

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2, 2026

Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

865-429-5587

Pastor

Fr. Michael Hendershott, STL

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Deacon Stephen May

865-221-1076

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday

12:00pm

Saturday

5:00pm English

7:00pm Español

Sunday

8:00am English

10:30am English

Confession

Saturday

3:00-4:00pm

6:30-6:55pm

First Saturday

8:30-9:30am

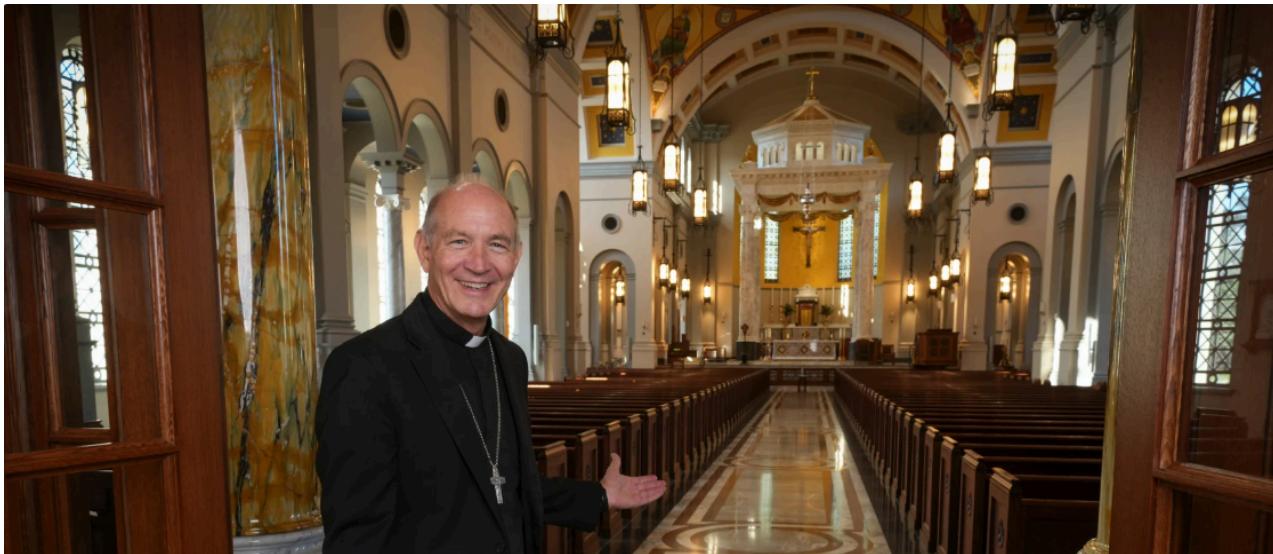
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 1:00pm until
10:00am Saturday



The Sermon on the Mount, *Carl Bloch*

Bishop's Appeal for Ministries



"All of us share one mission: to love God and to welcome others into that love."

— Most Reverend Mark Beckman, Diocese of Knoxville

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL *for* MINISTRIES

MINISTRY SUPPORT

The Bishop's Appeal for Ministries makes possible the formation of clergy, the growth of Catholic education and campus ministries, the provision of food, shelter, and medical care to those in need, and vibrant faith formation in every parish—impact made possible each year by the generous support of the faithful of our diocese.



3,220

Food Boxes Distributed and
45K+ Meals Served through
Catholic Charities Shelter Programs



9

Seminarians



953

Entered into full
communion with
the Catholic Church
in 2025



47

Religious Education
directors in the diocese

71

Priests Ordained
Since 1988



16

Parishes offer Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd



9,277

Patient Visits Provided by
St. Mary's Legacy Clinic

HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED



**Clergy
Formation**
\$1,060,000



**St. Mary's
Legacy Clinic**
\$100,000



**Youth & Young
Adults & Campus
Ministry**
\$600,000



**Catholic
School Tuition
Assistance**
\$390,000



**Catholic
Charities**
\$600,000



**Christian
Formation**
\$300,000

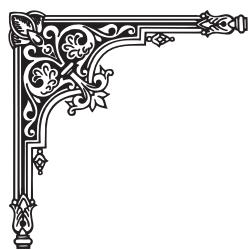
*Less than 7 cents of every dollar raised helps the Diocese conduct the annual Bishop's Appeal for Ministries campaign.

MARIAN SOCIETY

The Marian Society celebrates members of the Catholic faithful who strengthen our community of faith by giving on a recurring monthly, quarterly, or annual basis to the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries; and their annual commitment is \$500 or more.

Through their generosity, Marian Society members nourish the lives of others by sustaining the ministries, programs, and services of the Catholic Church in East Tennessee. To learn more and join the Marian Society, visit dioknox.org/appeal.

Mass Intentions



Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest	Saturday, January 31	† Denotes deceased
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, February 1	5pm Frandy Pelaez and family 7pm † Maria del Carmen
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Monday, February 2	8am † Warner Bruce Carter 10:30am People of Holy Cross
Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Tuesday, February 3	No Mass
Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Wednesday, February 4	12pm Frank Aparicio
Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	Thursday, February 5	12pm † Teresita Abueg
Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Friday, February 6	12pm Frandy Pelaez and family
Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Saturday, February 7	12pm Patsy Lemming
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, February 8	10am Rev. David Mary Engo 5pm Ron Driessche 7pm People of Holy Cross 8am † Berry Family 10:30am † John & Catherine Messina

Pray for the Living & the Dead

Oremos por los Vivos y los Muertos

Recalling that praying for the living and the dead is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy, let us pray for one another, especially for those in need of our prayers.

Recordando que orar por los vivos y los muertos es una de las siete obras espirituales de misericordia, oremos unos por otros, especialmente por aquellos que necesitan nuestras oraciones.

In your charity, please pray for: Clarissa Palcone, Carolyn Stecher, Bacilio Montoya, Mick Hoffer, Donna Hoffer, Ursula Gifford, Teresita Jenkins, May Avera, Ada Avera, John Jabaley, Deacon Stephen May

If you would like to submit the name of a loved one to be prayed for, please contact the parish office. Names will be included for one month, unless noted otherwise.

Si desea enviar el nombre de un ser querido para que se ore por él, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial. Los nombres se incluirán durante un mes, a menos que se indique lo contrario.



Announcements

Creation Proclaims the Goodness of God Retreat

A retreat in Yellowstone National Park is being organized for October 11-16, 2026. The retreat will be led by Fr.

Michael Cummins. The focus of the retreat is recognizing creation as a revelation of the love of God, our creator, and how all of creation guided by humankind, uniquely made in the image and likeness of God, is called to give praise to God. The retreat will consist of daily wildlife watching led by professional wildlife guides, daily Mass and retreat sessions offered by Fr. Michael, a Holy Hour of adoration and opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Brochures giving full information are available and persons can contact St. Dominic Church (423-288-8101) if interested.

You can see the flyer posted on our bulletin board in the narthex.

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Events

There are many youth and young adult events coming up in our Diocese. The flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Kroger Rewards Program

Everytime you buy groceries at Kroger, you could be supporting our Parish! Visit our website announcements page for instructions on how to sign up for Kroger Rewards.

Attention Parents with Children in Religious Education

In order to prepare for the completion of sacramental preparation classes and the reception of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, we are now collecting all baptismal certificates. This is required for your child to receive their sacraments. We need an original copy of your child's baptismal certificate with notations of all the other sacraments they have received (if applicable) from their place of baptism. The certificate needs to have been made in the past 6 months. If Holy Cross is not your child's place of baptism, simply reach out to that Parish and ask them to send it to us directly through the mail. Our address is on the front page of the bulletin. If Holy Cross is your child's place of baptism, please reach out to the Parish Office and let us know so we can create your baptismal certificates. If your child is not yet baptized, please reach out to the Parish Office to schedule their baptism. It is a joy to accomodate your family's sacramental life!

Bulletin Submission Deadline *Fecha límite para la presentación de boletines*

Please submit requests for weekend bulletin or pulpit announcements to the Parish Office email address by 5pm on Monday.

Por favor, envíen las solicitudes para los avisos del boletín o los anuncios desde el púlpito del fin de semana a la dirección de correo electrónico de la oficina parroquial antes de las 5 de la tarde del lunes.

Weekly Events

Bible Study

Join our Pastor in a contemplative study of the Word of God in Sacred Scripture on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Family Life Room.

Father Hendershott provides scriptural commentary as we read through Genesis and meditate on the Providence of God through salvation history.

Young Adult Group

Our Young Adult group (ages 18-35) meets once a month on Sunday.



High School Youth Group

Escuela Secundaria Para Grupo Juvenil

Grades 9-12 meeting on Tuesdays from 6-8pm in the Family Life Room. All high school and soon to be high school students are welcomed to attend.

There will always be food provided and fun activities to do. For more information, contact

Nick Sisto at: nlsisto@wlwlaw.net

El grupo de jóvenes de secundaria, de los grados 9 -12 se reúnen los martes de 6pm a 8:00pm. Siempre va a ver comida y diversión. Alientamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de escuela secundaria y futuros estudiantes de escuela secundaria que asisten. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Nick Sisto.

FLOCKNOTE

We are excited to announce that we have Flocknote for the Parish! We will be using it to send out important announcements and parish updates via email. We also plan to start a periodic newsletter. If you would like to sign up, you can find the form at the bottom of the front page of our website, or by scanning the QR code on this page. We also have sign-up slips in the narthex.



Stewardship

January 24/25



Since on average 3 out of 5 Mass attendees are visitors, we invite our guests to consider a “timeshare” stewardship with our parish. Our website has a donation link, and donations can be set to match *the time you share with us*.

As our monthly expenses are \$25,000, please consider Holy Cross in your donations and in your will.

Donate Online

You may scan this QR code to donate online.
Thank you for your generosity!

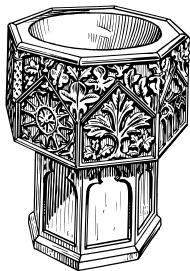


You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God...

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 11-12, 15

Sacramental Preparation



Baptism

Congratulations on your newborn! In order to prepare for baptism, parents and god parents need to attend baptismal preparation classes before the proposed baptism date.

Si necesita información para bautizos en español, por favor comuníquese con el señor Alejandro Mondragón, El está encargado de la preparación para los bautizos. Su numero de teléfono es: (865) 227-9380.



Confirmation for Catholics

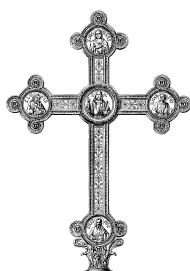
Father Hendershott will administer the sacrament of Confirmation for practicing Catholics over the age of 18 on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 8am. Please contact the Parish Office at least 2 months ahead of time if you would like to be confirmed this year.

El padre Hendershott administrará el sacramento de la Confirmación a los católicos practicantes mayores de 18 años el domingo 26 de abril de 2026 a las 8:00 a. m. Si desea recibir la Confirmación este año, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial con al menos dos meses de anticipación.



Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for your marriage at least four months before your desired wedding date.



Catholic Faith Formation Classes

We have Faith Formation classes on Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm. Our religious education teachers prepare children in grades K-12 to receive their sacraments. For more information, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Gianfranco, at gdellasantina@yahoo.com.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Holy Mother Church welcomes you! For more information, please contact our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) teacher, Tylor Starkey, at t.starkey88@gmail.com.



Advertising Opportunity ***Oportunidad publicitaria***

If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our Holy Cross bulletin & provide a donation to help cover the weekly printing costs, please contact the Parish Office.

Si desea anunciar su negocio en la parte posterior de nuestro boletín de Holy Cross y hacer una donación para ayudar a cubrir los costos de impresión semanales, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.