

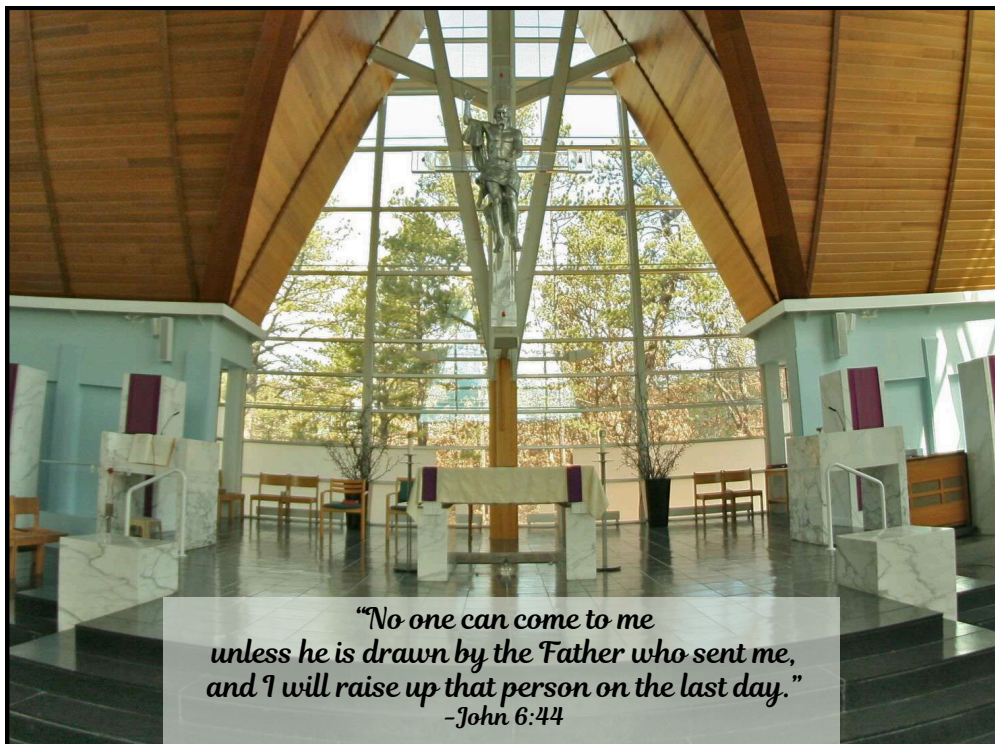


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*"No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise up that person on the last day."
- John 6:44*

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 11, 2024



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Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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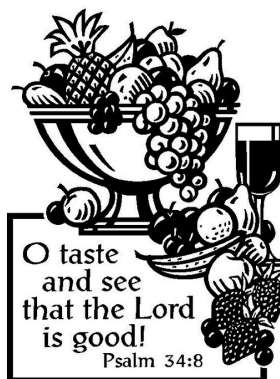
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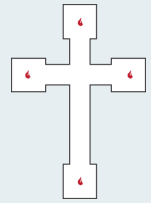


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for more information on how we can serve you.



THE SONG OF NATURE

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



I'm tired of dealing with my injured foot, and you are probably tired of hearing me complain about it. Finally, I am on the mend. Part of that road to recovery is a regimen of prednisone. The doctor warned me that it could cause sleeplessness or make me jumpy. I am writing this article at 2:00 AM. I fell asleep at my usual time and slept for the better part of an hour. I then bolted out of bed with unbounded energy. After I am finished with this article, I think I will plan a parade and then perhaps compose an opera.

On the other end of the spectrum, the last few days I have found myself just sitting outside and listening. There really is a diverse and amazing symphony of delightful sounds if we take the time to stop and listen. The evening seems to be the time for insects to lift their voices. When we discern their individual sounds, there really is an array of assorted little winged guys that need to sing out unceasingly. As the night wears on the insects start to fade out. Then, well before sunrise our feathered friends come to life. The birds love their early morning concerts. Occasionally, I will hear the rustle of leaves in the woods as a squirrel or even a deer moves along. Interspersed through all of this, the wind will make its presence known. It sounds like it all could be an annoying and noisy din, but in fact it is all quite gentle and peaceful.

Interestingly, humanity has come up with a way to duplicate this sound. You don't have to look far to find an app or a device that creates sounds that replicate what Mother Nature herself provides. They are advertised as an effective way to help bring about relaxation or lull you into a good night's sleep. We have found a way to bottle-up and, in some instances, market what is readily available if you just open your window. I understand that the sounds of the ocean may not be readily available unless you live by the shore, and certainly the sound of a passing plane or fire engine can become a distraction. But the real thing is the best; give it a try.

What naturally happens when we allow the sounds of nature to surround us is it creates a blank canvas for God's artistic hand to touch our hearts. It was once said that God's first language is silence. There may not be any profound messages offered, but there is a clear reminder that God is real and God is present. If I did not need to be hobbling around with a cane these past few weeks, I probably would have been running around doing stuff. Sometimes God needs to slow us down if we don't do it on our own. Part of this journey was to be reminded that simply opening my ears can lead to beautiful moments of peace and joy.

Now that this article is finished, I think I still have enough energy to go and wallpaper my dining room.



ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



AUGUST 17
5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

AUGUST 18
8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL
9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL
11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 18

+ Proverbs 9:1-6
+ Ephesians 5:15-20
+ John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 11th.....BAPTISMS
1:00 PM, Worship Area

Wednesday, August 14th.....SENIORS
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Atrium

Wednesday, August 14th.....ASSUMPTION VIGIL MASS
7:00 PM, Worship Area

Thursday, August 15th.....ASSUMPTION MASS
9:00 AM, Worship Area

Sunday, August 18th.....DRESS A GIRL MASS
11:30 AM, Worship Area

**The parish office is closed Thursday, August 15th,
for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day.**



And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another
as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Ephesians 4:32



Practice of Faith (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

Spend time writing about how you have sought God out in the past: How have you glorified the Lord? With whom have you extolled the Lord's name? How have you called out to the Lord in affliction? How have you taken refuge in the Lord? Consider seeking God in a new way today.

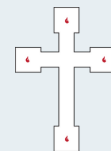
Last week's reading from the Letter to the Ephesians challenged us to recreate ourselves according to God's way and holiness. Today's second reading continues to guide us in how we might do that. St. Paul calls us to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving in our communities.

The Church's social teaching adds to this guidance by helping us focus on specific ways we can live out holiness. Learn about this teaching at the United States Bishops' Conference website, usccb.org. At the website, go to the page for the Office of Justice, Peace & Human Development and click on "Catholic Social Teaching" under "Resources & Initiatives."

Choose one action on that page that will help you be living bread to others.

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org**
to find out more about the different ministries
we have to offer, how you can be involved,
and when they meet.

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



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

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Theresa Arzillo
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Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan
Ann Callari
Judy Carlson
William Ciccarelli
Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan
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Kristen Kennedy
Roberta Lamb
Carol Leahy
Mary Lopez
Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch
Viola Malek
Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia
Loretto Narducci
Darin Pitkanen

Patricia Pitkanen
Carina Ranieri
Rob Remhild
Liam Richards
Sean Romeo
Elaine Ruane
Casey Schultz
Kathy Schwinn
John Serri
Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze
Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns
Emma Zeidman

**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, August 11th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Joseph Cappiello
Tue. Helen Dalamango
Wed. Leticia Bautista (living)
Wed. 7 PM Mass Neal & Concetta Romano
Thu. Peggy Sulmasy

Saturday, August 17th, 5 PM Mass

Mauro Silva, Teresa Burton,
Carmela & Michael Terranova

Sunday, August 18th, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph Fanuele, Joseph Cloonan,
Ann Nagosky, William J. Boucher,
Kristine Misciagno

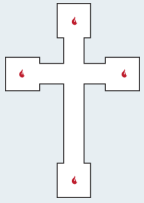
11:30 AM Bobby Alderdice

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh, for the life of the world."*

-John 6:51

The **Bread and Wine** for the week
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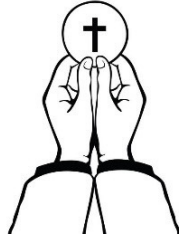


LITURGY BYTES

by Michele Hall



Eucharistic Prayer - Part 6



In this part, we celebrate the memorial and become the offering. This remembering is a bit different because in other parts of this prayer we have already remembered Jesus' redemption. With Jesus' Body and Blood present among us, we remember what Christ did because now we are dedicating ourselves to making the very same offering. The whole Church is to make this offering in light of Christ. The Church on earth has a vocation. The Church is to become a Eucharistic offering for the world. Actually, at every Mass it is the Church herself who is offered in the Eucharist. This is not anything new because it goes back to the words of St. Augustine to the Church in Hippo. Briefly, he spoke to his people saying: "So if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the apostle telling the faithful, 'You are the body of Christ and its members'" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Our deepest identity as the Church is not a gathering of like-minded, friendly folks who happen to enjoy the same things. Rather, the Church is Christ's Body given to the world. We remember this offering, and in the act of remembering, we become this offering again. We become God's self-sacrificial love for the world.

Keep in mind, it is not we who are doing this work but the Holy Spirit. It is important to note that the Spirit cannot work unless we give some part of ourselves over to the Spirit. This means we have to love one another and love the world. It is through the Spirit that we can accomplish this and through the Church where we experience this special love. At Mass, we receive total love and as a Church move out from the Eucharistic love of God.

Have a loving, blessed and healthy week ahead!

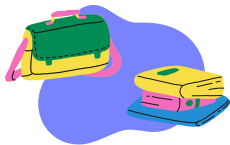
Would you like to help a child succeed this school year?



Join us for our School Supplies for Success Drive

Children receiving school supplies will be from our Parish Outreach families.

Next weekend, Saturday, August 17th & Sunday, August 18th
WILL BE THE LAST DAYS TO BRING IN YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS
listed on your book tag and your backpack listed on your backpack tag



For those who chose a **BACKPACK TAG** or a **BOOK TAG** from one of the display boards in the Atrium, please *purchase items listed on the back of the book tag OR a backpack as described on the backpack tag.*



The **BACKPACK TAG** is to
*purchase a **backpack** for a student.*



The **BOOK TAG** has the *supply list*
for the school year printed on the back.

**Pray for
the children
who will receive the
supplies and write a
personal note if
you wish.**

You can still help!



Purchase a gift card from Target or Walmart to supplement a student's school supplies and/or school clothes and drop off at our School House in the Atrium.



Support our effort by making a monetary donation to help us meet the needs of our families. Checks can be made out to "Holy Cross Outreach" and put in a plain envelope marked "School Supplies." These donations can be dropped in our School House in the Atrium or in the collection basket.



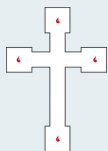
Reminder : please secure your tag to your purchased items for proper sorting.

The tag ensures that the correct items are going to the right student. Please *place your donation in a paper or plastic bag* with the tag and place on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium.

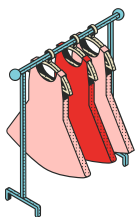
If you choose to purchase a gift card or make a monetary donation, we ask that you place cards in the school house located in the Atrium by Sunday, 8/18.

Any questions, please contact the Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200

Thank you for your support!



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Dress a Girl Around the World Showcase

**Join us on the weekend of
August 17th & 18th**

Many of our beautiful dresses will be displayed in the Atrium along with information about this wonderful ministry. At each Mass, a portion of the dresses will be displayed before they are sent to Friar Supplies, the organization that delivers the dresses to their last stop, the young girls of Haiti.

If you are in any way part of the Dress a Girl Ministry, (donated fabric, cut fabric for kits or sewn a dress), you are invited to join us at the Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass for not only a blessing of the dresses, but a special recognition and blessing for your participation in this ministry.

Contact Outreach at (631) 265-2200 with any questions.

All are welcome!

You are invited to join us for our first planning meeting for the Family Fall Festival on **Wednesday, August 21st, at 7 PM** in the Father Joe Room.

Please join us if you have participated in the past or are looking to get involved this year. If interested, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Thank you!



Fall Festival **PLANNING MEETING**



Parish of the Holy Cross GRANDPARENTS' GROUP forming

Grandparents



*fill the world
with Love*

Last weekend the Pope asked the Church to celebrate the good work of grandparents and the elderly in our communities. The Holy Father recognizes the special role of both grandfathers and grandmothers, and also our beloved elderly as well.

To enhance the special bond grandparents experience with grandchildren whether near or far away, a group is being formed in our parish to pray for those special people in our lives and offer support to each other on this journey. Gatherings would be daytime starting on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2 PM.

It is important to know who would be interested, so please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or email Michele Hall at mhall@holycrossrc.org

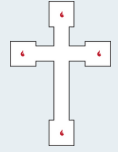
GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP – (return to Parish Office)

Yes, I wish to participate in the new Grandparents' Group.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Email _____

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Tricia's "Thank You" Mass



On Sunday, August 4th, parishioners attended the "Thank You" Mass, honoring Tricia Clarke, former Director of Religious Education. We thank you, Tricia, for your service and dedication to the families of Holy Cross. Father Michael thanked Tricia and gave her a special blessing. We all wish Tricia and her family the best as she begins her new journey.

Banns of Marriage



Caitlin Ziegler & James Cavan

**There is a VIRTUS training
being held on
September 20th, 6-8 PM**

Please register online at
virtusonline.org

Any questions, contact Jude Pickel
(631) 265-2200 x 116

REMINDER

for those who have already registered for this event

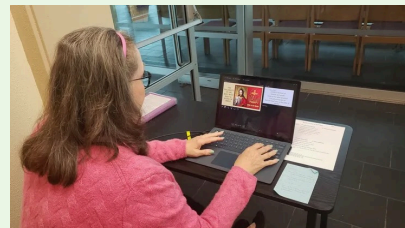
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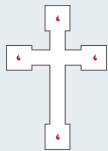
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**Registration for 2024/2025
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- Please go online to **www.holycrossrc.org**
- Please click on the Religious Education icon
- Click on "Printable Religious-Ed Class Forms"
- Download the registration form, complete and return to the parish office



***If your child is entering First Grade in September please register
and include a copy of their Baptism Certificate.***

For further information, please contact
Jennifer Miller, Coordinator of Religious Education
(631) 265-2200 Ext. 112

or

Mary Pannone, Religious Education Secretary, (631) 265-2200 Ext. 111

7 Themes of Catholic Social Teachings



As taken from the USCCB.ORG website:

"The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents." Seven themes are highlighted on the right. These are "key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition."

7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

Search "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching" on the USCCB.org website for more information about each of these themes.

How will you be living bread to others?

Summer Cash Sizzle

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held **August 29**.

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- * 1 Prize @ \$250
- * 2 Prizes @ \$100
- * 10 Prizes @ \$50
- * 15 Prizes @ \$25



- This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.
- Please use the tear-off tickets below. You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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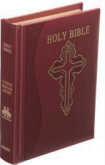
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