

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026



Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

865-429-5587

holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org

Pastor

Fr. Michael Hendershott, STL

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Gianfranco DellaSantina

Parish Receptionist

Carolina DuPont

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Administrative Assistant

Rebekah Snyder

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Resource Manager

Michael Landree

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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

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Saturday, May 23	5pm † John & Charlene Mingora 7pm Israel Herrera
Sunday, May 24	8am † Daniel Brochu 10:30am People of Holy Cross
Monday, May 25	No Mass
Tuesday, May 26	12pm † Imogene Suttles
Wednesday, May 27	12pm † Most Rev. Richard Stika
Thursday, May 28	12pm † Most Rev. Richard Stika
Friday, May 29	12pm Kathy Kane
Saturday, May 30	5pm † Mary Ann Voisin 7pm People of Holy Cross
Sunday, May 31	8am † Carolyn Stecher 10:30am † Carolyn Stecher

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

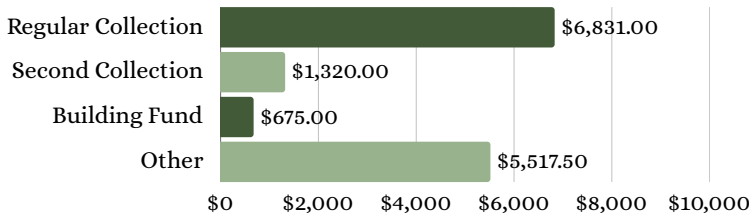
Rory DuPont, Cristin Pamintuan, Mel Clabough, Charles Jones

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

May 16/17



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BISHOP'S APPEAL for MINISTRIES

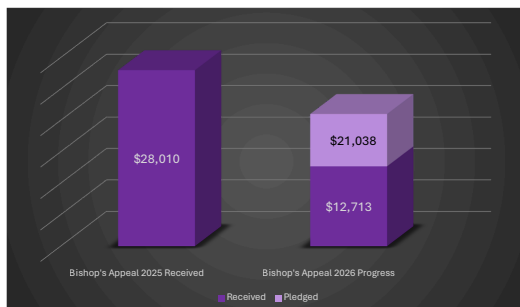
Building up the Church in East Tennessee

Holy Cross, Pigeon Forge

Through April 2026

BA25 Participants to Date: 109

BA26 Participants to Date: 77



You make ministries possible!

COLECTA DEL OBISPO para LOS MINISTERIOS

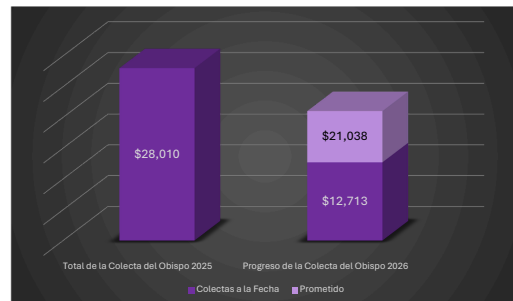
Fortalezcamos la Iglesia en el Este de Tennessee

Holy Cross, Pigeon Forge

Hasta finales de Abril de 2026

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¡Usted hace posibles los ministerios!

Announcements & Events



Dress for Mary

A Young Adult Marian-Themed Event

Ever wondered what it would look like to live with the courage, peace, and confidence of Mary today? Come experience a night where faith meets creativity, community, and fun.

Wear blue and white, a modest modern look inspired by Mary, a veil, a Marian hoodie, saint-inspired streetwear, or any Marian-themed outfit or accessory. Whether you go all out or keep it simple, come ready to celebrate together.

★ Expect:

Music & community vibes

Pray the Rosary

Marian-inspired outfits and objects

A night centered on faith, beauty, and joy

No pressure. No perfect costume needed. Just come as you are and bring your creativity.

📍 Family Life Room @ Holy Cross,
Pigeon Forge

📅 May 24, 2026

🕒 3:00 pm

Want to contribute? You're welcome to bring food or drinks to share, though your presence is more important than bringing anything.



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.

Bible Study

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

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.



Meet Our New Office Staff Member

We are continually improving our Holy Cross Parish Office to better serve the needs of our growing parish. This week, we welcomed a new **Parish Receptionist**. She is bilingual, which will be a great support for our Hispanic community. She currently works on Mondays and Tuesdays in the front office, and eventually will begin working Monday through Friday by this fall.



Carolina DuPont is a bilingual educator and ministry leader with experience in K-12 instruction, youth formation, and family support services. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish. Carolina previously served as a teacher, youth director, and Gabriel Project Co-Director at the Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Key West, Florida. In 2017, she moved to Tennessee with her husband, Rory, and began homeschooling their three children. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, cooking, and painting. She values hospitality, discipleship, and helping parish communities flourish through faithful service.

*At the beginning of this year, Carolina graciously agreed to be the Holy Cross wedding coordinator. Since then, the opportunity to serve in a greater capacity has become possible, and we are happy to welcome her as the **Holy Cross Parish Receptionist**. As receptionist, she welcomes visitors and parishioners to the parish office, answers general questions about the parish, and schedules Mass intentions. She answers phones and emails, and directs messages to the appropriate staff. She maintains parish and sacramental records, and coordinates and attends weddings and funerals. We are happy to welcome her onboard.*

Given the addition of a Parish Receptionist, the Holy Cross Parish Office has been restructured to accommodate the new position.



Rebekah Snyder is now the Holy Cross **Administrative Assistant**. As Admin Assist, her position provides secretarial, administrative and related office services for the Pastor, clergy, parish ministry staff, committees and councils. She prepares bulletins, programs, letters and correspondence, parish communications, and the parish website. She maintains the parish calendar and schedules all appointments, meetings, facilities use, sacraments and liturgies. She assists in the planning and the preparation of weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other liturgies. She purchases and displays Gift Shop items, and she performs receptionist duties as needed when Carolina is away. Rebekah's office is in the old Third Grade classroom. We are happy to welcome Rebekah into her new role.



Michael Landree remains the Holy Cross **Resource Manager**, and serves to organize maintenance, security, volunteers, financial bookkeeping, including the Gift Shop. He handles purchasing materials and supplies, invoices, contracts, reimbursements, CMG Connect Safe Environment, and insurance paperwork. His hours are 6:30pm-8:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and occasional weekends. We are grateful for his work to maintain Holy Cross in tip-top shape.

The Chancery of the Diocese of Knoxville has been very helpful and supportive in the restructuring of our parish office to hire and equip the most qualified candidates to serve Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Thank you for your service as humble coworkers in the vineyard of Christ!