

# *The Parish of the Holy Cross*

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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!**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24, 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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## Remembering Our Sick

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

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Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
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Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
Regina Dawson	Jason DeLuca
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Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, September 24, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** James Trube Jr.  
**Tue.** Janina Gren  
**Wed.** Anthony Brady  
**Thu.** Anne Bayer



### Saturday, September 30, 5PM Mass

John Schultz, John Mula, William Scarola, Maria  
Forgione, Dinka Cota

### Sunday, October 1, 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Gloria Posimato, Anthony DiMichele,  
Angelina Boden, Herbert Eannacone,  
John Eannacone, Janis Chieca  
**11:30 AM** Michelina DellaVecchia

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.

# SACRED STEPS

*by Father Michael*

Last weekend was a beautiful time here at Holy Cross, particularly at the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses. I wish we had the ability to offer the unique elements of those Masses throughout the weekend, but we just did not have the people to organize these details at every Mass. It was a tremendous effort to do the two Masses we did. I am most grateful to all those who helped, even in the smallest way, in bringing these days to life.

For many, the most profound and unexpected moment was when the altar cloth with the names of our loved ones and intentions was brought to the altar. Jean Ryder was able to do that in a beautiful, flowing, dance-like motion. Everybody who witnessed what she did was caught up in the focus and beauty of each step she took. Her gentleness gave honor and respect to the names she held as she placed the cloth on something already so precious to us, our altar. Her movement reminded us that prayer can take many forms. Kneeling with our hands folded is not the only posture for prayer.

Clearly what she did requires a unique gift that she possesses. For many of us, including myself, we would have been stomping around in an awkward manner if we tried doing that. But she was not the only one who made her movement prayerful and graceful. At both Masses, I was deeply touched as I watched everyone simply walking from the courtyard into the Worship Area. It was a solemn procession of a diverse and holy people. There was something uplifting in seeing everyone gently moving into church at once to gather around the altar. There was unity; we were one. For those who were there, I hope that simple movement was meaningful and prayerful for you.

There are so many moments in life when a simple movement can be a holy and profound moment. Think of the father who walks his daughter down the aisle on her wedding day, or the 13-year-old child who has to step up to the foul line to take a shot during the big game. Each of those steps is filled with energy and purpose.

This holiness need not be limited to special events. I think of the daily walk I take through the woods to get to and from the office from my house. When I am aware of what I am doing, it becomes deeply prayerful. I am walking to the place where God has called me to serve his people. Or as I head home at the end of the day, I am conscious of those who I was able to minister to that day.

Can you recall moments in your life when the steps you took were filled with the presence of God? Can you have a greater awareness that each of the steps you take on an ordinary day can also be holy? To encounter the sacred is a precious moment. It need not be a rare event. Look down and allow those feet of yours to take you to holy places.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered next Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, September 24th</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
<b>Monday, September 25th</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• MYSTICISM COURSE	Atrium
<b>Tuesday, September 26th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 2 PARENT/STUDENT MTG 7PM	Worship Area
<b>Wednesday, September 27th</b>	<b>11:30AM-2:30PM</b>
• SENIORS	Atrium
• BEREAVEMENT	1:30PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, September 28th</b>	<b>3-7:30 PM</b>
• BLOOD DRIVE	Atrium
<b>Saturday, September 30th</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
• YOUTH NIGHT	Atrium
<b>Sunday, October 1st</b>	<b>After 9:30 Mass</b>
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area

## Scripture Readings for October 1, 2023



- + Ezekiel 18:25-28
- + Philippians 2:1-11
- + Matthew 21:28-32

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 30/October 1



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



## Banns of Marriage First Time

Jessa Randazzo & Derek D'Ambrosio

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

## 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. 13.**  
**Questions? Call Jude, x116**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# PARISH NEWS



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 27<sup>th</sup>
- 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](mailto:tclarke@holycrossrc.org) if you can make it...

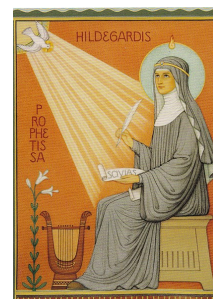
Thank you to all those who donated baked goods and who helped serve hospitality at the 11:30 Mass last weekend!

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund. Next weekend we will also be collecting for **Respect Life**. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics promotes the principle that human life at all stages is a gift from God. Thank you for your support of these important collections.

## Mysticism Course

Come join us this Monday, September 25th, at 7 PM in the Atrium to discuss the writings and music of the mystic — **Hildegard of Bingen** (1098-1179)

*Given by Kathleen Reid, MA*



I am interested in attending the discussion on September 25th at 7 PM on the female mystic, **Hildegard of Bingen**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## A Note of Thanks

*This weekend, September 24th, is the 1-year anniversary of Dad's passing. It has been an overwhelming year since the loss of my father.*



*I would like to reach out and thank all those who helped me through these sad days. Thank you for your prayers, your intentions and Mass cards, and your support. It has helped me through this very difficult time.*

*Brian Reich*

## LITURGY BYTES

### Words of Wisdom

Pope Francis recently met with the organizers of the Eucharistic Revival that is taking place in our country over a three-year period. His hopes are that Catholics will be inspired to discover anew a sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of Himself that we receive at Mass.



How can we reach out to those we know who have wandered away from the Church? How can we help them to realize the wonderful gift we have been given in receiving Jesus at Mass? Also, what is sad today is another issue that we deal with among Catholics. It is the belief that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love, commonly referred to as the Real Presence. It is most important that the Church address that issue. Based on recent surveys, the Church realizes how many have a misguided idea of the Eucharist. Together with those who no longer practice their Faith, the Church has much to accomplish. Here is where the Eucharistic Revival can offer to all who call themselves Catholic, a boost in Faith and a reminder to truly live out our baptismal call.

During this revival, there will be opportunities to inspire us to take another look at what we have been given. This will be done through preaching, small group learning and prayer. It will be an opportunity for us all to contribute to an even greater love for the Eucharist.

Very simply, we can begin with a deeper appreciation of the Mass and all that it entails from the preaching, musical selections, and movement of our prayer as a community gathered each weekend. For more about the Eucharistic Revival, please check out these two websites: [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) and [www.drvcceucharisticrevival.com](http://www.drvcceucharisticrevival.com) .

Have a blessed, peaceful, and prayerful week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*

# BLOOD DRIVE

**DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**

***Parish of the Holy Cross***

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**3:00pm – 7:30pm**

**95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset**

**Atrium**



For further information call Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso at 631-428-4117

*Appointments are preferred; however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.  
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**SEPT. 30, 2023 Saturday 6-8pm**

Parents: Please stop at the welcome table to sign permission papers for the 2023/24 school year

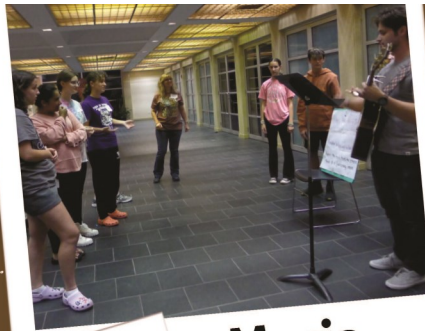
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Fall Kick-off!**  
**September 16th  
2023**



**Teamwork**



**Dinner**







The Parish of The Holy Cross  
**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 14, 2023**

PUMPKIN PICKING 11 AM - 2PM, SAND ART 10 AM - 2:30,  
FACE PAINTING 10 AM - 2:30, GAMES FOR KIDS  
NESCONSET FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TASTE TESTING CONTEST 2PM

10 AM -  
3PM

NIFTY  
50/50

*Come join the  
fun!*

CONCESSION STAND/DESSERT TABLE

**BASKET RAFFLE !!!**

# FALL FESTIVAL TASTE TESTING CONTEST

## Apple Everything!!

Do you have a favorite apple-based recipe? Come share your culinary expertise and enter your selection in our **Taste Testing Contest** to be held at our Family Fall Festival on October 14th. Winner will be declared at the Family Fall Festival.

All entries must include apple and be homemade. Possibilities are apple pie, apple muffins, apple bread and apple tart, but all apple-based recipes are welcome for entry.



We ask that a copy of your recipe be submitted by October 11th and be printed and displayed the day of the judging.

The winner will be picked by a panel of judges.  
Good Luck and have fun Baking!!!

If you would like to enter or be a judge, please fill out the form below and **return** to the Parish Office by October 9<sup>th</sup>. A copy of your recipe must be submitted to the Outreach Office by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in being a judge at our contest, please fill out the form and check the appropriate box.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ - Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the Family Fall Festival—Apple Everything Taste Testing Contest. I agree to submit a copy of my recipe by October 11th to the Outreach Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the Family Fall Festival—Apple Everything Taste Testing Contest.

If you would like to enter, please return the completed form to the Parish Office no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the recipe is due to the Outreach Office by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113.



# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

## 2023 Holy Cross Basket Raffle Fundraiser Donations Needed!

We are asking for your support for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, our **Basket Raffle!** **We are looking for donations of individual items to fill and create baskets** and completed themed baskets! With your help, we hope to make this fundraiser a huge success.

**New items only please**, and here are suggested items for baskets:

- Gift certificates for products and/or services
- Scratch-off tickets
- Wine/Liquor
- Event tickets (play, movies, baseball game)
- Hand crafted items—quilts, jewelry

Want to make a themed basket? Here are a few ideas for baskets:

- Coffee Basket
- Golf Basket
- Baker's Basket
- Rest and Relax—Spa Basket
- Dinner and a Movie Basket
- Kid's Basket



All completed baskets and all individual donated items can be brought to the Parish Office during business hours until **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions and/or would like to be on the **Basket Raffle Committee**, please call MaryAnn Viscusi at **631-686-5280** or Linda Denninger at **631-265-7111**.

(Basket winners will be chosen at the Family Fall Festival on October 14.)





# BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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**DRAWING SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 3PM**

Sample Baskets that will be offered

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Tickets can be purchased after the Masses on  
9/30-10/1, 10/7-10/8 and the  
Family Fall Festival

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Do not have to be present to win - Thank you and Good Luck!





**Celebrating our Fall Breakfast with**

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New York Times best-selling author and international speaker, Immaculée Ilibagiza, is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsis. Men, women and children, including her entire family except for one of her brothers, were massacred at the hands of Hutu marauders. Immaculée found shelter at a pastor's home, where she and seven other women hid from the deadly rebel mob in a 3-by-4-foot bathroom for 91 days. During those 91 days of unimaginable suffering, Immaculée found her faith, taught herself English, and most incredibly, committed herself to a life of peace, hope and forgiveness, even for those who had murdered her family. Immaculée has gone on to work at the United Nations, receive five honorary doctoral degrees, write seven books about her faith and her life journey, and is the recipient of the Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace.

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# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL





Try your luck with the  
**Nifty 50/50 raffle**  
**this fall!**

- Tickets are \$10 each.
- Jackpot builds as tickets are sold.
- Enter as many times as you wish.
  - How to enter:
- Please use the tear-off below. You may also find raffle chances in the Parish Office.
- Please return all completed raffle chances to the Parish Office.
- Drawing will be held at the Family Fall Festival on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The winner does not need to be present.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Good Luck!**

 <p><b>Nifty 50/50 raffle</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Town _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>	 <p><b>Nifty 50/50 raffle</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Town _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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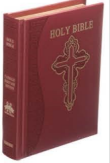
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