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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.*



Come and pray with us!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022

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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Marietta Alvarado	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Eleanor Daly
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Bob Grieco
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Joseph Santamaria	Barbara Sherry
Kyle Sweeney	Chase Turano
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 23rd, 9AM Mass

Mon. Maureen O'Malley (living)
Tue. Maureen Peyton
Wed. Chester Sawicki
Thu. Lorenzo Paulino Jr.

Saturday, January 29th, 5 PM Mass

Vincent Pelliccio, Baby Connor O'Brien, Ann Keena, Teresa Burton, Gennaro Cangiano, Maron Brady

Sunday, Jan. 30th, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Brent Dayharsh, John Sternberg, Giuseppe Pellitteri, Gwendolyn Hughes, Lorraine Olsen
11:30 AM Mary Conlin



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.

GOD SAW HOW GOOD IT WAS

by Father Michael

This is a repeating phrase that is found throughout the story of creation from the book of Genesis. The story says that God delighted in each and every aspect of creation, culminating in the creation of man and woman. This is an appropriate starting point to focus on the gift and beauty of human life.

This weekend is a difficult anniversary for our nation. It was on Jan. 22, 1973 that the Supreme Court made a decision which ultimately made abortion readily and widely available. From our perspective, this decision was a horrific one as it stands against the most basic right to human life. Sadly, not everyone shares this perspective. In addition, for our nation this became a divisive issue that continues to polarize politics and individuals.

While abortion is certainly at the forefront of right to life issues, we need to remind ourselves it is not the only issue. When we look at the question of what is involved in respecting the gift and dignity of human life, there are many facets which are part of this large question. Issues like euthanasia, biomedical research, human trafficking, the death penalty and pornography are among some of the ways in which human life is devalued and injured. As life moves forward, there are more and more ways in which the sacredness of human life is compromised. Many of these issues may feel as though they are beyond our ability to address. We do have a responsibility to be aware of what is taking place. There may be times when it is appropriate to communicate with our legislatures to express our beliefs. But we also need to be people who hold these issues in our prayer and ask for the Spirit to help bring about just solutions.

The Supreme Court has an important case which they are deliberating which could greatly impact the availability of abortion in our country. It will not be until sometime in the spring when a decision is reached. Perhaps this may be a cause to offer to the Lord in prayer.

The first Saturday of every month here at Holy Cross we offer a Holy Hour from 3:45 to 4:45 PM. Since its inception, we have been inviting parishioners to use this time to pray for peace. Moving forward, at least through the springtime, I invite you to use this time to pray for a deeper respect for human life. There is no formal prayer that takes place during our Holy Hours, it is simply a time for quiet reflection. But there can be great power in knowing that many people gather together with a common focus and cause.

God will always delight in all that was made. We seek a greater ability that we may share that perspective of God. We pray that all people may also see the goodness in what was created and given to us in love and, in turn, to be cared for with great love.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 23rd	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
Monday, January 24th	4 - 6 PM
• GREATER NEEDS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Tuesday, January 25th	5 - 6 PM
• GIRL SCOUTS & OUTREACH	Fr. Joe Room
• MOMS' GROUP	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, January 26th	4:30 - 5:30 PM
• ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	Worship Area
• THE CHOSEN	7PM Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, January 27th	1:30 PM
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
• LEVEL 1 CHURCH TOUR	7PM Worship Area



*The Bread and Wine for the week January 23-29 have been donated in loving memory of **Chester Sawicki** by Nettie and family.*

Banns of Marriage Third Time

Michele Hahn & Robert Hall



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 29th/30th



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

Scripture Readings for January 30, 2022



+ *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*
+ *1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13*
+ *Luke 4:21-30*

Low-Gluten Hosts

If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

Help Needed!

We are looking for custodial help on Sundays from 10AM to 1PM. Must be 21 years or older. If interested, please contact Barbara DeStefano for salary and details at **631-265-2200 x110**.



Scripture Study Group

Are you free on Thursday mornings at 10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month? Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures? Come join a group of women who seek the same, and give Scripture Study a try! There is no commitment and no sign up. Just come at your own convenience to the meeting or meetings of your choice. Every meeting is independent. Our next meeting date is February 3rd.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Holy Cross Travel Club

We're in the process of putting together a few trips and have some pieces in place. Before we put things into motion, we'd like you to consider some possibilities and provide your feedback. Your feedback will help us get the details in place:

SAVE THE DATE!!

Lancaster – November 17th – 18th, 2022

- Overnight in Lancaster
- Performance of David at Sight & Sound Theatre
- Other details to follow

Reservations are not being taken nor is a deposit required at this time!

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**Nifty Nevada** - *A Proposed trip for April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>*

- 3 Nights at Lake Tahoe
- Death Valley National Park
- Las Vegas

- Yes, I would be interested in this trip, pending more details
- Sounds like a great trip, but I am not ready to travel this April
- This trip doesn't tickle my fancy

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Boston Cruise - *A Proposed trip for the middle of September*

- Depart from New York
- Stop in Boston and Canadian ports
- Early fall foliage

- Yes, I would be interested in this trip, pending more details
- Sounds like a great trip, but I am not ready to get on a ship just yet
- This trip doesn't interest me

Please return your feedback to the office. You can drop it off at the office or place it in the basket or scan it and email it to: bshipman@holycrossrc.org

Name: (Optional) _____

LITURGY BYTES

Word of God Weekend

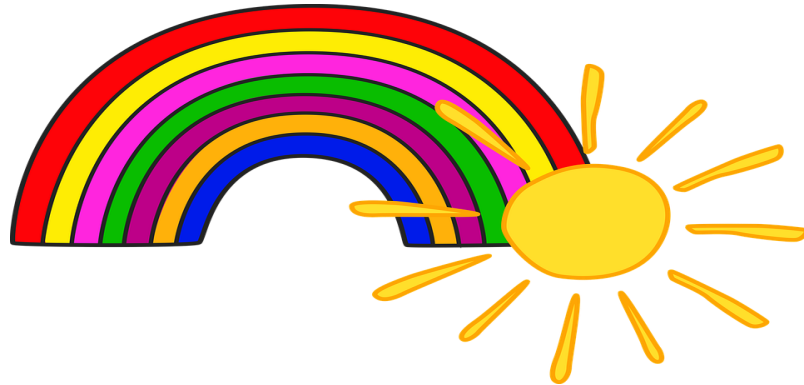
Back in 2019, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This year it falls on January 23rd. The lectionary reminds us in its introductory pages of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church: *“In the hearing of God’s word, the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God’s wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.”*

In one of the final acts of our Risen Lord before his Ascension, Jesus appeared to the disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. Even among their great fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father’s eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins. He then promised that he would send the Holy Spirit who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery. The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth.

May the Sunday of the Word of God help us all to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures. There are numerous resources both in book form and online to offer guidance and knowledge. A new podcast entitled: *The Bible in a Year (Ascension Press)* has received special recognition for its work. Why not start the new year embracing God’s Holy Word in a different way.

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

PARISH OUTREACH



Bereavement Support Group

Walking with grief after losing a loved one is as unique as our fingerprints! It can be as if all color in our world is gray.

Having time to listen to others dealing with grief can often give us new insights, thus allowing us to share our pathway and gain ways to move forward, putting some color back in our world!

This bereavement group is a Support Group for **anyone dealing with grief**. All are welcome.

We will meet for six Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 PM beginning **February 16** and ending **March 30** with **no meeting on March 2**, as it is Ash Wednesday.

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling Outreach at Holy Cross 631-265-2200 EXT. 113, and you will then be contacted by the Facilitator for this group.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.”
Matt:11:28

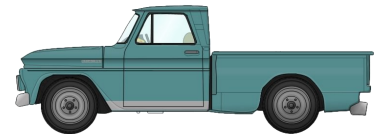
PARISH OUTREACH

Wish List

Often Outreach receives calls from generous parishioners who have gently used items they would like to donate. Last summer, we asked our Outreach families to create a "Wish List" of items they need/want. Items have ranged from televisions, bedroom furniture, to a bicycle!

When a parishioner calls with an item ready to donate, we see if there is a want/need for the item and try to connect the two parties. With larger items, like a couch or a bed, it is not always so easy. **Assistance is needed in pickup, transport, and delivery of these items.**

Outreach is looking for a few volunteers who are available to help with our "Wish List" project. If you have a truck, SUV or van and are able to assist with pick up, transport and delivery, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For larger items, two or more volunteers will be asked to assist in moving the item.



Do you have an hour a month to help out one of our Outreach families? If you are interested, please call Kelley at Outreach. Thank you!

Dress a Girl Around the World

Thank you to everyone who donated yards and yards of beautiful fabric for our **Dress a Girl Around the World** project. With your donation, we have been able to assemble over 60 dress kits and sew over 35 dresses.

In the new year, we hope to have monthly "Cutting Days" to create more kits for those who want to be involved with creating a dress kit and/or sewing a dress. Assembled kits are available in the Outreach Office.



If you are a novice at sewing or a seasoned pro, we need you! Each kit includes all you need to assemble a dress. Instructions are included, and someone is only a phone call away for assistance.

Thank you again to all those who donated yards of fabric. A young girl will have the opportunity to wear a beautiful dress thanks to your generosity. Please call ahead at **631-265-2200 Ext. 113** for a kit.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Youth Ministry

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith?

If you answered "Yes!" to any of those questions above, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish.

If you have any questions or are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office.

Our next meeting is January 23rd from 6 to 8 PM in the Atrium!



PRAY FOR HEALING

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility, and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2021 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 in the collection basket.

**Thank you for
your support!**

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Address _____

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Come and Join
the Fun!!!**

FUNDRAISING

We are looking for new and old members to reboot our Fundraising Committee. This group currently runs 3-4 events per year including a holiday wreath sale, a basket raffle, and a variety of raffles (to name a few).



If you are creative, friendly, and organized, please consider sharing your talents and time in this way. Any time you have is a gift to our parish!

For questions, call or email Barbara DeStefano at 631-265-2200 x110 or bdestefano@holycrossrc.org

Please fill out the tear-off below and return to the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



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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