

Holy Cross Catholic Church

144 Wears Valley Road † Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

August 31, 2025

Gospel Matthew 23 27-32

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth.



Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Tuesday/Martes - 8:00 am

Wednesday/Miércoles - 8:00 am

Thursdays/Jueves - 12:00 pm

Friday/Viernes - 8:00 am

Saturday/Sábado - 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday/Domingo - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESIÓN

Sabado 6:30-6:55 pm— por cita

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Masas

Saturday/Sabado, August 30

5:00pm In Memory of Edil Ramon Mungia

7:00pm Intention of Catalina Zavata Cano & Manuel Castro Gonzalez

Sunday/Domingo, August 31

8:00am Intention of Chris & Margie Lyszczarczyk

10:30am Intention of Mirno DellaSantina

Tuesday/Martes, September 2

8:00am Intention of Uriel Montero

Wednesday/Miercoles, September 3

8:00am Intention of Uriel Montero

Thursday/Jueves, September 4

12:00pm In Memory of Betty Dale

Friday/Viernes, September 5

8:00am In Memory of Nicolas Crespo

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please visit the office between 9am-2pm.

Readings For the Week:

August 30–September 5

Saturday 8/30 - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

Sunday 8/31 - Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 & Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Tuesday 9/2 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

Wednesday 9/3 - Colossians 1:1-8

Thursday 9/4 - Colossians 1:9-14

Friday 9/5 - Colossians 1:15-20

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

9am-2pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday

9am-2pm

Saturday

After 5pm & 7pm Mass

Sunday

After 8am & 10:30am

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasures we have received.

August 23/24

Regular Collection \$ 4,523.31

Second Collection \$ 0

Building Fund \$ 215.00

Special Collection \$ 0

Monthly Expenses

Dear Parishioners/Visitors because of the purchase of the new building this is our monthly expenses. **\$25,000**

Please consider Holy Cross's Expenses in your donations.

Special Collection

Archbishop Broglio, President of the USCCB, wrote all Bishops of the US and has asked, given the great pastoral concern for the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims in Gaza, that dioceses take up a special collection to help with the humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East.

Given these humanitarian needs, **Bishop Beckman asks that all our parishes to take up a second collection on the weekend of August 30/31.**

The collection will assist the Catholic New East Welfare Association (CNEWA) who is providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to help provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies and care.

Religious Education Classes/Clases de Doctrina

Our parish is blessed to have **Gianfranco Dellasantina** serving as our Director of Religious Education. **Classes are held every Wednesday evening from 6:30–7:30pm.** We welcome children beginning in **Kindergarten through 5th Grade** and continue formation through Confirmation preparation. Together, we joyfully guide our young people in growing in faith and love of Christ. All families are encouraged to register and join us!

Nuestra parroquia tiene la bendición de contar con **Gianfranco Dellasantina** como Director de Educación Religiosa. **Las clases se imparten todos los miércoles de 18:30 a 19:30 h.** Recibimos a niños desde **kínder hasta quinto grado** y continuamos su formación hasta la preparación para la Confirmación. Juntos, guiamos con alegría a nuestros jóvenes en su crecimiento en la fe y el amor a Cristo. ¡Animamos a todas las familias a inscribirse y unirse a nosotros!

Middle School Youth Group/Escuela Intermedia Para Grupo Juvenil

Holy Cross Middle School youth group **grades 6-8 meets every Wednesday 6:30pm –7:30pm.** We encourage all of our Middle school and soon to be middle school students to attend. Food will be provided!

El grupo de jóvenes de los **grados 6 a 8 de Holy Cross Middle School se reúne todos los Miercoles de 6:30 p. m. a 7:30 p. m.** Alentamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de escuela intermedia y futuros estudiantes de escuela intermedia que asistan. ¡Se proporcionará comida!

High School Youth Group/Escuela Secundaria Para Grupo Juvenil

Grades 9-12 meeting on Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm. 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.

Holy Cross El grupo de jóvenes de secundaria, **Los grados 9 -12 se reúnen los martes de 6:00 p. m. a 8:00 p. m.** siempre va ver comida y diversion. Alentamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de escuela secundaria y futuros estudiantes de escuela secundaria que asistan.

Young Adult Group/Grupo De Adultos Jóvenes

The Young Adult group, **ages 18-35, meet every last Sunday of the month at 1:00pm** in the Family Life Room. For more information, contact the church office.

El grupo de Jóvenes Adultos ,**de 18 a 35 años, se reúne el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:00 p. m.** en el Salón de Vida Familiar. Para más información, contacte con la oficina de la iglesia.

Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico

Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Family Life Room. For more information contact Tom Kane at (865) 908 1968

Jueves a las 9:30 h en la Sala de Vida Familiar. Para más información, contacte a Tom Kane al (865) 908 1968.

CLASE DE INGLES

Las clases de inglés para quienes deseen aprender inglés son los Jueves a las 6:00 pm en el salón de vida familiar. Nuestra maestra será **Lawna**, una de nuestros feligreses que es profesora profesional de español. Donacion Voluntaria.

Bautismo Español

Si necesita información para bautizos en español, por favor comuníquese con el señor **Alejandro Mondragón**, el está encargado de la preparación para los bautizos. El numero de teléfono para llamar es: (865) 227 9380.

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The parish requires parents and godparents to attend Baptism preparation classes. All paperwork must be completed at least **6 weeks** before the proposed baptismal date.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/ MATRIMONIOS

The Diocese of Knoxville requires couples to make arrangements at least **six months** in advance of the desired date of marriage.

In order to receive sacraments (other than Confession or Eucharist), or to be a Godparent or Sponsor, you must be a registered, active member of the Parish.

Formed: Faith at Home

It gives us great joy to share with you that our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
 - Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address

Nos llena de alegría compartir con ustedes que nuestra parroquia ya cuenta con una suscripción a FORMED, una plataforma en línea de primer nivel con más de 4000 estudios católicos, películas, audioteatros, charlas, libros electrónicos e incluso dibujos animados para nuestros niños. FORMED cuenta con contenido de más de 60 apostolados, incluyendo Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press y los Caballeros de Colón, con material profesionalmente producido, atractivo y con un catecismo sólido. Y lo mejor de todo, este material es gratuito.

Para acceder a todo el contenido de FORMED, siga estos sencillos pasos:

Visite <https://signup.formed.org/>
Ingrese el código postal de nuestra parroquia
Ingrese su nombre y correo electrónico

Sevier United/Sevier Unida

Sevier United help impoverished individuals/families and immigrants that live in Sevier County by providing emergency supplies, as well as connections to resources and information. We have a website (www.SevierUnited.org) with valuable information on different areas of service. We also have a Facebook page, where we post weekly resources and events for the community. You can reach us by calling 865-446-0117, or by email at: **Contact@SevierUnited.org**. Blessings. **Terry Aparicio**

Sevier United ayuda a individuos/familias necesitadas e inmigrantes que viven en Sevier County. Tenemos un web site (www.SevierUnited.org) con información valiosa en muchos servicios. También tenemos una pagina de Facebook, donde posteamos semanalmente recursos y eventos para la comunidad. Puede comunicarse con nosotros llamando al 865-446-0117, o por email a: **Contact@SevierUnited.org**. Bendiciones. **Tere Aparicio**

Flower For a Loved One Flores para un ser querido

Please help the church with the cost of the flowers. If you would to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one or for an intention please come to the office to do so. Father will say the intention during the weekend Mass.

The Stipend is \$30

Si desea que se coloquen flores frente al altar en memoria de un ser querido o por alguna intención, venga a la oficina para hacerlo. El padre dirá la intención durante la misa del fin de semana. **El estipendio es de \$30**

Please Pray for the Sick Por favor oren por los enfermos

Who are in need of our prayers and support:

Parishioners: Jessie Baach, Bill Bohaczek, Thomas Broadbent, Tommy & Barbara Bye, Belva Cundy, Stephanie Curtis, Katherine Daily, Lucille Dunn, Joe Fricano, Phyllis Gerth, Rosita Juan, Peg Kaatz, Annette Kahl, Tom Kane, Mickey Langan, Clarissa and Juan Palcone, Joe Poland, Norman & Paulette Schultz, Carolyn Stecher, Teresita Jenkins, Hal & Sheila Johns, Martha Schelski, Kathy Kane, Bruce Analie, Rosa Perez, Frank Bailey, Cathy Peto, Josie Lemmings.

Other Family & Friends: Will Aldridge, Dorothy Bone, Ronda Ceechin, Carolyn Chatlos & family, Cheyenne & Javier Chicas, Kena Darby, Luigi DeBono, John Devane, Mark Decorte, Antoinette & Johan Dinkelmann, Sharon Durm, Judy Duvall, Evans family, Kelsie Lee Ann Epperson, Don Eversman, Daniel Festa & family, Teresita Fajardo, Flavia and Noah, Greg Frerking, Sally Grady, Scott Hansen, Mary Hartnett & family, John Hedrick, Jane Hinkly, Anna Johnson, James Johnston, The Jost family, Jack & Thomas Ketterer, Kody Klimek, Calvin Lane, Kennedie Margarida, Jessy Martinez, Nikki May, Jennifer McCarter, Ciel McCormack, Jerry McGarvey, Mackenzie M. McGowan, Randy McKinney, Eloise Morrison, Geneva Ogle, Mike Ogle, Mr. Proper, Mary Raasch, Paul Rogers, Ollie Sexton, Lisa Schulte, Amy Smith, Joseph Smith, James Speiser, Olivia Sweeney, Chuck & Vicky Thomas, Craig & Stacey Toenjes, John Tolliver, Kim Webb, Mary J Whaley, Hayden Whaley, Dorothy Wienick & family, Charles Jones, Natalie Freeman, Heather Roth, Catolina Cerna-Aldridge, Robert Seeley, Anna Barrera, Bruce Cantrell, Nicolas Hernandez, Adrian Hernandez, Nancy, William Walker, Jonathan Shultz, Cathy Price, Naomi Gupka, Calvin Lane, Belva Cundy, Diane Rucker, Maria Perez, Millie Walsh, Phill & Marie labbe, Willy Downs, Christine Dytrych, Judy Leatherman, Crissy Fisher, Brenda Diane Poland, Eva Gabriel, Melissa Gabriel, Emily Opalka, Mark Kurisko, Chris & Judy Hazlett, Jim White, Eden Moses.

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full and active life of our community and their families.

If you are ill or know of someone who is ill and should be included in our prayers, please contact the parish office.

