06-30-2019 \$47,225.14

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

THANK YOU!



Scripture Readings
09-15-19

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 (132C)

Psalms 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel **Luke** 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday September 14, 2019 5:00 pm

Greet: Tom Aced
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Gene and Bev Determan
EM: Steve Kitt and Monte Montonario

Ministry Schedule

Sunday September 15, 2019 10:00 am

Greet: Tom and Rene Weyant
Lector: Julie Lethert
Gifts: Poe Family
EM: Tom and Nora Bazuin
Music: Mary Garman
Home Ministry: Mary Duede
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, Kaleb Mitchell, and Kyle Tannehill.
Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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.

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 third Tuesday 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	\$ 12,685
Paid	\$ 12,685
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 213
% of Goal	57%
Outstanding Donors	3
Total Donors	43
Registered Households	95
Participation % of Households	45.26%

Prayer Chain

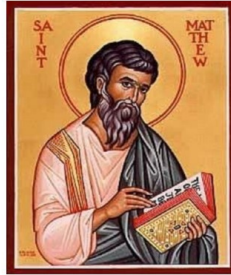
Unless requested otherwise after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain:

Gene Determan, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Elaine Severson, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Jackie Kynett, Bill Lane, Cora Horne, Shanna Montonario, Betty Faverey, Greg Wallace, Tanner Scholey, Kenny Hoeffner. Jill Menard family, Father Byrne's family



The Gospel of
Matthew

Thursdays at 7 pm



The series begins on Sept. 19th

We will continue until we finish the Book

You can also listen to this series by going to:

Catholicchat.podbean.com

Join us for a Catholic Journey Spiritual Weekend

All are invited. All are welcome!

Looking for a weekend to deepen your spirituality? Give yourself a 3-day gift.

This new Catholic Journey is for Catholics who are seeking a deeper understanding and commitment to their role as laity in the church. We also invite non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholics of other Christian denominations and even those non-Christian faith or no faith to attend. It is an opportunity to experience a weekend of Catholic spirituality as lived in a group of Catholic laity, who share with them the Catholic Community, reflections of the Catholic faith and Catholic prayer and spirituality.

Weekends will be held at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in East Helena Montana.

Women's weekend-September 19-22, 2019 (Contact Laura Glueckert at 406-459-8128)

Men's weekend-September 26-29, 2019 (Contact Jim Schweyen at 406-227-7496)

Weekends begin at 7:00pm Thursday evenings and end about 4:30pm on Sunday afternoons.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN INITIATION
INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

When we join a new group or organization, it comes with a process. Joining the Catholic Church is not different from other groups. We have a process call the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This process can take as long as a person needs. The main parts of the Rites occur in December, March, and April. If your are interested in full initiation, come to our information meetings:

Monday, September 23rd at 6 pm

Saturday, September 28th at 6:30 pm

If these times don't work for you, contact Fr. Cody and we can chat about your journey. Coming to a meeting or having a conversation with Fr. Cody does not imply that you will fully enter the Church. You will enter when you know that God has called you here.

Continuing the Journey Hearing God's word in the Rapidly Changing World of Today

Weekend of October 25 to 27, 2019 22nd Annual In-land Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat

N-Sid-Sen Camp & Conference Center

\$140 for the weekend (discount for men under 36 years of age—only \$110.00) Register online at eventbrite.com
Mail a registration form to: Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 15 Coeur d'Alene, Id 83816

Registration forms are in the parish office

Contact: Mike Anderson

anderson155@roadrunner.com

What can we do about the profound crisis in the Church?

Billings Catholic Radio invites you to **BEHOLD HIS HEART, *Reparation to the Sacred Hearth of Jesus***, for healing and justice. Our Lord asked us to do reparation to His Sacred Heart in His words to Saint Margaret Mary. Because we are members of Christ, by uniting our prayers, works and sufferings to those of Jesus, our offerings become part of the work of our Lord which was to make reparation for the sins of the whole world. **Make this conference October 4th and 5th, part of your Year of Prayer, Penance and Reparation!** Featuring **Fr. Wade Menezes** and Catholic recording artist **Donna Cori Gibson**. Don't miss the discount with early registration through August 31st! Visit kjcrradio.com to register or call 406-294-5250 for more information

Marriage encounter

Married couples- Consider doing something great for yourselves and your marriage. A marriage Encounter weekend involves 15-20 couples. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and priest. The focus of the weekend is the couple, not group sessions. The presentations allow each couple a rare opportunity to look at themselves as individuals, then look at their marriage and relationship to each other, and finally to look at their relationship to God, the church, and the world. After each presentation, the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room for their own personal discussion.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter Dates

October 4-6 2019

Comfort Inn
Bozeman, MT

Or

November 1-3, 2019

Ucross Ranch
Clearmont, WY

Contact Paul and Tracy McElvery
307-689-2820

Or visit

www.wwme.org