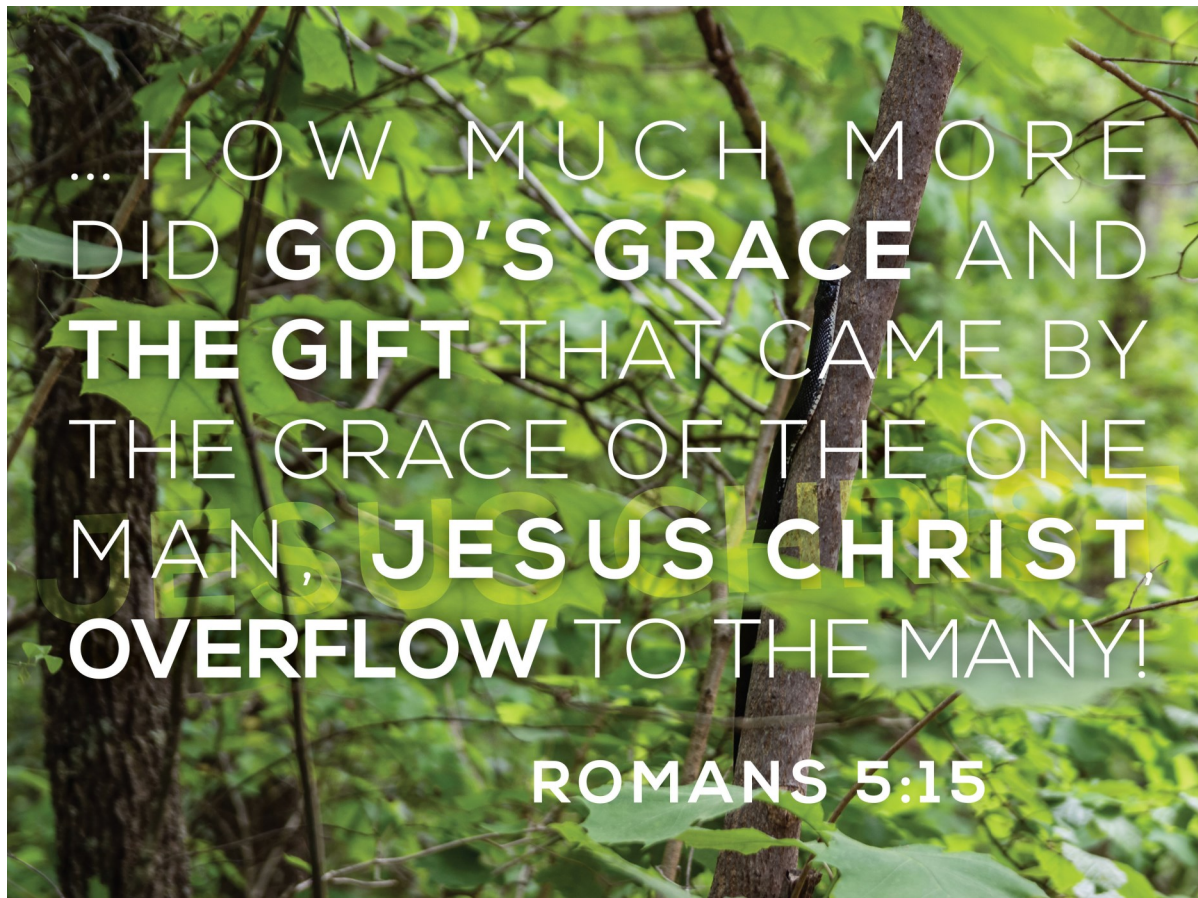


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**Come and pray with us!**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 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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| <b>Jo Barry</b>               | <b>Kathy Barry</b>         |
| <b>Barbara Bombace</b>        | <b>Cole Brennan</b>        |
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| <b>Grace Van Epps</b>         | <b>Peter Warns</b>         |
| <b>Danny Youngworth</b>       |                            |

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, June 25th, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Adrienne Reilly  
**Tue.** Mary Conlin  
**Wed.** Nora Sheehy  
**Thu.** James Cerone (living)



### Saturday, July 1st, 5PM Mass

Christopher Cotter, Vincent Gallo, Peter & Marie Gallo, Marie Crowley, Maureen Maxey Jasinski

### Sunday, July 2nd, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Angelina Pellitteri, Jack Gaudet, Lisa Conway, Marie LaChapelle  
**11:30 AM** Eleanor Trotta, Michael "Joe" Trotta

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.

# REDEEMED IN CHRIST'S LOVE

*by Father Michael*

I suppose I have done a potentially risky thing. Last week I powerfully reminded everyone of the power of the cross and how it is present in our lives and in our world. A few people commented to me how they found last week to be a challenge. Now I have placed myself in the position of having to make an even more powerful statement of the power of the Risen Christ. How does a person do that? Without being overly dramatic, I need to do what St. Paul did. There is no formula to offer or evidence to point to. All I can do is try to speak with conviction how I know what I received was real and my belief that the gift is given time and time again.

Almost thirty years ago, in the context of a healing service as part of a retreat in a mountain camp in northern New Mexico, under the guidance of a retreat director I was touched by what can only be described as the healing love of Christ. Sadness, grief, loneliness, fear and confusion all melted away in a moment of unmistakable presence. Some things that I had been grappling with since I was a child and other issues that emerged in my early adulthood, in a moment were all enveloped in God's loving embrace. I didn't think the tears would ever stop, and a part of me wanted them to flow forever.

Throughout my life I have been richly blessed. I have been given opportunities to travel that included some remarkable experiences of God's presence: numerous trips to our national parks, men's retreats, Religious Education gatherings, etc. I don't mind getting on a plane, traveling to distant corners of our country and allowing these jaunts to become moments of grace. Not everyone has the ability, desire, or freedom to fly the friendly skies on a whim. But, time and time again, good and holy people keep returning to this holy space at Holy Cross. All people have the desire and need to know that transforming grace of our Lord.

My prayer is that I am able to create a space to foster and allow moments of holiness to unfold. The sacraments are an immeasurable gift, but I don't have a cookbook to follow. There are no universal formulas. I know I can't do it all. There needs to be an openness and desire in the hearts of those who come. But, in the end, it is a gift of God's grace. It is undeserved, it makes us feel unworthy, but it is real.

The Church also offers gifts such as celebrations of The Body and Blood of Christ and the Sacred Heart of Jesus to foster moments of grace. We have tried to use these weeks to be moments when God may speak to your heart. Thank you for your trust and openness. These weeks may or may not have been holy for you. Remain open to the countless ways in which Christ may touch your heart.

Perhaps next week I will try something a little lighter. How's about making some balloon animals?

Our monthly Holy Hour will take place next Saturday, July 1st, from 3:45-4:45 PM. Come spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Saturday, June 24th</b><br>• GARDEN PLANTING DAY                            | 8 - 10 AM<br>Vegetable Garden                             |
| <b>Sunday, June 25th</b><br>• BAPTISMS   | 1 PM<br>Worship Area                                      |
| <b>Tuesday, June 27th</b><br>• IN STITCHES<br>• VBS STAGECREW<br>• MOMS' GROUP | 10 AM<br>Fr. Joe Room<br>6-8PM Atrium<br>7PM Fr. Joe Room |
| <b>Wednesday, June 28th</b><br>• SENIORS                                       | 11:30AM-2:30PM<br>Atrium                                  |
| <b>Thursday, June 29th</b><br>• DRESS A GIRL                                   | 1 - 3 PM<br>Atrium  |
| <b>Saturday, July 1st</b><br>• HOLY HOUR                                       | 3:45 - 4:45 PM<br>Worship Area                            |
| <b>Sunday, July 2nd</b><br>• ANOINTING OF THE SICK                             | After 9:30 Mass<br>Worship Area                           |

## *Scripture Readings for July 2, 2023*



- + 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
- + Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
- + Matthew 10:37-42

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 1st/2nd



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



## Banns of Marriage

### Third Time

*Tess Maloney & Dennis O'Hara*

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our Holy Father~Peter's Pence.

Check out our website [holycrossrc.org](http://holycrossrc.org) for Knights of Columbus upcoming events!

**Vacation Bible School Update** - No more helpers are needed. There are a few more spots left for campers. Registration forms can be obtained from our website [www.holycrossrc.org](http://www.holycrossrc.org)



## Dress a Girl Around the World

Our "Cut-Ups" will meet **Thursday, June 29th, from 1PM to 3PM** in the atrium. Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113.

## Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **July 1st/2nd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

**Pancake Mix & Syrup   Pasta   Mayonnaise   Toilet Paper   Coffee**

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



# LITURGY BYTES

## July Saints



Today we will explore some of our July saints beginning with St. Thomas the Apostle whose feast is July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is the patron saint of architects. He was one of the apostles and a dedicated follower of Christ. He is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of Jesus by his unwillingness to believe that the other apostles saw the Risen Lord on that first Easter Sunday. Because of his unbelief, he is dubbed “doubting Thomas.” A few days later, when Jesus appeared for the second time, Thomas was present to put his fingers in the place where the nails were placed. At this, Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and said: “My Lord and My God,” thus making a public profession of Faith in the divinity of Jesus. In the Gospels, he is also mentioned to be with Jesus (post Resurrection) when a miraculous catch of fish occurred. These are the only accounts about Thomas in the New Testament. He was speared to death because of his beliefs at a place called Calamine.

Our next July saint is Kateri Tekakwitha whose feast is celebrated July 14<sup>th</sup>. She is known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” born near a place where Jesuit priests were martyred in Auriesville, New York. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan. At the age of 4, she lost both parents and her little brother due to the smallpox epidemic. Because of the epidemic, she was left partially blind and disfigured. She was adopted by an uncle who became chief. The uncle tried to marry her off, but she refused. She eventually was converted by missionaries, which was against her uncle’s wishes, and was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine) on Easter Sunday. Now she was treated as a slave. However, that did not stop her love for God and all people. She was always in danger. With the advice of a priest, one night she left and journeyed to a Christian Indian village outside of Montreal. She remained there, giving herself totally to God with long hours of prayer and penance. She even took a vow of virginity but continued with her ordinary life praying for the conversion of her nation. She died the day before Holy Thursday. She was beautified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

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

## Father’s Day Mass Remembrances

*in memory of...*

GEORGE HOLST  
DAVID MCKINLEY

FRANK PUPPA  
PETER LEPTICH

*in honor of...*

TOM SCHOLL  
COLIN EDWARDS





# The Parish of the Holy Cross NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

DATE: Sunday, July 16, 2023  
 TIME: Game at: 5:05 PM  
 Picnic at 3:35 PM  
(Gates open at 3:35 pm for Picnic)  
 PRICE: \$40 adult & \$35 children,  
 FREE PARKING

RESERVE NOW: Deadline to purchase tickets—July 1  
 PICK UP TICKETS AT CHURCH: Beginning weekend of July 8 & 9  
 NEW THIS YEAR: Gluten free menu available (check below)  
*For those wishing to sit together, please buy your tickets together  
 when placing the order.*



Join the Parish at Fairfield Properties Ballpark for Family Fun,  
 Good Food and Baseball!

**PRE-GAME PICNIC INFO:** 90 Minutes—all you can eat buffet.  
 Gates open by the Picnic area at 3:35 PM for the picnic until game  
 starts at 5:05! Sundays are family fun days at the ballpark. Kids  
 can have a catch on the field before the game and run the bases  
 after the game.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (checks payable to Holy Cross; cash is fine too!)

If you need a gluten free meal please check here

# TAKE A CHANCE!

## Summer Cash Sizzle

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held **August 31st**.

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- \* 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.
- 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!***

**Summer Cash Sizzle**

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