

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Called By Name Sunday

January 18, 2026

Parish Office

865-429-5587

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

Gift Shop open upon request

Pastor

*Father Michael Hendershott,
S.T.L.*

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Deacon Stephen May

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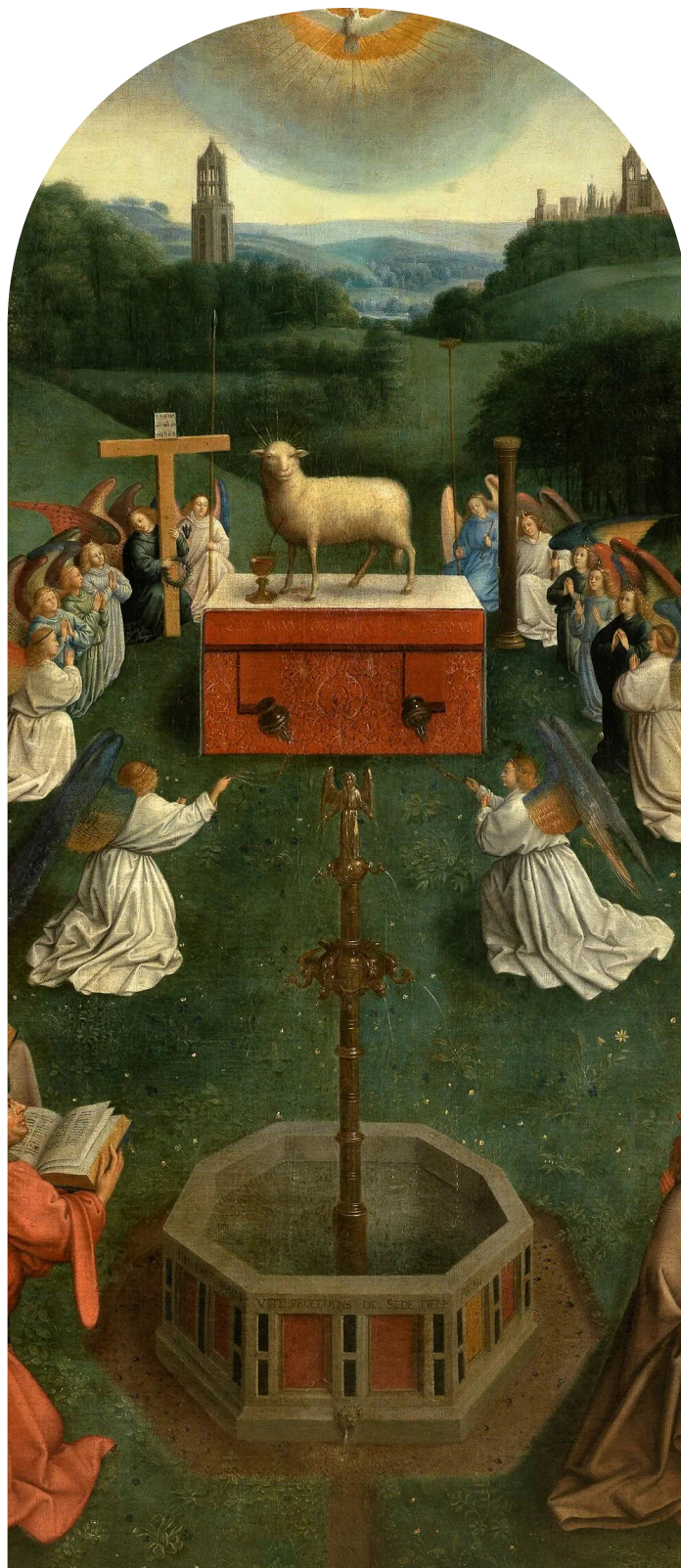
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Mass Schedule

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

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Cross,

This Sunday we celebrate **Called by Name Sunday**, a day to remember and promote the gift of vocations! With your help and participation, we are asking God for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for service in the Diocese of Knoxville. Please read the Bishop's Letter in this bulletin for more information. The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word, *vocare* which means "to call." We hear God calling people many times in the readings today. In the first reading, God called Isaiah, "*The LORD said to me: You are my servant.*" In the second reading from St. Paul, he writes, "*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy.*" And in the Gospel we recall the Baptism of Christ where the Father called out from heaven, "*You are my Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.*"

When I was about 8 years old, I remember first hearing the call to the priesthood in prayer, especially in adoration and in attending daily Mass. I then heard the call echoed through the invitation of a priest to consider priesthood. He was a good example of a spiritual father, spiritually serving the children of God by providing the Divine Food of the Holy Eucharist from the altar and the Word of God from the pulpit, forgiving sins in the confessional, blessing all the ages and stages of life with the sacraments from baptizing, to marrying and burying. Then a few pious women asked me if I had ever thought about becoming a priest, thus encouraging me to pray and think about it even more. I discerned the call for years and thought about it on and off until I went to college at Tennessee Tech University. It was there that I met a group of young men also discerning priesthood and we formed a Chesterton Society where we read books like *Orthodoxy* and John Senior's *Restoration of Christian Culture*. The group helped me ask and answer the great questions of life, like "What is my purpose in life?" I came to my own conclusion, namely, that I wanted to give my life for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. After one year studying Mechanical Engineering, I decided to apply for the seminary for the Diocese of Knoxville in hopes of becoming a diocesan priest like my inspiring childhood pastor.

The then-Bishop Kurtz sent me to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 4 years in Philosophy, then I was sent to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri for 1 year in Theology, and finally I was sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy, for 4 years where I studied at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Urbe, aka the Angelicum University run by the Dominican Order. I received a License in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) concentrating in Dogmatic Theology. I wrote my license on Saint Thomas Aquinas and Bishop John Zizoulas, comparing and contrasting their ideas about created grace.

I love being a priest, and I am so very grateful to God for having called me to the priesthood. I am truly fulfilled as a priest serving in the Diocese of Knoxville as pastor of the beautiful Holy Cross Catholic Church. It is a privilege to be here with you all, and I ask that you always pray for me. May I fulfill what God has written on my heart, to work always for the salvation of souls and the glory of God!



Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot	Saturday, January 17	5pm People of Holy Cross 7pm † Rev. Ron Stone
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, January 18	8am Tom Kane 10:30am DellaSantina Family
Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	Monday, January 19	No Mass
Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	Tuesday, January 20	No Mass † Aniela Butasek
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Wednesday, January 21	No Mass † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Thursday, January 22	No Mass † Mary Siszka
Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	Friday, January 23	No Mass † Jeffrey Zanoni
Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Saturday, January 24	5pm † Jimmy Fox 7pm People of Holy Cross
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, January 25	8am Rev. Michael Hendershott 10:30am DellaSantina Family

Pray for the Living & the Dead

Oremos por los Vivos y los Muertos

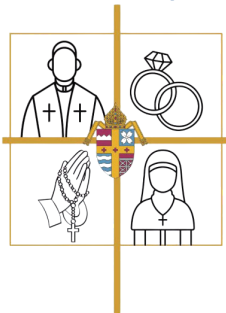
Recalling that praying for the living and the dead is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy, let us pray for one another, especially for those in need of our prayers.

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: Madelyn Exposito, Russel Qualantone, Frank Aparicio, Teresita Fajardo, Adrian Hernandez, Nicolas Hernandez, Jesus Arguez, Clarissa Palcone, Carolyn Stecher, Bacilio Montoya, Mick Hoffer, Donna Hoffer

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.



Called By Name Sunday

Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations

"I have called you by name; you are Mine."

- Isaiah 43:1

January 17-18, 2026

Called by Name is a diocesan-wide campaign to identify faithful young Catholics, both men and women, who could be future leaders in the Church.

This includes, of course, those who may be called to priesthood and religious life, but also anyone who is serving the Church with their gifts and talents.

Parishioners are asked to submit the names of young people in high school or older, boys and girls, who show love and devotion to the Church, and **who possibly could be called to priesthood or religious life.**

The Office of Vocations will offer gentle support to these young people as they discern their vocations.



HOW TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF A YOUNG PERSON THAT YOU BELIEVE MAY HAVE A VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE

1. **Online:** <https://dioknox.org/called-by-name-form> or QR code
2. **In-person:** fill out a physical form in the narthex or in the back of the bulletin and place it in the office door mail slot
3. **Over the phone:** Call our office during office hours

Bishop's Appeal for Ministries

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The Bishop's Appeal for Ministries begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive.

Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, but it also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, funds support Christian Formation, Diaconate Formation, and St. Mary's Legacy Clinic. Each Appeal gift enables the diocese to build up the kingdom of God throughout East Tennessee. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our diocese and to the Church throughout the world. The gifts that we give enable ministries, education and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please make a commitment to the annual appeal. Thank you in advance for your support.

La Colecta Del Obispo

La Colecta del Obispo comenzará con una información enviada por correo regular que muchos de los feligreses ya han recibido o recibirán próximamente. Su donación no solo provee los fondos de muchas de las operaciones de la Diócesis sino que brinda los fondos para servicios que ayudan en gran manera a los ministerios de nuestra Parroquia. Por ejemplo, ayuda proveyendo los fondos para Formación cristiana, formación para el diaconado y la Clínica St. Mary's Legacy. Cada donación recogida en la Colecta permite a la Diócesis construir el reino de Dios en todo el Este de Tennessee. Dios nos da todo lo que tenemos. Incluso cuando queremos creer que nuestros éxitos se deben a nosotros mismos, sabemos que es Dios quien nos ha bendecido abundantemente con todo lo que tenemos. El siempre nos está dando. Su gracia siempre está ahí para nosotros. Una manera en que podemos demostrar nuestra gratitud es ofreciendo nuestro generoso apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia, a nuestra diócesis y a la Iglesia en todo el mundo. Las donaciones que hacemos hacen posibles ministerios, la educación y servicios que afectan a miles de vidas. Muchas gracias anticipadamente por su apoyo.

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.

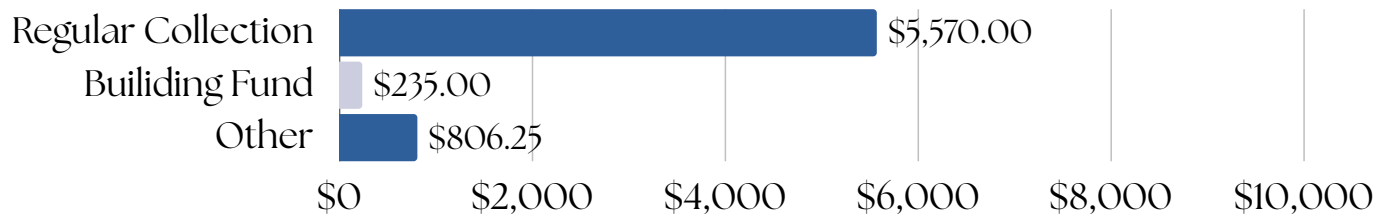
High School Youth Group *Escuela Secundaria Para Grupo Juvenil*

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@wlvlaw.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. Alentamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de escuela secundaria y futuros estudiantes de escuela secundaria que asisten. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Nick Sisto.

Stewardship

January 10/11



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

Announcements

No daily Mass this week

There will be no daily Mass this week, Monday January 19-Friday, January 23. The scheduled Mass Intentions will be offered privately.

No Bible Study this week

There will be no Bible Study this Thursday, January 22.

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.

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.

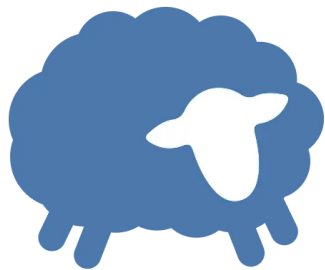
Bulletin Submission Deadline

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.

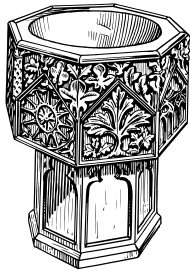
FLOCKNOTE



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.



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.

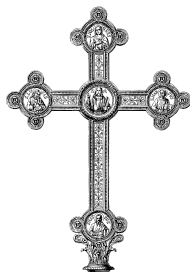
El padre Hendershott administrará el sacramento de la Confirmación a los católicos practicantes mayores de 18 años el domingo 26 de abril de 2026 a las 8:00 a. m. Si desea recibir la Confirmación este año, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial con al menos dos meses de anticipación.

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.



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6 de octubre de 2025

October 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the greatest gifts of our Church is the call that God places in the hearts of His people. Each of us is invited to live out our baptismal vocation in love and service. Some are called in a special way to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. Recognizing and encouraging these callings is a responsibility we share as the Body of Christ.

On the weekend of **January 17-18, 2026**, our Diocese of Knoxville will take part in the **Called By Name** program. This is an opportunity for you to prayerfully consider the young people and adults in your parish community who show qualities of faith, generosity, leadership, and love for the Church, signs that God may be calling them to serve in ordained or consecrated life.

During Mass that weekend, you will be invited to submit the names of those individuals you recognize as potential candidates. These names will be shared with the Vocation Office, and I will personally reach out to those nominated, offering encouragement, prayer, and resources for discernment.

Your participation is vital. A kind word or nomination from you may be the very encouragement someone needs to hear God's call more clearly. I ask each of you to take time this week to pray about who in your parish family the Lord may be calling by name. Together, let us build a culture of vocations where the seeds of faith are nurtured and the Church in East Tennessee continues to grow in joyful service to Christ and His people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Mark Beckman
Bishop of Knoxville

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Uno de los mayores dones de nuestra Iglesia es el llamado que Dios pone en el corazón de su pueblo. Cada uno de nosotros está invitado a vivir nuestra vocación bautismal en el amor y el servicio. Algunos son llamados de manera especial al sacerdocio, al diaconado o a la vida consagrada. Reconocer y fomentar estas vocaciones es una responsabilidad que compartimos como Cuerpo de Cristo.

El fin de semana del **17 y 18 de enero de 2026**, nuestra Diócesis de Knoxville participará en el programa **"Llamados por su Nombre"**. Esta es una oportunidad para que, en oración, consideren a los jóvenes y adultos de su comunidad parroquial que demuestran cualidades de fe, generosidad, liderazgo y amor por la Iglesia; signos de que Dios podría estar llamándolos a servir en la vida consagrada o en el ministerio ordenado.

Durante la Misa de ese fin de semana, se les invitará a enviar los nombres de aquellas personas que reconozcan como posibles candidatas. Estos nombres serán compartidos con la oficina de vocaciones, y yo personalmente me pondré en contacto con los nominados para ofrecerles aliento, oración y recursos para su discernimiento.

Su participación es vital. Una palabra amable o una nominación suya puede ser justamente el estímulo que alguien necesita para escuchar con más claridad la llamada de Dios. Les pido que esta semana se tomen un tiempo para orar, reflexionar y pensar en aquellos a quienes el Señor puede estar llamando por su nombre, en su familia parroquial. Unidos, construyamos una cultura vocacional donde las semillas de la fe sean cultivadas y la Iglesia en el Este de Tennessee continúe creciendo en el gozo del servicio a Cristo y a su pueblo.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

El Reverendísimo Mark Beckman
Obispo de Knoxville

CALLED BY NAME

Thank you so much for nominating a person whom you think Jesus might be calling to be a priest or religious sister or brother. Those you nominate will receive a letter from our bishop, congratulating them on living the Christian life in an exemplary way and gently inviting them to begin formally discerning their calling, as well as much helpful information and resources. There are no requirements or commitments on their part – only a loving invitation from the Lord.

☐ Male
 ☐ Female

Name

Parent Name (if under 18) Age

Email Address Phone Number

Home Parish

Your Name Relationship to this person

Tell us about this person

LLAMADOS POR NOMBRE

Muchas gracias por nominar a una persona que tú crees que Jesús podría estar llamando a ser sacerdote o hermano o hermana religiosa. Las personas que nomines recibirán una carta de nuestro obispo, felicitándolas por vivir la vida cristiana de manera ejemplar e invitándolas con delicadeza a comenzar un proceso formal de discernimiento sobre su vocación. También recibirán información y recursos útiles. No hay requisitos ni compromisos de su parte – solo una amorosa invitación del Señor.

☐ Hombre
 ☐ Mujer

Nombre

Nombre del padre/madre (si es menor de 18 años): Edad

Correo electrónico Número de teléfono

Parroquia de origen

Tu nombre Relación con esta persona

Cuéntanos sobre esta persona