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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15, 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:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
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Elaine Ruane	Casey Schultz
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, October 15, 9AM Masses

Mon. Dave Szilagyi (living) &
Sulejman Suca (living)
Tue. Eric Bennett (living)
Wed. Michael Maggor
Thu. James Petrunaro



Saturday, October 21, 5PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Patrick Keena Jr., Marie Guarino,
Mark D. Troup, John Degernarro, John Richard
Carrey

Sunday, October 22, 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Elizabeth Shea
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Michele Aufiero, Mickae Ciampi,
Vincenzo Baratta, Alfonso LaCamera,
Carol Premo

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.

FALLING THROUGH OCTOBER

by Father Michael

As I write this column my fingers are crossed hoping for a change in the weather forecast for the weekend. Currently, there are predictions for *monsoons* on Saturday which is when our Family Fall Festival is planned. Three cheers to Kelley, our Outreach Coordinator, who is organizing this event. She and her dozen or so volunteers are coming up with alternative plans so that the event can go on, even if it does get soggy. The Pumpkin Patch will get moved under the big tent in the courtyard, and there will be room for most everything else in the atrium.

Primarily, we offer events like this for the sake of our families and building community. We take satisfaction that we offer parents a place to bring their kids for some fun and autumn festivities, and it will not cost a fortune. In fact, aside from raffle baskets and the food concession, everything is free, even a pumpkin for each youngster. This year we tied the Family Fall Festival in with the basket raffles as a fundraiser. It is helpful to have a few events throughout the year that bring in some additional funds to help balance the budget. Sometimes people complain that the Church is always talking about money; that is certainly not the case here. We depend primarily on the generosity of parishioners in our weekly collection. Because of that support, we do not have to bombard folks with second collections and special fundraisers. Thank you to all those who consistently support us in our work.

I'm scratching my head wondering where the last seven days disappeared to. On October 2nd, I flew down to Florida to celebrate the funeral Mass for my uncle. I was only gone a little bit over 48 hours, but I was immersed in the busyness and family activity that surrounds a funeral. I was home for only a day when I came down with a cold or some sort of bug. Maybe I caught something on the plane. I was grateful it was not another bout with Covid. It took me almost four days to shake that. I'm now back to feeling fine, but it feels like I am a week behind in everything. Life always keeps moving forward. Sometimes we are in sync with it, other times we are in "catch-up" mode.

Thank you to Deacon Joe who led the blessing of the animals last Sunday afternoon. At least thirty dogs were able to receive a blessing as the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. These little creatures are a source of tremendous joy to their owners.

Finally, as I write this column the tragic situation in Israel and the Middle East continues to unfold. We are shocked by the violence, hatred, and suffering that is inflicted on so many people. We pray that the Spirit will be at work to bring all the conflict to a swift and peaceful solution.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 14th	10 AM - 3 PM
• FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL	All Areas
Sunday, October 15th	9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.
• CHILDREN'S MASS	11:30AM Worship Area
Monday, October 16th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium
• YOUTH PLANNING	7PM Atrium
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, October 17th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LITURGY COMMITTEE	7PM Chapel
• MOMS' GROUP	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 18th	7 PM
• BE ATTITUDES	Atrium, Chapel
Thursday, October 19th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• BE ATTITUDES	1:30PM Atrium, Chapel
Friday, October 20th	7 - 9 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND	Atrium
Saturday, October 21st	9 AM - 6 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND	All Areas
Sunday, October 22nd	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

Scripture Readings for October 22, 2023



- + Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
- + 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
- + Matthew 22:15-21

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 21st/22nd



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

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Check out our website holycrossrc.org for Knights of Columbus upcoming events!

Liturgy Committee Meeting – Tues. 10/17 at 7 PM in the Chapel



Worship Committee

PARISH OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Baskets

“When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them—some food, a place in our homes, our time—not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched...”

Pope Francis

We invite you and your families to consider participating in helping a family this Thanksgiving season. We will again be supplying Thanksgiving dinners to people from our community who need assistance. Last year we were able to provide 47 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal. Once again, we look to our parish community for volunteers to help make this possible.

Each volunteer will be responsible for buying and packaging the food for a basket. They will be given the suggested menu and shopping list with supermarket gift cards to cover the cost. By supplying the gift cards, we ensure that all are welcome to participate.

The completed baskets will be brought to the parish Atrium on
Sunday, November 12th, between 3:00pm and 5pm.

We hope this program will offer those in our parish the opportunity to share with our struggling neighbors, making Thanksgiving a time of joy and blessings. Over the years we have seen many parish families embrace this project with creativity and enthusiasm. Our Outreach folks are always touched by the caring of the community of Holy Cross.

Anyone interested in participating can sign up in the Atrium after the Masses on the weekend of October 21st and 22nd.

Donations of money or supermarket gift cards will also be greatly appreciated and very necessary to help defray the expenses of this program. Envelopes marked “Thanksgiving” can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office. We are grateful for anything you can do to help make this a day of “Giving Thanks” for everyone in our community.



LITURGY BYTES

The 2 Saints—Therese/Teresa



A very popular saint who was canonized in 1925, **Therese of Lisieux**, was a Carmelite nun called the “Little Flower.” She lived a very cloistered life in a convent in France. Her former name was Therese Martin when she entered the convent at the age of 15, and she died in 1897 at the age of 24. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering which became her apostolate. She said that she entered the convent to save souls and pray for priests. In recent years, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her to be a Doctor of the Church. She was only the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church. She should be an inspiration for us today because, like many saints, she sought to serve others, to do something outside herself, to forget herself in quiet acts of love. She is one of the great examples of the gospel paradox that we gain our life by losing it, and that the seed that falls to the ground must die in order to live. She believed that preoccupation with self separates us from God and from our fellow human beings. How can we re-learn to forget ourselves, to contemplate God and to serve others which is so needed in our world today! Her feast day is celebrated by the Church on October 1st.



The other popular saint, celebrated by the Church on October 15th, is **Teresa of Avila**. Her time on earth was one of upheaval during the 16th century. Her mark on the Church was that she was a woman, she was a contemplative, and she was an active reformer. She was her own woman as she entered the Carmelites despite opposition from her father. She was beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, and totally human. However, she was mysterious yet wise and intelligent. Some referred to her as a mystic. Even though she was a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites. She founded many monasteries, traveled, and wrote. Two of her famous books are *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*. In 1970, she was honored as a Doctor of the Church—a great promoter of reform and prayer.

Have a saintly, blessed, and prayerful week ahead! ~ *Michèle Hall*

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance. This year our Liturgy will be celebrated on the



Feast of All Souls

Thursday, November 2nd,

at 7:00 PM

in the Worship Center

All are welcome to join us for this special Mass which celebrates your loved one's place in the Communion of Saints.

Mystics and Mysticism

Come and join us for a lecture and discussion on
Julian of Norwich.

This session will be held on Monday, October 30, from 7-9 PM
in the Chapel.



Given by Kathleen Reid, MA

I am interested in attending the discussion on October 30 from 7-9 PM on the female mystic, **Julian of Norwich.**

Name _____ Phone _____

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calling all Parishioners!

Would you be interested in helping out at our Trunk or Treat Halloween party for the children of Holy Cross? Here are the details:

- Friday, October 27th
- Set-up 6pm
- Trunk or Treat from 6:30pm-7pm
- Children Trick or Treat out of the trunk of your car
- Decorate your car for Halloween or a Theme
- Wear a costume if you want!
- Bring your own candy (we will bring extra if you run out)

RSVP to tclarke@holycrossrc.org if you can make it...

What Does It Mean to be Holy?

Whatever our station in life, each of us is called by God to grow in holiness. What does that mean, and how can we do it?

All adult parishioners are invited to join in a five-week DVD presentation by renowned Franciscan preacher and writer, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM,

The BE Attitudes: 10 Paths to Holiness

Five Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15

or

Five Thursday afternoons, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16.

Each 25-minute presentation will be followed by small group sharing/discussion.

*Please fill in the tear-off below and return to the Office by Oct. 15.
Questions? Call Jude, x116*



I would like to attend The BE Attitudes on: ___ Wed. evenings ___ Thurs. afternoons

Name: _____ Phone: _____

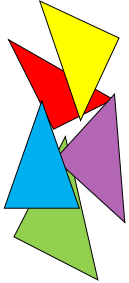
PARISH NEWS

Dress a Girl Around the World

**Please take note
of the time!**



Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, October 26th, from 10AM to 12PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200** (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.

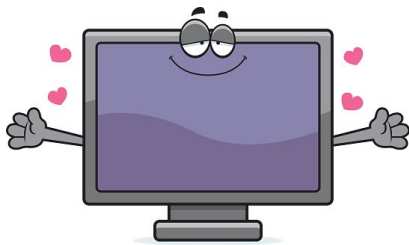
Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)



Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

HCTV Ministry

The HCTV Ministry that runs the slides at the weekend Masses, is looking ahead to Christmastime. Because December 24th lands on the Fourth Sunday in Advent this year, they are going to need a lot of extra help running the slides at the Masses.



From Saturday, December 23rd, to Monday, Christmas Day, there will be ten Masses to cover. If you are a regular parishioner, high school student, or even a college student home for the holidays, please consider helping.

Please call **Wendy at 631-724-0930** if interested. Training included.

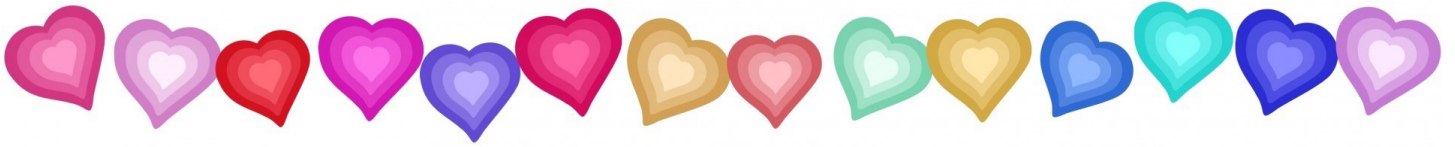
Thank you!

Special Collection

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



ADOPT A GRANDPARENT MINISTRY



Do you know a senior who is homebound or a senior who would like some interaction with young people?

Our **Adopt a Grandparent Ministry** will connect Faith Formation classes with a senior and share cards, pictures, and crafts throughout the year.

The idea is to help build a relationship between the students and the "grandparents" and connect our seniors to the parish community.



If you are interested in joining our "grandparent" team or know someone who may be interested, please call Outreach at 631 - 265-2200 ext. 113.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



World Mission Sunday



Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926. The collection is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.

Until 1908, the Church in the United States was a mission territory. We relied on this fund to build our churches and seminaries and support our clergy and religious. Today many foreign missions rely on our generosity to sustain the Church, which is an instrument of God's love and mercy, hope and peace.

Tens of thousands of missionary women and men, priests, religious and laity, rely on our prayers every day, not only on World Mission Sunday. These missionaries are building churches, educating children, and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror and despair. Please consider a donation to the World Mission Sunday collection as we bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support.



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vs
"Freedom of Worship" -
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"Religion cannot be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life." - Pope Francis, *Evangelic Gaudium*

"We in the U.S. actually have freedom of religion, not freedom of worship," said Sen. James Lankford. The terms, "freedom of religion" and "freedom of worship" are often used interchangeably, but there is a significant difference in meaning.

Freedom of worship "argues that faith should remain a private affair - relegated to personal activities or worship services," said policy analyst Sarah Torre. "Step outside the four walls of a home or house of worship and robust protection of religious freedom ends."

Freedom of religion is the more expansive term since it includes worship but also the right of believers to evangelize, change their religion, have schools and charitable institutions. "It's about the right to dress according to one's religious dictates, to preach openly, to evangelize, to engage in the public square," said a spokesman for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "Everyone knows that religious Jews keep kosher, religious Quakers don't go to war, and religious Muslim women wear headscarves - yet 'freedom of worship' would protect none of these acts of faith."

(ncronline.org, 8/18/16; dailysignal.com, 4/30/15; onfaith.com)

"Religious freedom is one of those unique rights that, to be fully enjoyed, other rights like association and speech must also be protected. Words matter."

Knox Thames, Pepperdine University, Director of Program on Global Faith and Inclusive Societies



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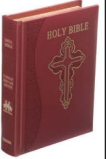
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