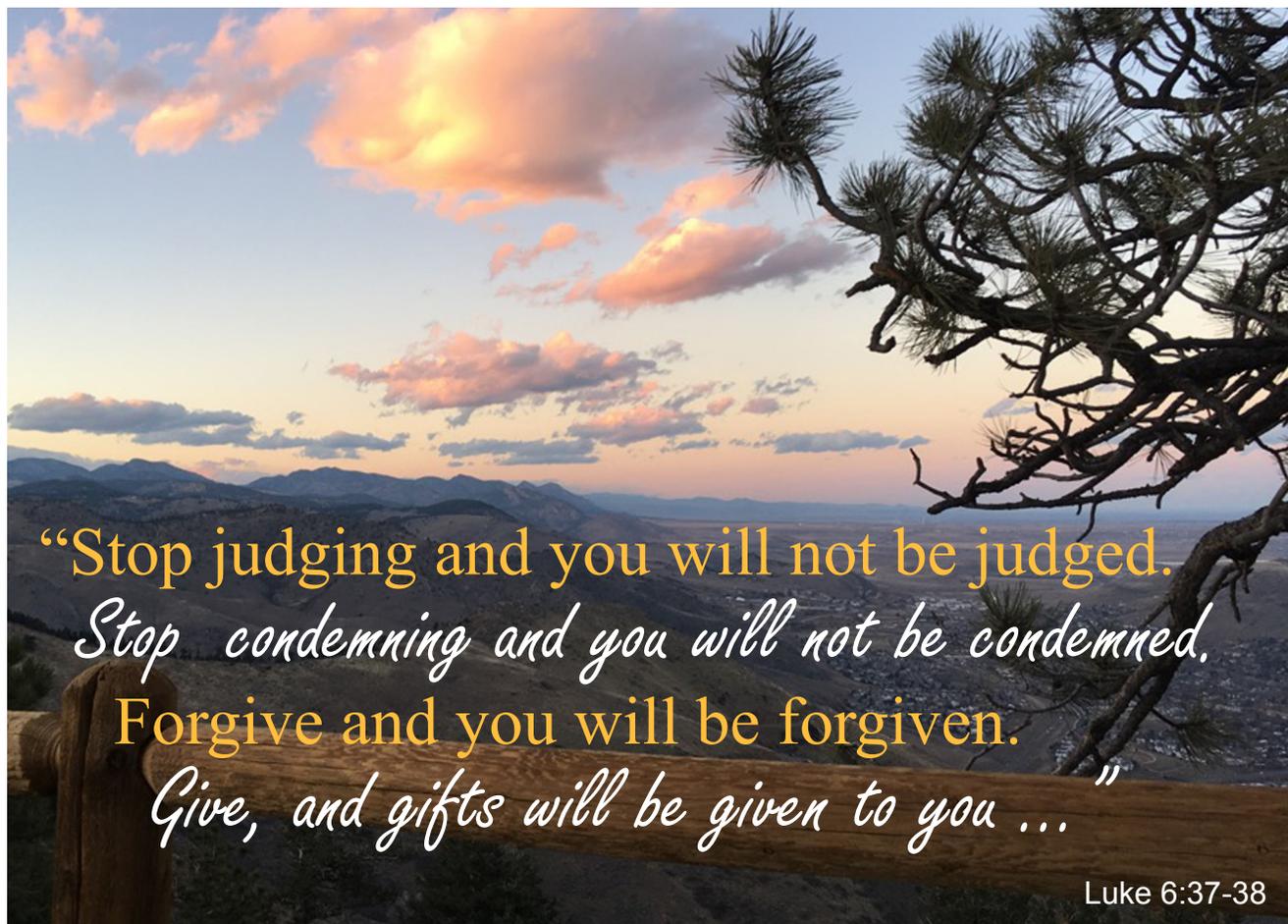


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Give, and gifts will be given to you ...”

Luke 6:37-38

**Come and pray with us!**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 24, 2019**

**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 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

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**WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

**WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM**

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

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#### March 2nd/3rd

5:00 PM	Fr. Michael
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael
9:30 AM	Fr. Michael
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of February 24th, 9AM Mass

<b>Mon.</b>	Victor Lamarque
<b>Tue.</b>	Pauline O'Neill
<b>Wed.</b>	James Scheller
<b>Thu.</b>	Mary Hirsch

#### Saturday, March 2nd, 5 PM Mass

Charles Struzinski, Edward Quinn, Mildred Peck-Kelly, Mike Ambrosio, Ronnie Snell

#### Sunday, March 3rd, 8th Sun. in Ordinary Time

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Nicholas Makowicz, John LiMandri, Carlo Pappalardo
<b>11:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish

### Remembering Our Sick

*Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...*

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

**Maria Conte      Maryann League**  
**Paul Malley**

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200.

### Scripture Readings for March 3, 2019



+ Sirach 27:4-7  
+ 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
+ Luke 6:39-45

# Lent is in the Air

*by Father Michael*

I am happy that we are able to offer a number of spiritual opportunities for Lent. Over thirty parishioners signed up for the Directed Retreat; those details are now being finalized. We are also offering evenings of prayer and reflection called *Awakening Faith*. This six-evening program will take place throughout Lent and into the Easter Season. (Please see the details for that program elsewhere in this bulletin.) We are suggesting the theme of "Sacred Silence" for the days of Lent. Consider ways in which you might find some holy and quiet times. Also, see the tear-off in this bulletin where we seek your input in praying for people who may not have a voice or whose suffering goes unnoticed. We want to be in solidarity with those who may not be able to speak on their own. Whatever program or path you choose to walk, seek to make these days an opportunity for you to grow closer to the Lord.

There is a bit of behind the scenes work that is happening for Lent. For the past few weeks, all of the members of our "In Stitches Group" have been hard at work preparing a small prayer aid for our Lenten season. If you see a group of ladies with blisters and calluses on their fingers, they are likely a part of this group that has put in an abundance of work for this task. It kind of reminds me of Santa's elves who help at the North Pole prior to Christmas. Thank you for your good work.

'Tis the season for a few of the pastoral activities that come around every year. In preparation for their First Holy Communion, our Level 2 students celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. One group received the Sacrament earlier in the month, and the second group receives this week. There are some who question the wisdom of such young children sharing in this Sacrament. While a seven-year old may not be struggling with great moral dilemmas, they absolutely can have a sense of right and wrong. Traditionally (and rather accurately), the Church used to refer to this as the age of reason. It is a privilege to be a bearer of God's forgiveness to these young children. It is clear that many of them enter the Sacrament with great seriousness and a desire to be forgiven for their young failings. We try our best to make this a positive and uplifting experience of God's grace and kindness.

In addition to this, I am also making my annual visits to Level 7 classes in Catechists' homes. The students are asked to prepare questions. They range in scope from when and why did I choose to be a priest, to why is there suffering in the world, and will their dog go to heaven. Many times, my answer is that we do not have every answer to every question, and sometimes we need to acknowledge that there will be mysteries that are part of our faith experience. I do my best to answer each question as honestly as I can.

Although we are still in the midst of winter, it is always encouraging to see the day's sunset later and later in the afternoon. It is a reminder that spring will be here before long.

# ATTENTION ADULTS!

*Coming in March: A new opportunity for adult parishioners!*

## **Awakening Faith**

Awakening Faith is a six-week program of Catholic renewal built around a simple format: hospitality, input, and small groups. The process of conversation and sharing around key topics of faith, in a friendly, non-threatening, and confidential environment, provides a unique path toward spiritual enrichment and growth.

This program covers six topics: *Spirituality, God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Forgiveness, the Mass, and the Church.*

Each 90 minute session includes prayer, Scripture, information on a topic, small group sharing, Q & A, and, of course, coffee and cake!

Holy Cross will begin offering Awakening Faith in March. Our sessions will be held on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:00 – 8:30 PM**. The dates will be:

- **March 5 and 19**
- **April 2 and 16**
- **May 14\* and 21**

*\*Please note, we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, except in May, it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.*

Space is limited to 40 people, and materials need to be ordered, so please get your registration in soon. No prior experience is needed – just a desire to grow closer to God and to one another.

If you have any questions, please call Jude at ext. 16.

*Please tear off and return by February 28:*

I want to participate in *Awakening Faith* (Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Ashes will be distributed at:  
7 AM, 9 AM Mass, 12 Noon, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM.**

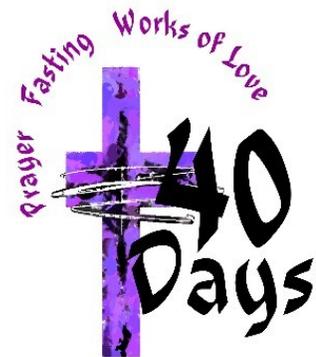
### Children and Ashes...

Our 4:00 and 5:30 PM services will be more “child friendly.” These services will be shorter, with a homily geared to a child’s understanding. This will enable the children to enter into the spirit of Lent in a manner appropriate for their age.

## SACRED SILENCE

Our theme for this Lent will be “*Sacred Silence.*” We will be invited to embrace this theme on two different levels.

- How can I increase and use silence in my life to better hear what God has to say to me?
  - 1) No TV
  - 2) Less Technology
  - 3) More Prayer
- In what ways can I support or pray for those who may live in silence, those who have no voice of their own?



We are seeking your input for this second area. Are there any groups that you can identify that in some way have “no voice”? Are there any people that you would like to see us pray for during the days of Lent? Here are a few examples: for life in the womb that may be threatened by abortion, or for survivors of abuse.

We invite you to submit additional groups that can be incorporated into our prayer throughout the days of Lent as well as in our Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday.

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I suggest the following, who have no voice, to be included in our Lenten journey:

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

# SAVE THE DATE!

The Basket Raffle Fundraiser will take place the weekends of  
**March 23-24, 30-31 and April 6-7.**

*The Fundraising Committee*

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith? If you answered "Yes!" to any of those questions and you made your Confirmation, then check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! Here is what's happening this weekend! Take a look!

- **Sunday, February 24 - Join us for an 11:30AM Youth Mass with the Core Band and a Youth Day Event following it, from 12:30 to 3PM!**

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

## PARISH OUTREACH

Next Saturday and Sunday, **March 2nd/3rd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Boxed Potatoes/Rice
- Canned Fruit
- Baby Wipes
- Cookies
- Meals-in-a-Can

**Brown-handle bags from Trader Joe's or Whole Foods work best for us!** And, please check expiration dates. It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!



# ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS!



## The Parish of the Holy Cross

### Holy Week Sign Up Form

We know it seems early, but we're beginning to plan for Holy Week & Easter!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

#### Check one:

Altar Server       Lector       Usher       Extraordinary Minister

I am not available to serve Holy Week and Easter \_\_\_\_\_.

I am available, and interested to serve at:

#### **Palm Sunday** - April 14, 2019

8:00 AM                       11:30 AM  
 9:30 AM                       1:00 PM

#### **Holy Thursday** - April 18, 2019

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Lector only)  
 8:00 PM - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### **Good Friday** - April 19, 2019

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Lector only)  
 3:00 PM - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### **Holy Saturday** - April 20, 2019

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Lector only)  
 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday** - April 21, 2019

8:00 AM                       11:30 AM  
 9:30 AM                       1:00 PM



## Holy Week

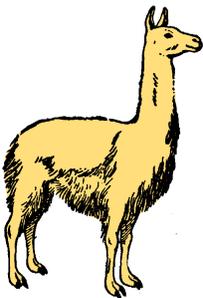
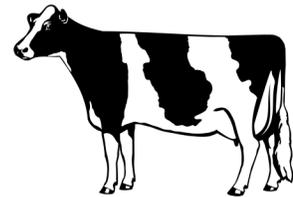
**Please drop in the basket or return to the Parish Office NO LATER than Sunday, March 10, 2019. Thank you for your help in helping us get our Holy Week Schedule completed ASAP!**

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Llamas and Heifers and Pigs – Oh My!

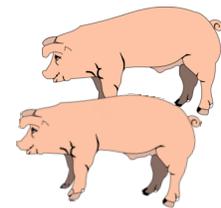
It's time to take the quarters you've donated to "Kevin Bacon" and **magically** turn them into animals that can change lives. We are using \$890 to purchase 1 Heifer, 1 Llama and 2 Pigs.

The Heifer (cow) will bring much needed milk and nourishment to a hungry family. The family can earn income by selling the extra milk.



The Llama will most likely go to a family living in high altitudes in the Andes Mountains of South America. It will provide warmth with clothing and blankets made from soft wool. The sale of extra wool will provide income for other necessities.

The Pigs create a steady supply of organic fertilizer which increases crop yield. And, each pig will birth about 16 piglets which can be sold for income for the family.



Every family that receives an animal from Heifer International promises to "Pass on the Gift" of an offspring to another family in the community. And, on and on and on.....

### **Magic Quarters – Absolutely!**

Once again we would like to thank our generous parishioners for continuing to reach out to people who are struggling. You share your gifts and talents in our parish community, in our neighborhoods and in our world!

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*"My faith is so important to me – without it I would be lost. I wouldn't know what I would be doing right or wrong. I wouldn't have God's voice with me at all times."*

-Youth Ministry Participant



*"It's important to place young people in front of the Living God and to create encounters with the Sacraments and with God for the possibility of that conversion moment of instilling in them the Faith – to come face to face with God. It can change their lives."*

- Nolan Reynolds, Director, Youth Ministry



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For more information, please pick up a brochure from the bulletin table in the atrium.

**THANK YOU!**

# CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross Cash Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 \$50	2 \$50
3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50
10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 Valentine's Day \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50
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Cash Calendar, FEBRUARY 2019

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, February 24th** 10:30 AM  
 • PRAY THE ROSARY Chapel  
 • YOUTH MASS W/CORE BAND 11:30AM Worship Area  
 • YOUTH DAY EVENT 12:30-3PM Atrium
- Monday, February 25th** 5 PM  
 • SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES FJ, Atr., WA
- Tuesday, February 26th** 10 AM  
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room  
 • HOME STUDY PARENT MTG. 7PM Fr. Joe Room
- Thursday, February 28th** 1:30 PM  
 • MOMS' GROUP Sacristy  
 • RCIA 7PM Conference Rm.
- Saturday, March 2nd** 11 AM  
 • LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION Worship Area  
 • HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM Worship Area  
 • LEV. 8 LETTERS TO FR. MICHAEL 5PM Worship Area
- Sunday, March 3rd** All Masses  
 • LEVEL 8 LETTERS TO FR. MICHAEL Worship Area  
 • ANOINTING OF THE SICK 10:30AM Worship Area

# PARISH NEWS

## Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on Saturday, March 2nd.



## Anointing of the Sick

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. Sunday, March 3rd, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

## Special Collection

Next weekend, March 2nd/3rd, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!



# GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



*Tell your Scouting friends.....All Are Welcome*

- When:** March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 Mass  
 (Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in.)  
**Where:** Parish of the Holy Cross, Nesconset  
**Who:** All Scouts and their families are invited to attend.  
**What to wear:** Girl Scout Uniform / Sash

Please let us know who/how many Scouts are coming.  
 Text, call or email any questions you may have.  
 Girls, please bring a goody for hospitality!

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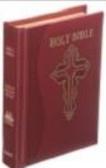
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