

Holy Cross Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026



Parish Office

Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm
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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

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Saturday, February 21

5pm † Michael and Josie Anzelino
7pm People of Holy Cross

Sunday, February 22

8am Frandy Pelaez and family
10:30am † Dominic Aletto

Monday, February 23

No Mass

Tuesday, February 24

12pm † Janet Burton

Wednesday, February 25

12pm Rebekah Snyder

Thursday, February 26

12pm † Nancy Seacrest

Friday, February 27

12pm Marangellie Chaparro & Family

Saturday, February 28

5pm † The Chovan Family
7pm Marangellie Chaparro & Family

Sunday, February 29

8am Felipe and Maria Tarin
10:30am People of Holy Cross

Pray for the Living & the Dead

Recalling that praying for the living and the dead is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy, let us pray for one another.

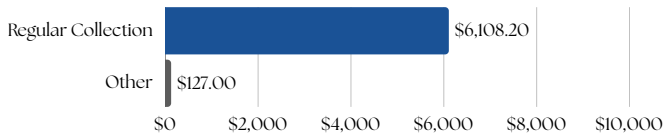
In your charity, please pray for: Teresita Jenkins, May Avera, Ada Avera, Diane Poland, John Jabaley, Deacon Stephen May

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.



Stewardship

February 14/15



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

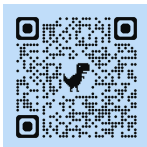
Donate Online

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



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.



Flocknote Newsletter

Holy Cross uses Flocknote to stay in touch with our parishioners and visitors. Important announcements and parish updates are sent out via email and text message. Scan the QR code or sign up on the front page of our website.



Announcements



Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent
6pm English
7pm Spanish

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.

Holy Week Schedule

The schedule for Holy Week is on the front page of the Holy Cross website.

Legion of Mary at Holy Family

Dear parishioners of Holy Cross, **Do you want to deepen your prayer life, develop close catholic friendships and grow closer to Jesus and His Mother?** Our Loving Mother Praesidium, the Legion of Mary in Seymour, holds the meetings every Monday at 9:15AM in the Family Life Center of Holy Family Catholic Church, 201 Black Oak Ridge Rd, Seymour TN 37865. The meetings last approximately one hour. The members pray the rosary and read short descriptions linked to the gospel of the day. **What is the Legion of Mary?** It is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in Catholic Church with well over 3 million active members. It makes its members better Catholics, through a balanced program of prayer and service union with the Holy Spirit as he operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. **What does Our Loving Mother Praesidium do?** A few examples of works of service for parish and community spiritual needs: praying, visiting and bringing communion to the sick and homebound parishioners, attending funerals for deceased parishioners and working with youths in the CCD.

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.

Holy Cross Young Adult Group

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

The next event will be **February 22 at 1pm in the Family Life Room**. The Young Adult Group will be painting tarps with scenes of Jerusalem to hang behind the Altar of Repose this Holy Thursday.



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.

Rosary for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Rosario por las Santas Almas del Purgatorio

The Rosary Group meets every Monday at 7pm.

El Grupo del Rosario se reúne todos los lunes a las 19 horas.

Sacraments

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscbb.org.



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Lent

What is Lent? Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) of prayer and penance leading to Easter.



What are the pillars of Lent?

PRAYER, listening and responding to God's call, deepens our relationship to God and draws the heart closer to His will.

FASTING is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites. Though it is refraining from food, fasting also includes refraining from sin and reflecting on one's dependence on God.

ALMSGIVING involves donating money or goods to the poor and performing acts of charity. According to the catechism, almsgiving is "a work of justice pleasing to God" (CCC 2462).

Lent is a time of prolonged penance for committing ourselves to fulfill our baptismal call to holiness, service, and community. At the heart of all penance is the call to conversion. In the words of Christ: "Repent, and believe the gospel!" (Mark 1:15).



Baptism

Congratulations on your newborn! For English-speaking families, please visit the Holy Cross website where you can policies, procedures, and all necessary paperwork under the "Baptism" tab.

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

Faith Formation classes are on Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm. Religious education teachers prepare children in grades K-12 to receive the sacraments. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education (DRE) Gianfranco at gdellasantina@yahoo.com.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Holy Mother Church welcomes you! For more information, please contact the Parish Office.