

# Meet Our New Office Staff

We are continually improving our parish office to better serve the needs of our parish. This week, our Resource Manager, Michael Landree, installed a new phone system so that calls to the office can be more easily received and directed by our Parish Secretary, Rebekah Snyder. Emergency sacramental calls can be forwarded directly to Father Hendershott's cell phone. We are grateful to our new staff for their hard work and dedication to serve God by serving Holy Cross. By way of introductions, here are their photos, short bios, and job descriptions. Welcome to Holy Cross!



**Rebekah Snyder** is our new parish secretary here at Holy Cross. She is a Tennessee native and graduated from Knoxville Catholic High School. Rebekah has been discerning her vocation to consecrated life since her senior year, amidst many health difficulties. She grew up playing tennis almost everyday with a group of girls training to go professional. She still enjoys playing tennis and all other racquet sports. She has always loved art, graphic design, classical music, and reading. She has been in choirs since elementary school and currently sings in a parish choir. Rebekah first discovered her love for serving in a parish setting through volunteering. She found it fulfilling to get to put her love for graphic design into practice through creating flyers and newsletters. When a secretary job opened up in the Diocese, she was grateful to God for another opportunity to serve Him in that way. She loves to be a part of God's salvific mission through the sacramental life of the Church. She considers it a privilege to witness and facilitate the faithful's drawing near to the Lord and His drawing souls to Himself. She finds her new role highly conducive to her discernment of a vocation to active religious life.

*Our parish secretary, Rebekah Snyder, serves as receptionist to receive general questions about Mass times and intentions, parish events, sacramental records and blessings, parish registration, and meetings with the pastor, as well as bulletin and pulpit announcements.*



**Michael Landree** is our new Resources Manager and he is very thankful to serve our parish. He's a native Tennessean living in his family's homestead from the 1780s in Blaine; Mike was born and raised in Memphis. He's a graduate of UT Knoxville and Christian Brothers University in Memphis where he received his BBA and MBA, respectively. Retiring as a LtCol from the Marine Corps after almost 29 years, Mike served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, North and East Africa, Okinawa, and many other countries during his service. Mike is a cradle Catholic with seven children and two grandchildren who are his main focus outside of the Church. His hobbies include military history, antique vehicles, shooting, outdoor adventures, and leadership development of young men. Mike was motivated to work for Holy Cross out of a sense of love for the Church and a desire to serve God with all his mind, heart, soul, and body.

*Our resource manager, Michael Landree, serves to organize maintenance, security, personnel including volunteers, and gift shop needs. He handles purchasing of materials and supplies, invoices, contracts, projects, policies, reimbursements, Safe Environment and insurance paperwork.*

We are grateful for the help and support of the Diocese of Knoxville Chancery as we went through the hiring process to find the most qualified candidates to serve Holy Cross. The HR Director from the Chancery, Maura Lentz, came to our parish to join Father Hendershott and John Jabaley, the chair of our Parish Finance Council, to conduct interviews of multiple candidates for both positions after we received resumes for more than two weeks. John recommended and Maura affirmed the hiring of Rebekah Snyder as Parish Secretary and Michael Landree as Resource Manager. Thank you for your service as humble coworkers in the vineyard of Christ!