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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

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.*



... just as Christ was raised from the
dead through the glory of the Father,
we too may **live a new life.** ROMANS 6:4

Come and pray with us!

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2, 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

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:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz	Joseph Donlon
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Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Betty Sullivan	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 2nd, 9AM Masses

Mon. Peter Garrambone
Tue. Mary Elizabeth Knipper
Wed. John Strockbine
Thu. Charles Haner, Jeanette Foy



Saturday, July 8th, 5PM Mass

Ann Keena, Judy Keena, Elisa Keena, Ray Henry,
Maria Guarino

Sunday, July 9th, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Danielle DeLisio Kirrane, Anthony Fasano
11:30 AM Diana Bianco, Vito Bianco, Antonio Nocera, Elvira Nocera, Vito Nocera, Antonio Russo

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.

WELCOME BACK, ORDINARY TIME

by Father Michael

Well, we have finally moved beyond Easter and Pentecost. The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and our special focus on the Sacred Heart are now behind us. Once again we find ourselves in the season of Ordinary Time. While the celebration of our holiest days are always uplifting, there is something about the routine of weekly Mass that is comforting in addition to being holy. I enjoy these months of the year. Most of our lives are not filled with special celebrations, and there is wisdom in having that reflected in our liturgy.

We have now moved from the profound to the ridiculous. The highlight of this week at the parish was diagnosing and addressing a cesspool issue. For the past few weeks, there has been an ever increasing foul odor in the hallway outside the main office. At first, we thought we had a blocked or cracked waste line, but fortunately that proved not to be the case. The discovery was made that our cesspools are at their capacity. I was amazed to learn our building has a cesspool; I would have assumed we are connected to a sewer. I know for certain it was never pumped out in the last ten years. Nobody here can ever remember it being pumped out. I guess we were on borrowed time and were due. So, after a major pump-out and about \$2,300 later we should be in good shape to flush to our hearts content.

This will be a bit of an interesting week for me as I have been summoned for jury duty. I have been told that the likelihood of me being chosen for a case is remote, but we will see. I will check in daily to see if my number even gets called. I assume it is going to be a slow week in the courts with the holiday in the middle of the week.

I received mostly positive feedback regarding our liturgies of the last few weeks. But one comment in particular touched my heart. A man said to me as he was leaving, "I'm so grateful I found this church." To know that we may be touching the hearts of those who come and spiritually feeding souls is a humbling and powerful realization. I acknowledge I am part of the formula, but there are so many other necessary components: good music, an inviting environment, a spirit of welcome, etc. We cannot take for granted this community of faith that we share and the part that each of us plays in it being a reflection of God's kingdom.

I was delighted to spot the first fireflies of the season last Sunday. You know it is summer once the fireflies are around. My childhood memories of summer include those happy little insects fluttering around. I hope you are able to make fun plans for the summer. Enjoy the Independence Day holiday, but pray for our Nation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, July 1st	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, July 2nd	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Tuesday, July 4th	9 AM
• DAILY MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Independence Day.)</i>	
Sunday, July 9th	9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Room
• VBS SETUP	12:30PM All Areas

Scripture Readings for July 9, 2023



- + Zechariah 9:9-10
- + Romans 8:9, 11-13
- + Matthew 11:25-30

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 8th/9th



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

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

Next weekend we will be collecting for our Renovations and Major Repairs fund. Thank you for your support of these collections!



The Parish Office is closed on Tuesday, July 4th, for Independence Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Tuesday morning.

The Bread and Wine for the week July 1st-8th have been donated in loving memory of Vincent, Peter & Marie Gallo by Angie Gallo.



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

HELP WANTED

Holy Cross Feast Day

Our parish feast day, the **Exaltation of the Cross**, will be celebrated at all Masses on September 16/17.

Help us make these days festive with **banners, children, processions,** and *special music* 🎵.

Planning meeting: Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 PM, RSVP to jpickel@holycrossrc.org



Fall Festival



Come join the fun! Planning has begun for the Fall Festival. If you are interested in joining the **planning team**, we will be meeting:

Wednesday, July 19th, at 7 PM in the Father Joe Room.

Working as a team, we will host a family centered, fun-filled day. Your help, ideas and energy are welcome! If interested, please **RSVP by the 18th of July to Kelley in Outreach.**

WHAT'S NEW?

Let's Build a Labyrinth

A labyrinth is a circular meditative prayer walk. It is often mistaken for a maze. A maze has intersections where a decision needs to be made as to what direction to go. A labyrinth is a single path. You start at the beginning, and as long as you keep moving forward you will come to the end. There is a large space at the back of the garden where one can be built.

Help is needed in two areas: planning and construction.

Planning:

- Determine size
- Determine foundation materials: gravel, wood chips, etc?
- Choose material for pathway: river rocks, seashells, pavers, etc? How much is needed?
- Plan surrounding landscaping
- Signage
- Budgeting
- Organize volunteers
- Schedule workdays, delivery of materials, etc.

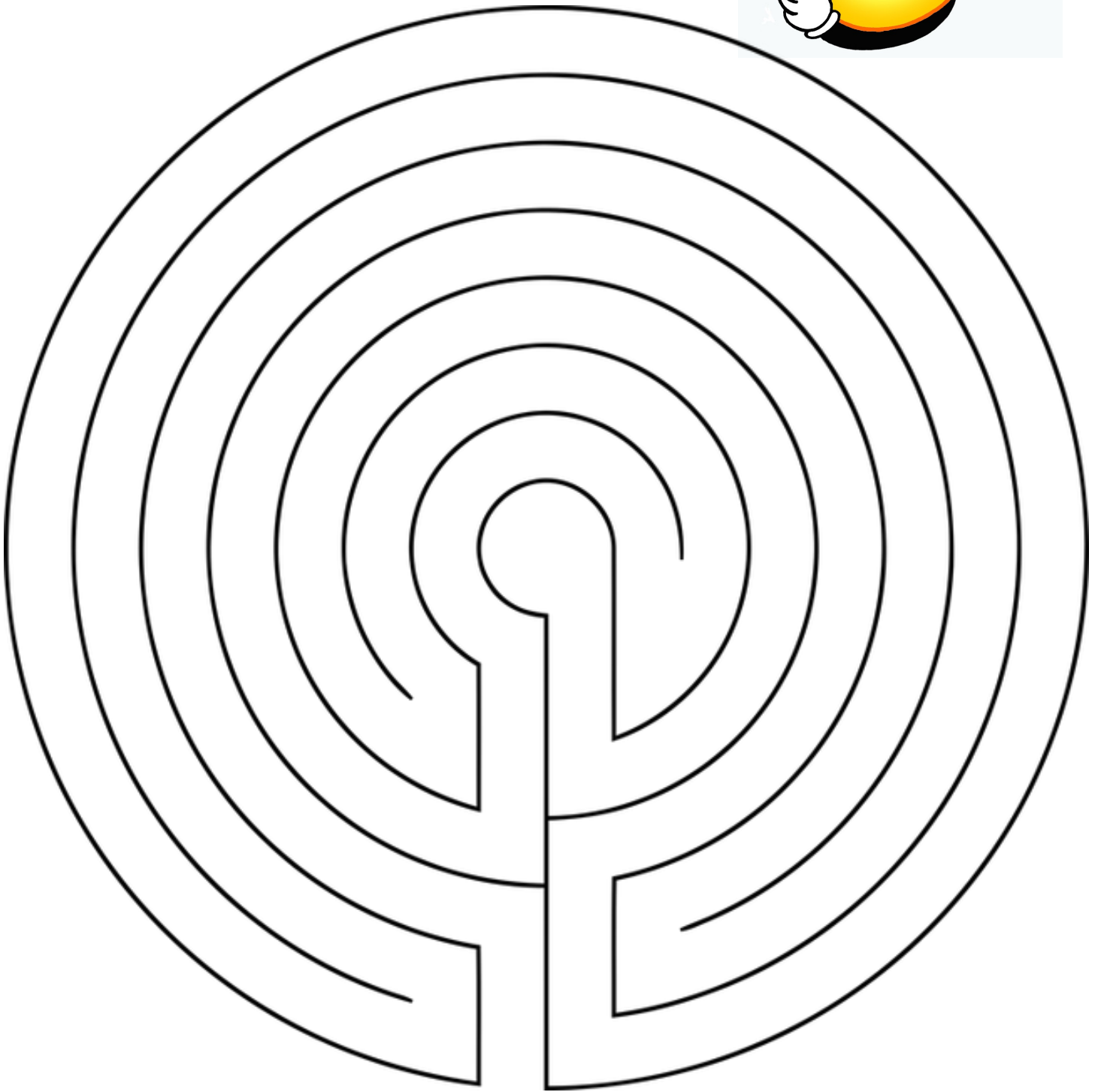
Construction:

- Remove a tree and cut back surrounding weeds
- Removing grass (rototiller)
- Level Ground
- Build Foundation (gravel)
- Measure out design
- Mark pathway
- Other enhancements such as benches, landscaping, etc.

Please let Fr. Michael know if you are interested in helping in any way.

*Here is an example of a labyrinth that
Father Michael has in mind.*

Are you interested in helping?





The Parish of the Holy Cross NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS!

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 3

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

LITURGY BYTES

More July Saints

St. Mary Magdalene is the most honored woman in the Bible, except for our Blessed Mother. She is not to be confused with the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. Mary of Magdala was one of the many who assisted Jesus and the apostles. She stood at the foot of the cross with Jesus' Mother and was the official witness to His Resurrection, a privilege she was given. She is known as the Apostle to the Apostles. Her feast day is celebrated on July 22nd.



St. James' feast occurs on July 25th. He's the brother of John the Evangelist and is also known as the son of Zebedee. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father on a fishing boat. We also know that James witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising to life of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in the garden. Sometimes, he is referred to as James the Greater. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred by King Herod. This James should not be confused with the James that wrote the letter of James in the New Testament or James the Lesser.

On July 26th, the Church celebrates the parents of our Blessed Mother – *Sts. Joachim and Anne*. Actually, we know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Their heroism and holiness is apparent from the whole family atmosphere that surrounds Mary in the Scriptures. We see in Mary many generations of prayerful people and the strong religious traditions of her people. Her parents represent generations of the faithful who perform their duties and practice their faith. They are very special grandparents who are examples of great wisdom for us all.

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

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

Sgt David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
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. We will continue to pray for them through 2023. 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!

Holy Cross Welcomes These Newly Baptized Children

Chase James Cutrone
Ella Rose Finocchiaro
Carter James Jacobson
Matteo Angel Marte
Brysen Lee Winter



We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

Elaine Baly
Peter Buscemi
Ann C. Dagnello
James Petrungaro

May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.

PARISH OUTREACH

Telephone Reassurance is a FREE program designed to benefit isolated or homebound seniors to provide a safety check or a social chat. All calls are made in the morning, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

These calls are made by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), senior volunteers who have been screened and trained. The volunteers work under the supervision of an RSVP staff member and regularly participate in ongoing seminars designed to build skills and gain knowledge of the senior population and community resources.

A brief enrollment form with client information and emergency contacts is all that is needed to begin this free service. Enrollment forms can be found in the Outreach office, or you can call RSVP directly at 631-979-9490 Ext. 21. **All calls are confidential.**

PARISH OUTREACH

Blessing Bags

With the lazy, hazy days of summer upon us, vacation cannot be too far away. Outreach is looking for travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion to create **Blessing Bags** for the homeless. Please keep us in mind as you set off on your vacation. All items can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help, and have a great vacation!

Outreach Vegetable Garden



Clean-up
Day
June 17th



Planting
Day
June 24th



Thank you Holy Cross Community Garden members and volunteers for all your hard work with the garden clean-up and planting on Saturday, June 17th and June 24th. Your time, talents and commitment are greatly appreciated. The results of all your labor will be seen in and around Holy Cross this fall. Thank you again!

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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