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Vision Statement: *Holy Cross is a vibrant Catholic community striving to maintain a spirit of welcome to all, serving as a guiding beacon to nourish and sustain prayer, work and play.*

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16



Come and pray with us!

The Solemnity of Mary - January 1, 2023

We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,
their families and caregivers:

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Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti
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Matthew DiPietro	Ann Egan
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Linda Heinrichs	Debbie Jablinowski
Diane Jones	Maureen Jost
Kristen Kennedy	Roberta Lamb
Dora Libretti	Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch	Viola Malek
Erin & baby Malley	Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
Mary Polik-Gunther	Carina Ranieri
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 1st, 2023, 9AM Mass

Mon. Joseph Durso
Tue. Fr. Donald Babinski
Wed. Linda Heinrichs (living)
Thu. Patrick Egan

Saturday, January 7th, 5 PM Mass

Donnalynn Tebben, Roseann Quintana, Teresa Heedles, Fr. Donald Babinski, Sadie DeBenedictis

Sunday, January 8th, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Linda Marino
11:30 AM Edison Case, Denise O'Rourke, Michael DiMartino, Dcn. George Reich, Stephen Gelston



If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please call 631-265-2200 x122.

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS

by Father Michael

Sometimes the passing of one day to the next is more significant than just another twenty-four hours. New Year's is one of those days. This is a day that naturally inspires reflection. For some there is a sense of gratitude for concluding a year that was full of blessings and fruitful opportunities. For others there is a sense of gladness of leaving behind a year that might have been full of challenges and disappointments. For all of us there is value in looking at what lies ahead and asking for God's guidance to use well all that might be offered to us. As I look at the life of Holy Cross, I have some hopes for the coming year.



Some parishes are facing financial challenges and are seeing their community diminish. I am so grateful for the spirit of generosity that is consistently demonstrated here. While we need to be mindful and responsible in our spending, we do not have to fret about every expense that comes along. I continue to be touched by stories of folks who say they were looking for a Catholic church where they felt at home, and Holy Cross is what they were seeking. A spirit of welcome and a spirituality that feeds the soul are beautiful charisms for a parish to embrace.

I look forward to developing the Men's Prayer Group. We only had two meetings before the end of the year, but there was great enthusiasm and support. I hope that continues to grow.

Whenever I look at plans for the future, sooner or later travels enter the picture. I was hoping to be able to offer a fly/drive tour to St. Louis and Branson in May. Unfortunately, the calendar for the spring just does not lend itself to that many days away. I will look at offering that trip in late September. However, I am hoping to offer a shorter 3-day/2-night trip in May to Pennsylvania. This tour would include a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville and then attending a performance of *Moses at the Sight and Sound Theatre*. More information will come on both of these trips.

There are some repairs and maintenance issues that need to be explored. Some of them could potentially be costly undertakings.

I am so grateful to the Pastoral Team and Support Staff we have here at Holy Cross. These are dedicated women and men who are critical in carrying on the work of the parish. For those who work here it is more than a job, it is a ministry that is exercised in a variety of ways.

I pray that this New Year is filled with blessings and graces in your life. Let us continue to pray for peace in our world and for the many people who suffer in so many ways. May the gift of Jesus bring hope, comfort, and the desire to build God's kingdom in our midst. Happy New Year.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered Sunday, January 1st, after the 9:30 Mass.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 1st • ANOINTING OF THE SICK	After 9:30 Mass Worship Area
Monday, January 2nd • SPECIAL NEEDS	4 - 6 PM Atr./Fr. Joe Rm.
Tuesday, January 3rd • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, January 5th • SCRIPTURE STUDY	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, January 7th • HOLY HOUR	3:45 - 4:45 PM Worship Area

*The Bread and Wine for the week January 1st - 7th have been donated in loving memory of **Maria Eannacone** by her family.*



Scripture Readings for January 8th, 2023



- + Isaiah 60:1-6
- + Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
- + Matthew 2:1-12

Next week at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this collection!



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 7th/8th



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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Michael |
| 8:00 AM | Fr. Michael |
| 9:30 AM | Fr. Michael |
| 11:30 AM | Fr. Michael |

Pray for Our Military



Sgt David Basler
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas
Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation.
Pray for Peace!

Parish Outreach

Parish Outreach is looking for Eucharistic Ministers who would like to visit Olsen's Rest Home on a Wednesday morning at 10AM to do a short service and distribute communion. If you are interested in this once a month commitment, please call Kelley at 631-265-2200 x113.

Also, we are thankful to our dedicated Pantry Stocking teams that meet every month to stock the monthly food donations from our generous parishioners. This monthly sorting keeps our pantry shelves sorted and "in date" while restocking the shelves with donated food. We are grateful for their dedication and hard work month after month and year after year. We invite you to join the Pantry Stocking team as a new pantry team member or as an alternate. If interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **January 7th/8th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Pasta Sauce
- Pancake Mix
- Toilet Paper
- Mayonnaise
- Syrup
- Paper Towels



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stock the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Names of loved ones that did not make the Christmas bulletin, will appear in the January 8th bulletin.

Coming Soon: The Chosen, Season 3

For those who have journeyed with us through Seasons 1 & 2 of The Chosen, the wait will be over soon!

We open with Season 3, Episode 1 on **Wed., Jan. 25 at 7:00 PM** and **Thurs., Jan. 26 at 1:30 PM**

Episodes 2 – 4 will be shown on **Feb. 1,2; Feb. 8,9; Feb. 15/16.**

We will resume with Episodes 5 – 8 beginning May 3,4.

If newcomers wish to join us, you are welcome, but viewing Seasons 1 & 2 beforehand (on YouTube, CFN, or the free Chosen app) is strongly recommended. Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116.

Please **print** and return to Parish Office **by January 20**. Space is limited.

I would like to attend The Chosen on _____ Wednesdays at 7PM or

_____ Thursdays at 1:30PM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2022 will be sent to you upon request. If you would like a copy, please print your name and address on the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

**Thank you for
your support!**

LITURGY BYTES



New Year's Day

Yes, it is the start of a new year on our calendars. However, the Church declares January 1st a holy day known as the Solemnity of Mary.

This title, Mother of God, has been at the heart of intense theological debate. This is what we are celebrating today! You might wonder, how could a creature be the mother of God? Let's look at the Nicene Creed where it clearly describes Jesus Christ as "*incarnate of the Virgin Mary.*"

Now, this might be too much on the morning after New Year's Eve to comprehend, but let's take a look at Luke's Gospel which emphasizes that the birth of Christ came to pass because Mary identified herself as the servant of the Lord who, like her son, made it her life's goal that God's will be done through her. The birth of Christ, God's personal Incarnation (God became one of us!) in history, took place through Mary's collaboration. She made herself available for God to do what God could not do without her. The fact that God depended on Mary for the Incarnation reveals that God's power is vulnerable love that has nothing to do with domination.

This feast invites us to marvel at the God who comes to us in loving vulnerability and dependence. Following Mary, we are called to do nothing less than repeat her words: "*May it be done in me according to your will.*" Christ is always needing to be born in and among us not once but each and every New Year!

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week ahead! ~~~*Michele Hall*

TAKE A CHANCE!

Winter Windfall

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "Winter Windfall." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 1 Prize @ \$250
- * 2 Prizes @ \$100
- * 10 Prizes @ \$50
- * 15 Prizes @ \$25



- This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. Please use the tear-off tickets below. You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

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