

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2026

Parish Office

865-429-5587

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

Gift Shop open upon request

Pastor

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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,

One of my favorite paintings is the Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew by Duccio di Boninsegna (1308-1311). This panel from the famous double-sided Cathedral altarpiece in Siena, Italy known as the Maestà depicts the Gospel reading that we heard today.

“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, [Jesus] saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’

At once they left their nets and followed him.” Mt 4:18-20



The painting depicts the First Conversion of the Spiritual Life, the moment of one's decision to follow Christ. According to spiritual theology, there are classically considered Three Conversions of the Spiritual Life that demarcate the entrances into the Three Ages of the Interior Life: 1) Purgative-from sin, 2) Illuminative-in grace, 3) Unitive-living in God. (For further reading on this topic, see *The Three Conversions in the Spiritual Life* by Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.)

At our first conversion, Our Lord invites us to follow Him and we have the freedom to respond to His call. He is clothed in red, the color of divinity because it is the color of fire or the color of the sun, and then He is wrapped in blue, the color of humanity because it is the color of our world when looked at from afar, covered as it is by water. He unites divinity and humanity in His one divine person; the red of His divinity is clothed in the blue of our humanity. He stands upon the rock of eternity (steadfast) and calls with arm outstretched to Peter and Andrew who are in the boat upon the waters of time (unsteadiness of the wind and the waves) to join Him upon the rock, He who is the Rock of Our Salvation (Psalm 95).

Peter and Andrew have their eyes upon the Lord and follow Him right away. Andrew was the protocletus or “First-Called” because he was a disciple of Saint John the Baptist and therefore he was already a good disciple who knew how to follow. Peter would have learned how to follow from the example of Andrew. We all need examples of followers in our life, because the best leaders were/are the best followers. James and John then followed the followers, Peter and Andrew, who themselves had become leaders of other followers because they were such great followers. Let us always follow Jesus like Peter and Andrew, James and John so as to respond to the Divine Invitation to Discipleship or Christ calling us to follow Him in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Let us pray:

O Lord, grant us priests!

O Lord, grant us holy priests!

O Lord, grant us many holy priests and religious vocations!

Mass Intentions

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Saturday, January 24	† Denotes deceased 5pm † Jimmy Fox 7pm People of Holy Cross
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, January 25	8am Rev. Michael Hendershott 10:30am DellaSantina Family
Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Monday, January 26	No Mass
Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time	Tuesday, January 27	No Mass
Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Wednesday, January 28	12pm Rev. David Mary Engo
Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time	Thursday, January 29	12pm Frandy Pelaez and family
Friday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time	Friday, January 30	12pm Boone-Newman Family
Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest	Saturday, January 31	5pm Frandy Pelaez and family 7pm † Maria del Carmen
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, February 1	8am † Warner Bruce Carter 10:30am People of Holy Cross

Pray for the Living & the Dead

Oremos por los Vivos y los Muertos

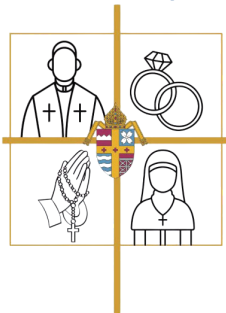
Recalling that praying for the living and the dead is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy, let us pray for one another, especially for those in need of our prayers.

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, Ursula Gifford

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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Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries information that you received with your bulletin. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Each donation makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Diocese.

If you received a letter in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew commitment process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

La Colecta Del Obispo

Su apoyo a La Colecta del Obispo será una señal importante de unidad, ya que celebramos juntos y compartimos nuestras bendiciones con los más necesitados. Su donativo ayudará a responder a la ecesidades apremiantes de nuestro prójimo y llevará aún a más personas a Jesús. Éstas son alguna maneras en las que su generosidad impactará las vidas de otros en nuestra región:

Ofrece cuidados médicos gratuitos a través de la Clínica Médica Móvil de Santa María, Apoya la educación y formación de seminaristas, sacerdotes y diáconos, Ofrece servicios legales de bajo costo y apoyo social para inmigrantes y refugiados.

Apoya los programas pastorales para jóvenes
Cada donativo marca una diferencia porque todas las parroquias participan en la campaña y las donaciones de muchos permiten que nuestra Diócesis provea los ministerios y servicios necesarios. Nuestras donaciones combinadas no sólo representan nuestra gratitud a Dios, sino que financian una parte importante de la labor de nuestra Diócesis.

Llevaremos a cabo nuestra Colecta en el templo durante todas las Misas el próximo fin de semana. Gracias

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.

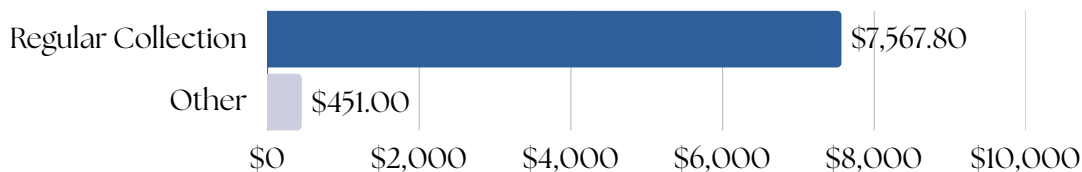
High School Youth Group *Escuela Secundaria Para Grupo Juvenil*

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 17/18



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 Mass January 27, 2026

There is no Mass this Tuesday, January 27
due to a Diocesan Priest Meeting.

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*

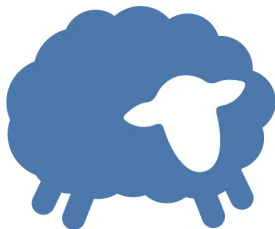
Please submit requests for weekend bulletin or pulpit
announcements to the Parish Office email address
by 5pm on Monday.

*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.*

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.*

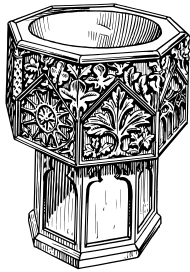


FLOCKNOTE

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



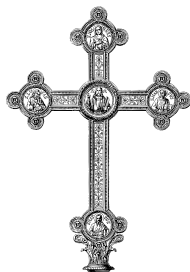
Father Hendershott will administer the sacrament of Confirmation for practicing Catholics over the age of 18 on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 8am. Please contact the Parish Office at least 2 months ahead of time if you would like to be confirmed this year.

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.