

# *The Parish of the Holy Cross*

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

# JESUS

Therefore God ... bestowed on him

# THE NAME

that is above every name.

Philippians 2:9

**Come and pray with us!**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2020**

**Vision Statement:** *Holy Cross is a vibrant Catholic community striving to maintain a spirit of welcome to all, serving as a guiding beacon to nourish and sustain prayer, work and play.*

**We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM,

Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

(The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are live streamed on Facebook.)

# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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## Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

<b>Patricia Becker</b>	<b>Susan Ceely-Sack</b>
<b>Francesco DiMartino</b>	<b>Ann Egan</b>
<b>Jim Emerson</b>	<b>Sienna Fricke</b>
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<b>Chuck Madden</b>	<b>Olivia Melia</b>
<b>Joseph Santamaria</b>	<b>Marlene Starr</b>
<b>Judy Viskupic</b>	

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122 or email to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

## Scripture Readings for October 4, 2020



+ Isaiah 5:1-7  
+ Philippians 4:6-9  
+ Matthew 21:33-43

## Mass Intentions Schedule



*New Life  
in Christ*

### Week of September 27, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Sister Jubilarians (living)

**Tue.** Edward Lloyd

**Wed.** John Schultz

**Thu.** Kathleen Cully (living)

### Saturday, October 3rd, 5 PM Mass

Greg Wirth, George Daly

### Sunday, Oct. 4th, 27th Sun. in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Sal Perrone

11:30 AM Angelo LaSala, Maria Reczuch, Warren Sulmasy Jr., Michael Bazik Jr., Michael Bazik Sr., Josephine Doherty

*Due to an early  
bulletin deadline,  
within a few days,  
Father Michael's  
reflection will  
appear on the  
homepage of our  
website.*



# LITURGY BYTES

## Our Chapel



Continuing with our overview of the church, we come upon to the right of the main worship area, the daily Mass chapel. The altar was designed and constructed by one of our very own parishioners and is made of inlaid wood, certainly reflecting the beauty of God's creation which is visible to each of us as we peer outside the building. The chapel was given the name, "The Chapel of the Discipleship of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

On the walls, there are three panels reminding us of an important event in the life of the Blessed Mother and of her discipleship of love, faith, and trust in God. The sculptures are the Visitation, Pentecost, and the Wedding Feast at Cana.

The Visitation panel depicts Mary coming to see her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. You will notice in the background of this panel, the Angel Gabriel coming to Mary as he addressed her, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."

The Pentecost panel shows Mary and the other disciples receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, enabling them to go out and continue the mission of Jesus. "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Wedding Feast at Cana depicts Mary instructing the waiters to "Do as He tells you," after which Jesus, although questioning his Mother's request, transformed six large urns of water into the finest wine served at that wedding feast.

These beautiful moments of Mary's life remind us of her faith and trust in the Son of God and her discipleship, even at times when that faith was probably tested.

Take a few moments after Mass and view this lovely, peaceful place, and reconnect with Our Lady.

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week. ~~~*Michele Hahn*

# PARISH NEWS

## RCIA

***Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?***



**RCIA**

If your answer is “YES” to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year’s RCIA will be starting soon. If you’re interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at **631-265-2200 x116**.

## Blessing of the Animals

To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have individual blessings of your animals in the courtyard on Sunday, October 4th, between 10:45 and 11:15 AM!



## Special Collections

*This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund. Next weekend we will also be collecting for **Respect Life**. Please visit <https://respectlife.drvc.org> for more information.*

*Thank you for your support of these important collections!*

## Community Vegetable Garden - Help Needed!

Our vegetable garden provides wholesome vegetables for those seeking assistance from Parish Outreach. As we close out the season, we will have a **Vegetable Garden Clean-up Day** to prepare the garden for the winter/next year.

If you enjoy gardening or are looking for community service hours for school, join us for our clean-up day on **Saturday, September 26th, beginning at 8AM**. Our raindate will be Sunday, September 27th, starting at 12 noon. Please bring rakes, shovels, work gloves, etc. We need your help!



# PARISH NEWS

## Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **October 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Boxed Potatoes/Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Parmalat type milk
- Mayonnaise
- Canned Fruit (not applesauce)
- Jello/Pudding
- Cookies/Snacks
- Pancake Syrup
- Soap/Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Towels/Tissues



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

## Our Prayer Pages

We are offering the opportunity for people to express their prayer intentions on **Our Prayer Pages** which can be viewed by clicking the link on the homepage of our website, and can be prayed for by others. Please email your prayers to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net). (Please note: If praying for those who are ill, last names may not always appear unless permission has been granted.)

## Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:*

*You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.*

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility, and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen*



# CIVILIZE IT

DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

## A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we

must model a better way. We invite you to join the *Civilize It* campaign by taking the

pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

*Civilize It* is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. *Civilize It* is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

### I pledge:

#### Civility

To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

#### Clarity

To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

#### Compassion

To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.



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Find this pledge and other resources and prayers at [civilizeit.org](http://civilizeit.org).



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You are invited to explore the benefits of a  
Catholic High School Education

*Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.*

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
	2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>		
SATURDAY, OCT. 3	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2 P.M. - 4 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCT. 4	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
	1 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, OCT. 17	11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 18	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.

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