

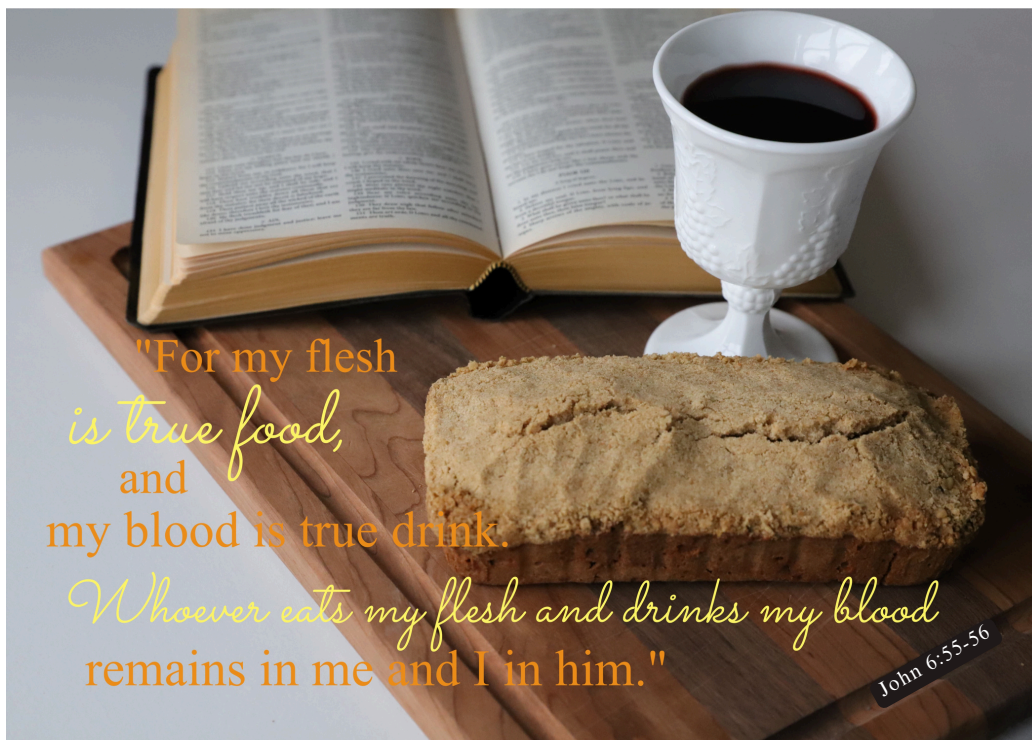


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## **Vision Statement:**

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.



**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 18, 2024**



**Come and Pray with Us!**

### **We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM;

Saturday 5:00 PM;

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

The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass  
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*I sought the Lord,  
and he answered me  
and delivered me  
from all my fears.*

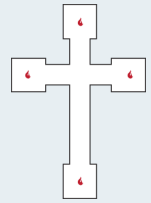
*Psalms 34:4*

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for more information on how we can serve you.



# OFF TO THE RHINE

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



This Tuesday I will be leaving for what I hope will be an epic vacation adventure. I will be traveling with my two sisters and their husbands. This kind of trip did not interest my brother. We will be flying to Amsterdam where we will have a day and a half on our own before we begin a seven-night cruise on the Rhine River. Along the way our stops will include Dusseldorf, Cologne, Strasbourg and a few other charming little ports. The cruise will end in Basel, Switzerland. From there we will take a two-hour train ride to Zurich. After a one-night stay, we will be flying back to New York. All of the ports include a narrated walking tour. There is also an option for a shore excursion via bike. If I am up for it, I will try one or two of those. There is a wine tasting or two along the way; I'm sure I will be up for that.

I'm looking forward to spending time together as we explore places that none of us has been to before. In 2018, I went on a similar cruise on the Danube River from Budapest to Prague with one of my sisters. That trip was absolutely idyllic. I'm hoping for another rich experience. This type of tour is geared to a certain demographic. I doubt there will be any children on the boat. It is definitely a low-key and laid-back kind of experience. There is no casino or rock-climbing wall. The evening entertainment is usually something like a string quartet or a pianist. About 9:30, the entertainment wraps up and everyone heads off to bed. At this point in my life, that is a lovely routine.

Being the transportation "geek" that I am, there are a few parts of this adventure I am looking forward to. I will be taking the LIRR and the AirTrain to JFK to avoid the major road construction delays they are experiencing. I have never flown on a 787 Dreamliner, and that will be our plane to Amsterdam with KLM. From the airport, we will take a \$5 train ride to our hotel. At the end of the cruise, there will be a longer train ride to Zurich. I always love a good train ride. The Swiss are known for their efficient and ever-punctual public transportation. Our return trip is on a Delta A330. I think I have most of the odds and ends under control. I enrolled for Global Entry, and hopefully that will expedite the entry process back into the United States. I have my Euros and Swiss Francs (which look like funny money). I bought an electrical converter so I will not blow up any of my electrical devices.

This trip will be a great blessing. I am so fortunate to be able to make an adventure like this and to share it with my family. There will, however, be a sadness when I get back as the summer will just about be approaching the finish line. But we take the opportunities when they come along and keep moving forward.



# ON THE CALENDAR

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

**Wednesday, August 21st.....FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL MTG.**  
**7:00 PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Thursday, August 22nd.....LEVEL 8 CATECHIST MTG.**  
**7:00 PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, August 25th..... BAPTISMS**  
**1:00 PM, Worship Area**

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**AUGUST 24**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. MICKEY BANCROFT**

**AUGUST 25**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. MICKEY BANCROFT**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. MICKEY BANCROFT**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. MATTHEW UDOBI**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 25

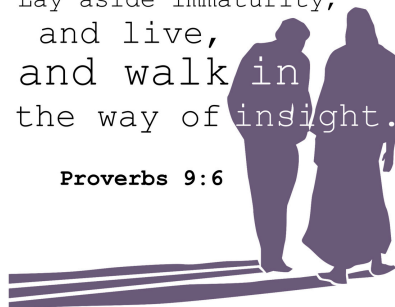
**+ Joshua 24:1-2a,  
15-17, 18b**

**+ Ephesians 5:21-32**

**+ John 6:60-69**

Lay aside immaturity,  
and live,  
and walk in  
the way of insight.

Proverbs 9:6



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

Even the Jews who themselves encountered Jesus struggled to "advance in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:6). It may still be difficult for us now to understand Jesus' words, but today's reading from Proverbs gives us some important insight: Wisdom invites us directly to eat her food and drink her wine. She declares that, despite any confusion we might experience with the Word of God, spending intentional time with God is the key to advancing in the way of understanding.

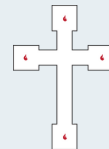
This week, visit [www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen) to learn more about the examen, a practice that helps us to see God at work in our daily life. Dedicate time each evening to practice the examen to see how you recognized the Lord throughout the day.

What is something you can do today to address one of your neighbors "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19)?

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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*

Bob Alderdice  
Theresa Arzillo  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Barbara Bombace  
Cole Brennan  
Dan Bryan  
Ann Callari  
Judy Carlson  
William Ciccarelli  
Jason DeLuca  
Manuela Diaz  
Ann Egan  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino

Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
Linda Heinrichs  
Debbie Jablinowski  
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 18th, 9AM Masses**

**Mon.** Linda Giordano (living)  
**Tue.** Neal & Concetta Romano  
**Wed.** Linda DiOrio  
**Thu.** Bob DeFilippis

### **Saturday, August 24th, 5 PM Mass**

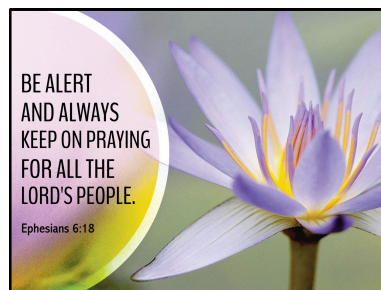
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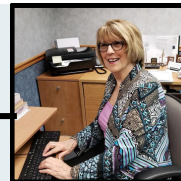
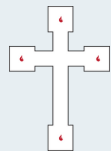
### **Sunday, August 25th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Mary Anne Grace  
**11:30 AM** Lorenzo Paulino, Michael Anziani,  
Sophie Corso, Dennis Derleth, Grace Segrell



*We thank  
the men and women  
who serve in our military  
for their service.*





## *Eucharistic Prayer - Part 7*



The final two areas of the Eucharistic Prayer that we will look at have to do with intercessions for both the living and the dead and the final prayer or doxology that is chanted by the priest. In the intercession part, we pray that the Church might become the communion of love that we hope for. Familiar I am sure to most, we pray for the Holy Father, the Bishops and other clergy. We also pray that the Church on earth might become what she is supposed to be – a union of love, of peace, and of unity that renews the human race.

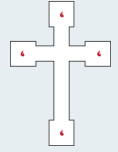
It is important to many of us to pray for our beloved dead. The communion of love that we share with the dead and with the saints, crosses the boundaries of time and space. No one is forgotten! We remember them to God, for they are still part of us. We can build a community of love in concrete ways as most of us do through offering individual prayers for family and friends or offering a Mass for the needs of a coworker or someone ill. These are real acts of love which help bring unity to all the world, the unity that Christ intended for the human family. We could say that it is the vocation of the Church in the world to bring this unity to all God's people.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer, the Church prays the doxology: "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever." We respond: Amen. This doxology shows us that the unity that we want to build among the family is actually the unity of God: God the Father, who is the source of all love; God the Son, who is love made flesh, dwelling among us, teaching us to offer this same act of love back to the Father as children of God; God the Spirit, who is the very possibility of this return gift of love, the God who woos us in the interior of our hearts to love God anew.

I hope in these past six weeks you have experienced a better understanding of this beautiful prayer. I pray it helps us all to pray it better and understand its meaning!

Have a prayerful, blessed, and safe week ahead!

# FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Parish of the Holy Cross  
invites you to celebrate the

*Feast of the*

*Exaltation of the Cross*

**on the weekend of September 14th & 15th**  
**5 PM Mass & 11:30 AM Mass**

*Barbecue to follow the 5 PM Mass*  
*(Compliments of our Parish Knights of Columbus Council)*



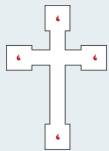
In order to plan, we need to know who will be attending.  
Kindly complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by September 9th

## PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION BARBECUE

Name\_\_\_\_\_Phone#\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Adults:\_\_\_\_\_ Children:\_\_\_\_\_



# PARISH OUTREACH



## School Supplies for Success Drive

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

**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*

**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.



**Thank you!**

If you choose to purchase a gift card (Target or Walmart) or make a monetary donation (checks made out to "Holy Cross Outreach"), please put monetary donations in a plain envelope marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES." Please place these donations in the school house located in the Atrium.  
**The last day of our collection is Sunday, August 18th.**

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

### *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.

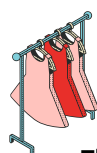
Please join us if you have participated in the past or are looking to get involved this year. If interested, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Thank you!



## **Fall Festival**

**PLANNING  
MEETING**



### *Dress a Girl Around the World Showcase*

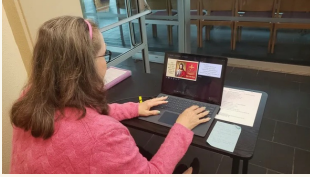
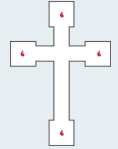
**This weekend of August 17th & 18th**

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.



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



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this important Liturgical Ministry!!!

*If you can help, please contact Wendy at  
**wringhiser@gmail.com***



## Early Heart Attack Care

Please join us on  
**Monday, August 26th, at 10am**  
for an educational morning  
with **Yvonne Leippert, RN, MS, CCRN.**

Yvonne is from Stony Brook University  
Hospital Heart Center.

She will educate us on topics such as

**Early Heart Attack Care,  
Blood Pressure Screening,  
Cholesterol Screening,  
Hands Only CPR,  
Medication and  
Nutrition Education.**

*Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200  
by Thursday, August 22nd*



## Parish of the Holy Cross GRANDPARENTS' GROUP forming

### Grandparents



*fill the world  
with Love*

Recently, 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.*

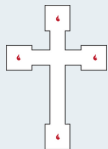
**It is important to know who would be interested, so please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or email Michele Hall at [mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:mhall@holycrossrc.org)**

### GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP – (return to Parish Office)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Registration for 2024/2025  
Religious Education opened on June 1st.**

- Please go online to **[www.holycrossrc.org](http://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



### *Women's Prayer Group*

Women's Prayer Group  
will resume meeting on

**the 1st Thursday of each month,  
beginning September 5th**  
from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the Chapel.

All women in the parish are welcome.  
Come, and bring a friend!

### *Banns of Marriage*



Caitlin Ziegler & James Cavan  
Kayla Rapp & Kyle Moderno

**Level 8 CATECHIST MEETING**  
**Thursday, AUGUST 22nd**  
**7PM in the Fr. Joe Room**



*Can you help us serve  
the youth of our parish?*

**Adult volunteers needed to  
chaperone various youth events**

**Requirements: VIRTUS Certification  
and a few hours of your time**

If you are interested in volunteering,  
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**[youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org)**

*Many hands make light work*

# 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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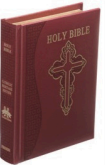
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