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"And they
were all
filled
with the
Holy Spirit."

Acts of the Apostles 2:4

Come and pray with us!

Pentecost Sunday - June 9, 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.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

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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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



June 15th/16th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of June 9th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Kevin Mullin
Tue. Micaela Krueger (living)
Wed. Hilda Schroder
Thu. Luis E. Forero

Saturday, June 15th, 5 PM Mass

All Father's Day Mass Remembrances & People of the Parish

Sunday, June 16th, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM All Father's Day Mass Remembrances
9:30 AM All Father's Day Mass Remembrances
11:30 AM All Father's Day Mass Remembrances

Remembering Our Sick

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

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

Patricia Becker **Veronica Follo**
Lisa Tauger **Ray Yager**

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

Scripture Readings for June 16, 2019



+ *Proverbs 8:22-31*
+ *Romans 5:1-5*
+ *John 16:12-15*

Who Will...?

by Father Michael

Pentecost is one of the great celebrations within the Church year. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, the significance of this day sometimes passes too quickly. It is not like Christmas or Easter where there is an entire season that is devoted to it. Nonetheless, it is a rich day that we want to celebrate. It is a day that raises a question of how God may be calling each of us to move more deeply into the gift and mystery of our faith.

There is a two-fold dynamic at work as we celebrate this day. First, we need to understand what we have received from the Holy Spirit. Today's second reading identifies the many gifts and diversity of the Spirit at work in the lives of individuals. The power of the Holy Spirit begins when we acknowledge and embrace what it is God offers us. Once we understand how we have been blessed, then we need to ask the question, "How do I use what God has given?" No gift from God is meant to be hidden or reserved for personal use only. Rather, every gift we have received from God prompts us to respond with a generous heart and use that gift in service of others.

Traditionally, at Holy Cross we connect this annual Feast Day with our Spirituality of Stewardship. We look at our response of time and talent which enables the parish to carry on the work it does on many levels. There are many areas of parish life in which we can identify a great and generous response. This year we pose a question which we ask everyone to reflect upon. "Who will carry on this work?" There are many things that are already being done, but there is always more that can be embraced. If we want to continue to bring our faith to life in a diversity of ways, we need to identify those who will do it. We raise the question, "Who will do this work?" We ask you to reflect upon your response and your relationship with this community. Is it possible that you are being called to more? Might you find yourself responding, "I will," to this invitation?

Sometimes our response finds us immersed in hands-on work. But, this is not the only way in which we can respond. Our financial gifts may be part of our response. Our prayers, support and encouragement may be other ways in which we receive and pass along the gift of the Spirit. If we are truly open to the Spirit, each of us can respond, "I will," when the question "Who will?" is raised in regards to ministry and service.

Please see the special page in this bulletin that identifies some of the areas that could use additional or new helping hands. There may be other things to be done as well. If you feel as though you have something to offer that is not named, by all means, let us know so that we can help you pursue what might be an invitation from God.

Who Will...?



We have a beautiful bell to announce our Masses. ***Who will ring it?***

We see “new-comers” every weekend. ***Who will greet them so that they feel welcome?***

We know children who want to learn about God’s love. ***Who will teach them?***

Our building looks festive for Christmas and Easter. ***Who will help decorate?***

We have a community garden to help feed the hungry. ***Who will help tend it?***

Fr. Michael needs help celebrating Mass (really!). ***Who will serve at the altar, or proclaim Scripture, or help distribute Holy Communion, or lead us in song?***

We have parishioners with physical challenges. ***Who will help them find a seat when they come to Mass?***

We want to offer more hospitality and fellowship. ***Who will help make this happen?***

We have opportunities to use new technology. ***Who will help to apply it?***

We know parishioners who are grieving. ***Who will help comfort them?***

Will you?

*Please fill in the tear-off below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. You may also email pothc@optonline.net with the subject line: ***Who will...? Thank you for your response.****

Please tell me how I can help with: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

BEST WISHES KATHLEEN!

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a joy to work here at Holy Cross for the past two years. I have found a home here at the "city on the hill." (Mt. 5:14) I was enchanted my first drive up the hill with the woods all around. It reminded me of my childhood when we walked through and played in the woods. Nature has always spoken to me of God. It has been a special prayer for me, to contemplate the trees while praying the Mass with all of you. As you may have read in a previous bulletin, I will be retiring on Friday June 14th. This comes after 42 years of ministering in the "vineyard of the Lord." I have had the privilege of working in several parishes including Holy Cross. I can honestly say that the Lord and I have travelled this road together. Sometimes in joy, sometimes in sorrow, but always together. Certainly, the joy has outweighed the sorrow. As I move on to the next adventure of my life, I hope to remain a parishioner here at Holy Cross. Here I have found God's life and love and a community filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. May we be open to the Holy Spirit this Pentecost weekend, and may we always share the light and love of God with one another and all those we meet.

God bless you always!
Kathleen



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8 - 12, 2019

Please mark your calendars for this year's **ROAR! Vacation Bible School** at Holy Cross which will be held from Monday, July 8th, through Friday, July 12th, from 10am to 1pm. Registration forms for campers can be found on page 8 of the bulletin or on our web page, www.pothc.org. This is for **campers** only, specifically children who are entering grades K through 5 in the fall of 2019. Please fill out the form and mail in your registration or stop by the Religious Education office to register.



Please visit our donation board in the atrium, and consider helping us with the needed supplies for VBS week! The donated items should be returned by Sunday, June 30th. Thank you for helping us with our needed supplies!

Inquiries regarding this popular, exciting, summer program can be made at 265-2200 ext.19.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome to Holy Cross Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead to the 2019-2020 Formation Year. We need your help so that we can adequately plan to meet the needs of our parish. If you have a child entering **First Grade in September you need to register**. If you have recently moved to our parish you need to register in the parish. Our program is "home based." Classes do not take place at the Church; rather they are held in the homes of our Catechists. Because of this, there are geographical limits on who we are able to accommodate. Please contact our office for more specific information.

- First time registration needs to be done in person at our office.
- Registration needs to be completed by June 14, 2019.
- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
- If your child was not baptized at Holy Cross you need to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.
- For those who are already part of our program, you need to re-register for the upcoming year. **Materials have been sent to your home in May**, and they may be returned by mail. Please note the deadline of June 14, 2019.

A detailed outline of our program is available on-line or at our office. But, there are a few important details to be noted.

- Children must successfully complete each grade level to proceed to the next.
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation require a minimum of two years of preparation.

Most importantly, we need to work together. Faithful attendance at classes and parent workshops is essential. As comprehensive and informative as our program is, this is only one part of your child's faith formation. The greatest thing you can do to nurture your faith and the faith of your child is to regularly be part of our Sunday Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Church states that parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. We are privileged to work with you in this task. We thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to be part of your lives. We look forward to a fruitful year where everyone, young and old, continues to grow in understanding the gift of our faith.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Did you make your Confirmation? Then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see you!



Here are some pictures from our last Youth Night!



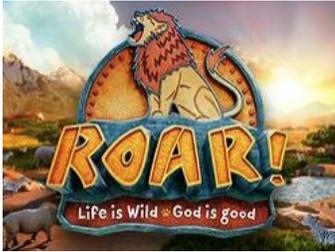
And, here are our upcoming events:

- **Saturday, June 8 - We will meet on Saturday, June 8th, for our graduation night for our seniors. Mass starts at 5PM followed by a reception from 6 to 8:30PM.**
- **Father's Day Weekend - No Youth Day/Night Event**
- **Sunday, June 23 - Our last Youth Night of the year! All teens and alumni are invited to attend our Youth Night from 6 to 8PM!!**

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 would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, our Youth Minister, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Registration Form



July 8 - 12, 2019

Please print clearly/ one per child

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2019 _____

Home phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Parish if not Holy Cross: _____

Mother/guardian emergency contact # / cell # _____

Father/guardian emergency contact # / cell # _____

Important: Allergies or other medical conditions: Yes / No (please circle one)
(if "yes" please fill out "Allergy Action Plan" form at time of registration.)

***** Under NO circumstances may outside food be brought in.**

Fees:

\$60.00 for 1 camper

\$100.00 for 2 campers

\$140.00 for 3 or more
campers



May request one name for a child to be placed with:

This is only a request.
Campers may be placed in same crew OR group.
Siblings will be placed together if requested.

Photography release: I hereby **give / do not give** permission for my child
_____ to be photographed during the week at VBS.

(must circle one and sign) _____

PARISH NEWS

Father's Day Mass Remembrances



Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the Father's Day bulletin.

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

Special Collections

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for **Catholic Communications**. This collection supports Catholic programs to television networks, radio programs, free movie reviews, and so much more.

Next weekend, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund.



Thank you for your support of these important collections!

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits **Heifer International**.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$71,600.00	\$42,925.00	(\$28,675.00)	173	60.0%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$14,320. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

CASH CALENDAR

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS
CASH CALENDAR ~ JUNE 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						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 \$50	15 \$50
16 \$500	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50
23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50
30 \$50	\$10 Per Chance ~ 30 Chances to Win ~ \$50 Per Day ~ \$500 on June 16, Fathers' Day					

Cash Calendar, JUNE 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 8th	1 - 3 PM
• CHORAL CONCERT	Worship Area
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
• YOUTH MASS W/CORE BAND	5PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8:30PM Atrium
Sunday, June 9th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• PENTECOST CELEBRATION	12:30PM Atrium
Monday, June 10th	6 - 8 PM
• CONFIRMATION CONVERSATIONS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Tuesday, June 11th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• CONFIRM. CONVERSATIONS	6-8PM Atr., Wor. Ar.
• PASTORAL COUNCIL	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, June 12th	4 - 6 PM
• ALTAR SERVER BBQ	Parish House
• VIRTUS	6:30PM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, June 13th	1:30 PM
• MOMS' GROUP	Sacristy

PARISH OUTREACH

Community Vegetable Garden Volunteers Needed!

The vegetable garden provides produce for those households served by our Parish Outreach who don't have access to fresh vegetables.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages. If you need community service hours for school or you enjoy gardening, we invite you to become one of our gardeners! For more information, please contact JoEllen at **631-360-1373**.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Banning "God" from Graduation Speeches

www.cffor.org

More than two centuries after Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech were enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution, these rights are often in the news during Graduation season.

- A H.S. graduating senior in PA, whose faith is a driving force behind everything she does, was told to leave any reference to her religious beliefs from her graduation speech.
- A university in CO reversed its decision to remove a Bible verse from the graduation speech of a nursing student selected by her classmates to address the class.
- An IL valedictorian was told just ten minutes before graduation that he would not be permitted to deliver his graduation speech because it was too religious.

Alliance Defending Freedom said, "It is ...well established that (school) officials cannot silence speech simply because it expresses a particular viewpoint, including a religious one."

(washingtontimes.com,5/23/18;
dailysignal.com,5/16/18;
firstliberty.org,6/13/17;
godtv.com,5/16/19)

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Thomas Jefferson



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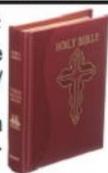
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