



# Parish of the Holy Cross

*Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!*

**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.



*He leads me beside still waters;  
He restores my soul.*

*-Psalm 23:2-3*

**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 21, 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  
are livestreamed on Facebook.

**We celebrate Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;

Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

## PASTORAL TEAM

Reverend Michael F. Holzmahnn..... Ext. 115  
**Pastor**

Deacon Joseph Maffeo..... Ext. 124  
**Pastoral Minister**

Mrs. Judith Pickel..... Ext. 116  
**Pastoral Associate**

Mrs. Michelle Hall..... Ext. 120  
**Pastoral Associate**

Mrs. Jennifer Miller..... Ext. 112  
**Coordinator of Religious Ed.**

Mrs. Kelley Mowat..... Ext. 113  
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Mr. Brian Reich  
**Director of Music Ministry**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
9 AM - 4 PM  
(closed 12:15-1 pm)**

**BEGINNING FRIDAY, JULY 26TH  
Parish Office Hours  
ON FRIDAYS ONLY  
WILL BE 9 AM - 12 NOON**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth..... Ext. 122  
**Parish Secretary**

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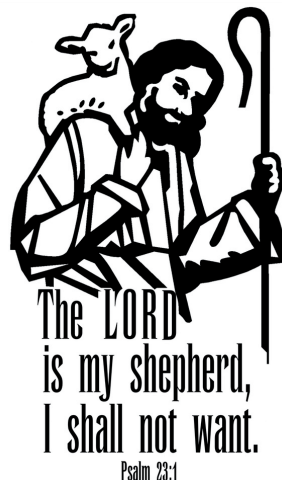
Dr. Vincent Mazurek  
**Music Minister/Webmaster**

Mr. Roberto Maza  
**Custodian**

Mrs. Susan Ribeiro  
**Bulletin Editor**

Stephanie Matula  
**Office Support Staff**

**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:  
Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only**

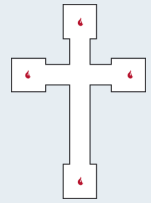


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for more information on how we can serve you.



# A NEW LOOK

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*

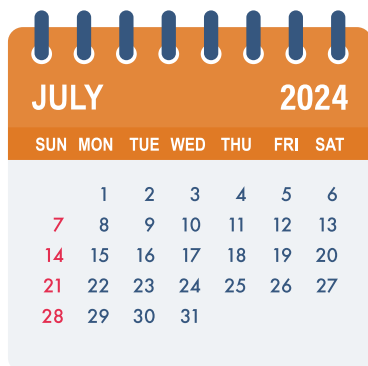


In case you haven't noticed, our bulletin has an amazing new look beginning this week. For many years Jane, our Parish Secretary, has beautifully created the bulletin each week. Fear not, Jane is not leaving Holy Cross. However, she will be reducing her hours to four days a week. In order for her to be able to do this, she had to free herself from one of her duties and responsibilities. She has chosen to give up publishing the bulletin. One of our parishioners, Susan Ribeiro, has agreed to take on that work. As you can tell from this bulletin, she is very gifted in graphic arts and in using the computer to create an attractive new format for the bulletin. We are most grateful to Jane for all her work through the years. We enthusiastically welcome Susan who will now carry on this work. It is amazing to see what can happen when people are given the opportunity and forum to use their gifts. We all share in the fruits.

I am writing this article in the midst of our Vacation Bible School program. It is a whirlwind of activity and energy that unfolds each day. This is another opportunity where the gifts of individuals can come to life. Arts and crafts, song and dance, teaching and sharing are all essential components to a week like this. I am deeply grateful to our adult leaders as well as our older children who assist in keeping the little campers engaged and occupied. There are many individuals who are committed to one particular task for the entire week. It may get tiresome for them, but they carry on with a spirit of generosity in understanding it is an essential component to the program. I'm exhausted just watching the four hours of non-stop activity each day. An enormous thank you to Tricia Clarke for overseeing this major undertaking.

Speaking of new looks, if you were to look at my fish pond, it is transforming itself from an overgrown swamp-like pool to a clean and well-manicured corner of the yard. It is far more work than I envisioned when I first thought about "tidying" it up, but I am pleased with the way it is turning out. I am happy to report I have successfully avoided the poison ivy getting to me.

And sticking with the theme, have you noticed some of the new building projects happening around the community? For many weeks there was a large "steeple" sitting in the parking lot in the Wegman's construction sight. That was finally hoisted up on the roof and will serve as a decorative spire at one end of the building. (I think they are allowed to charge more for food when the store looks fancy). For weeks there has been on-going work in the lot on the corner of Hawkins and Smithtown Blvd. I heard rumor it was going to be another 7-11. Then in the course of one day, the framing for a two-story building suddenly emerged. Not sure what it is going to be, but it is happening quickly.



# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**JULY 27**

**5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL**

**JULY 28**

**8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 28

**+ 2 Kings 4:42-44**

**+ Ephesians 4:1-6**

**+ John 6:1-15**

**Sunday, July 21st..... TRICIA'S "THANK YOU" MASS**  
**11:30 AM Mass, Worship Area**

**Sunday, July 21st.....LONG ISLAND DUCKS PICNIC/GAME**  
**3:35 PM, Ducks Stadium**

**Tuesday, July 23rd.....IN STITCHES**  
**10 AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, July 24th.....HEALTH SERVICES BUS**  
**9 AM - 2 PM, Parking Lot**

**Wednesday, July 24th.....SENIORS**  
**11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Atrium**

**Sunday, July 28th.....BAPTISMS**  
**1 PM, Worship Area**

*Come Away*  
**& REST AWHILE**

Mark 6:30-34

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

In today's Gospel, the apostles and Jesus gather and share their ministry with each other. After hearing about their work, Jesus encourages them to retreat: "He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while'" (Mark 6:31).

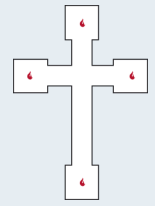
Consider how, much like the disciples, it can be easy to become absorbed by the business of our lives, even if that business is characterized by good and holy work. Jesus reminds us that we must prioritize spending intentional time with God. This is critical as it helps us to see the Lord at our side, guiding us even when we "walk in the dark valley" (Psalm 23:4).

Next week at the offering we will be collecting for  
our **Regional School Support**.  
Thank you for your support of this collection!

Visit our website at **[www.holycrossrc.org](http://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:***

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 Heinrichs  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Roberta Lamb  
Carol Leahy  
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  
Barbara Sherry  
Celeste Sichenze  
Bill Tanner  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns

**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, July 21, 9AM Masses**

**Mon.** Juan M. Astegiano

**Tue.** Alan Hahn

**Wed.** James A. McMenemon

**Thu.** Salvatore DeCaterina

### **Saturday, July 27th, 5 PM Mass**

Mary Ann DeMotta, Bonnie Duggan,  
Sandra O'Connor, Thomas Russo,  
Dave O'Riordan, Karen Norris

### **Sunday, July 28th, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** Michael Anziani,  
Joseph Cloonan

**9:30 AM** Joe Sullivan

**11:30 AM** People of the Parish



**FOR HE HIMSELF  
IS OUR PEACE.**

EPHESIANS 2:14





# THANK YOU

## Tricia Clarke

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.**

*for serving our church  
community*



*Sometimes, there are not enough  
words to capture the essence of a  
truly thankful heart,  
and put it on paper.*

*So this is our way of saying  
you are one in a million, and  
you'll never truly know the  
difference you've made!*

*Thank you for everything  
and Best Wishes  
on your new adventures!*

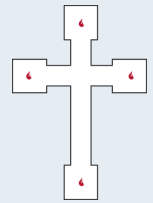


**LOVE,**  
*Your Holy Cross Family*



# MY JOURNEY CONTINUES...

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When I began as Director of Religious Education 5 years ago, I was surprised to find that the job is not all paperwork and registration forms, but the building of relationships with the wonderful families at Holy Cross. Thank you for allowing me to get to know your children and for letting me into your lives. It is true that we find God within the relationships with each other. I know that our friendships will go beyond Holy Cross as I journey towards what God has planned for me.

I want to first thank Mary Pannone, Religious Education Secretary, for all of your dedication and hard work to building this program with me. When I first started as Director, I was advised to treat you as part of the support team, however, I soon realized that you had way more to offer than "just a secretary"! Your creativity, ideas and love for the Religious Education program helped make it flourish. You were a true partner to me, and I couldn't have gotten through the last 5 years without you.

There are many people behind the scenes who spend countless volunteer hours to help make our program run smoothly. Thank you for your support throughout the years. Thank you, Tracy Riley, Karyn Gillan, Josephine Matula, Barbara Hoos, Barbara Burger, Patti Matonti, Michele Alderdice and countless others, (forgive me if I missed your name!) for supporting me and sometimes talking me through some difficult situations. I know that many of the friendships I have built with the people of the parish will go beyond the walls of Holy Cross.

There are over 100 catechists who open their homes to the children of the parish. You are the true heroes of this program because you are on the front line passing down our Catholic faith and continuing our traditions. I know at times teaching our faith is rewarding, but it can also feel like you are not making a difference. Please remember that the seeds you are planting today may not be seen by you in the future, but will grow and bloom. Trust God that He has chosen you for this most important job.

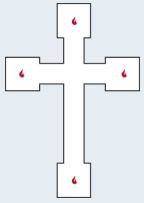
Thank you to Father Michael for having the faith in me and for allowing my creativity to flow through the parish. Thank you to the Parish Team, Jane and Karina, for your love and support.

Lastly, I would like to thank my husband, Kevin, for giving me the foundation and support that I needed to accomplish my goals at Holy Cross. He and my family sacrificed many weekends and many nights without a wife and mother so that I could serve the families of the church.

Where is God leading me? I don't know, He hasn't told me yet. I am looking towards the future with excitement and a sense of adventure. Wish me luck!

With great love and admiration for all of you,

*Tricia Clarke*

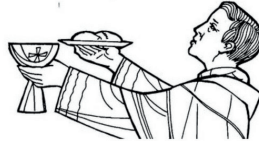


# LITURGY BYTES

by Michele Hall



## *Eucharistic Prayer* continued



In continuing with our weekly reflections on the Eucharistic Prayer, we move after the singing of the Holy, Holy towards something the Church refers to as the epiclesis. This means the calling down of the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine. One of the images that has always caught my attention which occurs in the second Eucharistic Prayer is the reference to the dewfall. You might ask, what does that mean?

The reference to the dewfall is related to Israel being fed with manna in the desert. Israel complains to Moses in the desert that they have no food to eat. They say let us go back to Egypt, where at least we had food. They doubt God's generosity to care for them. However, in the midst of their doubting, God offers bread from heaven, the food of the angels to sustain them. He only lets Israel take enough each day for their needs, forming them to trust in the Lord. Tomorrow more will be given.

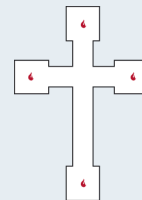
To ask the Holy Spirit to descend upon our gifts, just like manna in the desert, is to pray for God's generosity to become present once again. In other words, let these gifts that we have brought become for us your gifts that bring us closer to you. This image of the dewfall should also remind us, especially in the summer when there are droughts and grass is dry and brown, that in the early morning hours we notice a glistening of dew that fell during the night. It makes the land that was dry become a place of refreshment. This is the same refreshing dew that the Spirit makes available to us at Mass, renewing our hearts to offer praise to our God through our prayer and actions. God is always at work in us!

Have a dew-filled and prayerful week ahead!



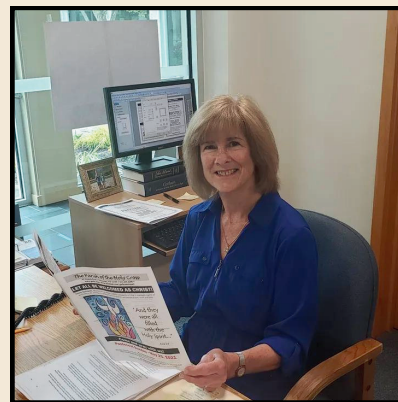
# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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## PASSING THE BATON

I have been your bulletin editor for 18 years and have decided to pass the task on to our fellow parishioner, Susan Ribeiro. I've chosen to reduce my workweek to 4 days and spend that extra day biking or hiking.



I've never considered myself a creative person, but I have thoroughly enjoyed creating bulletins weekly and receiving the positive feedback from parishioners. I have known Susan for many years, and she has often submitted photos and flyers for bulletin inserts and covers. She is a very creative person, much more so than I.

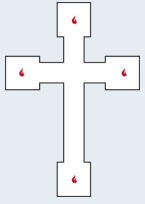
The bulletin has an exciting new look, and I am looking forward to seeing more of Susan's creations. Thank you, Susan, for taking on the task of being our new bulletin editor!!!

Jane Wirth



Hi, I'm Susan! I have been a parishioner here, my goodness, it is 25 years this year. Holy Cross is a very special place and within its structure is a very special community. I am honored to be following the footsteps of Jane in creating the weekly bulletins for you.

As Jane noted, I have contributed to the bulletin in the past, and I am excited about the future. I know change can be challenging at times, but I hope to serve you well in the capacity of producing a bulletin that you find informative, engaging, and keeping our church community connected. I hope you will embrace this journey with me, as you are as much a part of what goes into this bulletin as I am. I am looking forward to this opportunity of serving and connecting with you all. I can be reached at: [susanr@holycrossrc.org](mailto:susanr@holycrossrc.org).



# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH

## Help Wanted: Religious Education Volunteers

### Catechist needed to teach a Special Needs class of two

Materials and Training  
will be provided.

### Office help needed to put Religious Ed. folders together

Great opportunity for retirees,  
or students looking for community service

Let the little children come to me ...  
it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



**Yes! I'm interested in being a Religious Education Volunteer!**

**I would like to: \_\_\_\_\_ teach \_\_\_\_\_ help in the office**

Please contact me: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this slip in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office or  
**Contact Jennifer Miller, Coordinator of Religious Education at (631) 265-2200, Ext. 112**

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead for the 2024 - 2025 Formation Year. Families who are currently enrolled in our program will receive Re-Registration form through their email. All children who plan on continuing in our program must be re-registered each year. Children need to successfully complete their current Religious Education level before they can move to the next level.

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***We are currently accepting new registrations. If you are new to the Parish,  
please call the main office at 631-265-2200 x111.***

***Once we have your email address, we can send you a new registration form.***

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The Religious Education department at Holy Cross will begin the current session October 2024. All catechists will be trained during the summer once we have the program in place. We are dedicated to bringing the same service to our young parishioners that we have had in the past. Textbooks will be distributed only after your child is registered. Please register even if you are not paying at this time to secure a spot for your child in a class. **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

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Religious Education Registration Forms are found on the R/E Forms Page of our website.

**Free health screenings**

# Mobile Outreach Bus



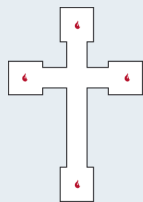
The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



## **Services for adults (18 and older):**

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

**Parish of the Holy Cross  
95 Nichols Rd  
Nesconset, NY 11767  
Wednesday July 24, 2024  
9am- 2pm**



# PARISH OUTREACH

## Homebound Ministers - We invite you to join this vital ministry!

*Can you see yourself ministering to those who are homebound? Can you see yourself sharing a half an hour a week visiting, praying, and delivering the Eucharist to those who are, at times, forgotten?*

Our Homebound Ministry is growing, and we need your help! A small-time commitment and a loving heart are all that are needed. We invite you to be part of this vital parish ministry that supports and ministers to those who are unable to join us at Sunday Mass. We are asking for your help in serving those we are called to serve. The impact you will make on a person's life is far beyond the time given. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200 ext. 113 for more information and any questions you may have. Thank you!



**Are you or someone you know  
in the parish, homebound or  
anticipating an operation or  
treatment of cancer?**

*We are eager to know, in a more  
personal way, our parishioners who are  
homebound or hospitalized.*

*Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or  
inability to join us for Sunday Mass.*

We need your assistance and invite you to help us see those in need and make the connection to our loved parishioners. Please call (631) 265-2200 ext. 113 or stop by Parish Outreach to let us know of these parishioners who are special to us. Thank you!

## Helpful Phone Numbers

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124  
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827  
American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500  
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900  
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800  
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546  
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480  
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547  
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542  
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758  
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030  
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833  
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262  
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE  
Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)  
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200  
Victims Information Bureau (Advocacy, Counseling): 631-360-3606  
Women's Services (Town of Brookhaven): 631-698-2074



## Dress a Girl Around the World



Dress kits are still available throughout July and August for those who would like to make a dress. Any questions, please call the Outreach Office.

Although we are not meeting, our work continues. We are always in need of 2-3 yards of SOLID colored cotton fabric to create our dress kits.

Not sure what to buy? A perfect way to support our efforts would be a gift card to JoAnn's Fabric, Walmart or Hobby Lobby in any amount. Thank you in advance for your support.



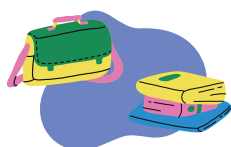
Would you like to help a child succeed this school year?



# Join us for our School Supplies for Success Drive

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

**There are 2 ways to help!**  
**Starting the weekend of July 27th-28th**



Choose a **BACKPACK TAG** or a **BOOK TAG** from one of the display boards in the Atrium. *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.**

## Don't want to shop?



**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.



## Reminders

Please place your donation in a paper or plastic bag and **attach the backpack tag or book tag to your donation**. Please place it on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium. Donations may also be brought to the Outreach Office.

**Collection for our School  
Supplies for Success Program  
will take place  
Monday, 8/5 - Sunday, 8/18**

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

**Thank you for your support!**



Dear Friends:

As we continue to celebrate our National Eucharistic Revival, we are bringing true love into the world by sharing and supporting opportunities for the faithful to fall deeper in love with Jesus in the Eucharist and to cast nets of Eucharistic charity to all of Long Island and to the world.

In our Diocese, the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to cast these nets. From Elmont to Montauk, because of this Appeal, the Church is present in each community helping those in need.

Our Parish Social Ministry programs assist those in the community with basic necessities like food, clothing or just a helping hand. Catholic Charities assists our fellow Long Islanders with housing, substance abuse issues and maternity management. It supports seminarians through their discernment and formation and ensures that our young people can continue to grow in their knowledge and love of our Catholic faith.

*The Catholic Church on Long Island serves the mission of the Church and the common good by assisting so many people spiritually, emotionally, and physically.*

At the recent Eucharistic Pilgrimage that brought the Blessed Sacrament in a Monstrance from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge in view of the Statue of Liberty, I was inspired by the many people, a mosaic of many faces and ages, witnessing to the truths of our faith and encouraging those who are inactive in their faith to rekindle their love for the Eucharist and the Mass.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are integral to this Eucharistic mission. If you have not done so already, I ask you to please consider making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John O. Barres'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres

# 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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