

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 1:00pm until

7:00am Saturday



Coronation of the Virgin, Tommaso del Mazza

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Saturday, August 22	5pm † Clarissa Palcone 7pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, August 23	8am People of Holy Cross 10:30am † Willa Avino
Monday, August 24	No Mass
Tuesday, August 25	No Mass † Mary Ann Voisin
Wednesday, August 26	No Mass † Clarissa Palcone
Thursday, August 27	No Mass † Leo Francis Shields
Friday, August 28	No Mass † Mell Myers
Saturday, August 29	5pm † Leo Francis Shields 7pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, August 30	8am Diego 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: Clarissa Palcone, Juan Palcone, Teresita Jenkins, May Avera, Ada Avera

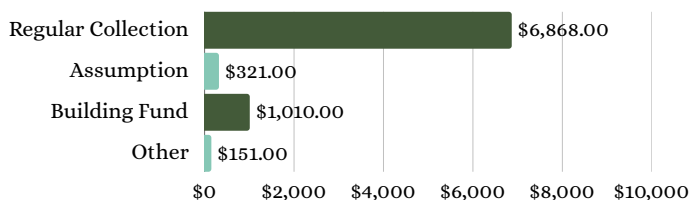
Jim Hourihane, Elisa DellaSantina, the DellaSantina Family, Rudolf Kadela, Charles Jones, Jay Barasch, Diane Poland

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 otherwise noted.



Stewardship

August 15/16



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!



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 & Events

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church Fall Community Connections

Join us for An Evening with The Most Reverend Mark Beckman, Bishop of Knoxville, as he shares "Bearing the Light of Christ in East Tennessee." This special Community Connections event will be held Wednesday, September 2, from 6:00–8:00 PM in the PFLC Social Hall. Come, listen, and grow with us as Bishop Beckman speaks on faith and community in our diocese. A welcome reception will follow with hot and cold appetizers and a cash bar featuring beer and wine. Sign-up is required — scan the QR code.



Bible Study resumes September 10

Join our Pastor in a contemplative study of the Word of God in Sacred Scripture on **Thursdays at 10:30am in the Family Life Room, resuming September 10.** Father Hendershott provides scriptural commentary as we read through Exodus and meditate on the Providence of God through salvation history.

Rosario por las Santas Almas del Purgatorio

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

Laity invited to study theology at Saint Meinrad

Seek God through prayer, study, and a tradition of Benedictine hospitality. The Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program invites you to learn about its MA and certificates in theology during an online Open House on Wed Sept 23 at 6:30 pm CT, OR an in-person Open House on Sat Oct 10. Discover how theological study can enrich your faith and your service to the Church. Learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.



Post-Master's Spiritual Direction Certificate

Do you feel called to accompany others in their journey of faith? Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology's Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Direction prepares more experienced students to serve as spiritual directors through theological study, formation, and supervised practice rooted in the Benedictine tradition. We are forming a new certificate cohort. Register your interest by October 1 to save your spot. Learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/SD.



Sacraments

Catholic Faith Formation Classes Clases de Formación en la Fe Católica

It's time to register for Holy Cross Catholic Faith Formation Classes! CFFC registration for grades K-12 begins on **Saturday, August 15, 2026** and the deadline for registration is **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**. Classes begin on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:30-7:30pm**. The Calendar is posted on our website. If Sevier County schools are closed for inclement weather or illness, CFFC is not automatically cancelled. The Parish Office will communicate when classes are cancelled.

In order to register for CFFC, there are **two** requirements:

First, the family **MUST** either:

- a) register as parishioners and receive a *Family ID#*, or
- b) update their parish registration on our website using their existing *Family ID#*. If your family is already registered and uses OSV Sunday Envelopes for donations, you can find your *Family ID#* on the outside of your weekly envelopes. CFFC Teachers are available after each Saturday & Sunday Mass until September 6 in the Family Life Room to help families find their *Family ID#* from the parish database system.

Second, the family **MUST** register their child using the *CFFC JotForm* on our website using their *Family ID#*. Note that all the information with an *asterisk* **MUST** be completed, and that a child is not registered for CFFC until BOTH the family parish registration information and the CFFC JotForm are accurately completed and you receive a confirmation email.

Securing these **two registrations** makes possible the accurate administrative processing of sacramental records for years to come. Thank you for your cooperation!

*¡Es hora de inscribirse en las Clases de Formación en la Fe Católica (CFFC) de Holy Cross! La inscripción en CFFC para los grados K-12 comienza el **sábado 15 de agosto de 2026** y la fecha límite para inscribirse es el **miércoles 30 de septiembre de 2026**. Las clases comienzan el **miércoles 9 de septiembre de 2026 de 6:30 a 7:30 p.m.** El calendario está publicado a continuación. Si las escuelas del Condado de Sevier cierran por mal tiempo o enfermedad, la CFFC no se cancela automáticamente. La Oficina Parroquial comunicará cuando las clases sean canceladas.*

Para inscribirse en la CFFC, hay **dos** requisitos:

Primero, la familia **DEBE**:

- a) inscribirse como feligreses y recibir un Número de ID Familiar, o
- b) actualizar su registro parroquial en nuestro sitio web utilizando su Número de ID Familiar existente. Si su familia ya está registrada y utiliza los sobres dominicales de OSV para sus donaciones, puede encontrar su Número de ID Familiar en el exterior de sus sobres semanales. Los maestros de CFFC estarán disponibles después de cada misa de sábado y domingo hasta el 6 de septiembre en la Salón de Vida Familiar (Family Life Room) para ayudar a las familias a encontrar su Número de ID Familiar en el sistema de base de datos de la parroquia.

Segundo, la familia **DEBE** inscribir a su hijo utilizando el formulario JotForm de CFFC en nuestro sitio web utilizando su Número de ID Familiar. Tenga en cuenta que toda la información marcada con un asterisco **DEBE** completarse, y que un niño no queda inscrito en la CFFC hasta que **AMBOS** registros —la información de registro parroquial de la familia y el JotForm de CFFC— estén completados correctamente y usted reciba un correo electrónico de confirmación.

Asegurar estos dos registros hace posible el procesamiento administrativo preciso de los registros sacramentales en los años venideros. ¡Gracias por su cooperación!

Baptism

Congratulations on your newborn! For English-speaking families, please visit the Holy Cross website where you can find 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.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Holy Mother Church welcomes you! Registration for the 2026-27 academic year is open! Scan the QR code below to register. For more information, please email Patrick Cook at ocia@holycrossn.org.
¡La Santa Madre Iglesia les da la bienvenida! Para más información, comuníquese con Alejandro Mondragón al 865-227-9380.



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.

Para bodas comunitarias, por favor llame a Alejandro Mondragón: 865-227-9380

