



# 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.



## **The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025**



## **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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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
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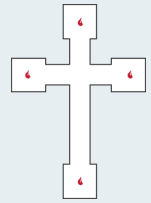


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for more information on how we can serve you.



# WHAT WILL YOU BRING?

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This is the familiar part of the Christmas story when the three wise men make precious offerings to the child Jesus. I have always maintained that the Magi did not set out with the intention to bring gifts. They had been hired by Herod (who had ill intentions for Jesus) to go on a fact-finding mission and to report back to him what they witnessed. But rather than being spectators of that event, they were drawn into it. Having come into the presence of the child Jesus, they were inspired to give precious gifts. They also had a change of heart and did not return to Herod. Having encountered the Lord, they literally had to walk a different path.

Gift giving can be a meaningful experience. It's not about the amount of money spent, but rather an expression of love for those with whom we exchange gifts. A well-chosen gift reflects that we know something about the person and are affirming who they are. The gift can recognize we know a need in that person's life that we want to address. A gift can be a bond that affirms and strengthens a relationship.

What gift will you bring to the Lord? As the old expression goes, "It's hard to shop for someone who has everything." God doesn't need stuff. God wants our hearts. God desires we become the people he made us to be. God wants us to be people who live in peace with ourselves, one another, and with Him. What do we need to do to deepen that self-awareness and to deepen our relationship with God? What would bring more peace to your heart? Do you need to work on strengthening a relationship in your life? Do you need to overcome anger and resentment that surrounds what is happening in our politics and culture? Do you need to live a more balanced and healthy lifestyle? Do you need to not be consumed with fear and worry? These things are more than New Year's resolutions; they can be life-giving steps forward in your faith journey.

When you give the perfect gift, there is tremendous joy in your own heart. This is even more so in our relationship with God. Ironically, the more we give away, the more we are fulfilled. Conversely, when we are stingy with honesty, vulnerability and trust, life becomes very narrow and very shallow. We are the ones who ultimately benefit when we enter more deeply into that mystery of God among us. As we reflect upon precious gifts offered by the wise men, may we be reminded that we too can offer precious gifts. The source of what we offer comes from the depths of our hearts.

Next week is the Baptism of the Lord. In particular, the 11:30 Mass is going to be abounding with enthusiasm and joy. We are inviting all those families who celebrated a baptism here in the past two years. It will be a festive day to celebrate our faith, this community, and the way in which God's gift of life continues to unfold.



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### CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**JANUARY 11**

**5:00 PM  
FR. MICHAEL**

**JANUARY 12**

**8:00 AM  
FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM  
FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM  
FR. MICHAEL**



**SCRIPTURE  
READINGS  
FOR JANUARY 12**

**+ Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
+ Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
+ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Saturday, January 4th ..... HOLY HOUR  
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area**

**Sunday, January 5th ..... ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area**

**Sunday, January 5th ..... CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room**

**Monday, January 6th ..... SPECIAL NEEDS  
4:00PM-6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium**

**Tuesday, January 7th ..... IN STITCHES  
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, January 8th ..... SENIORS  
11:30AM-2:30PM, Atrium**

**Wednesday, January 8th ..... LEVEL 8 PRAYER SERVICE MTG.  
6:00PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, January 12th ..... OCIA  
10:00AM-11:00AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, January 12th ..... BAPTISM CELEBRATION  
11:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Atrium**

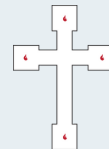
**Sunday, January 12th ..... BAPTISMS  
1:00PM, Worship Area**

*Happy  
New Year*

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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



## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, January 5, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Chris & Megan Dawson (living)

**Tue.** Jack Piccolo

**Wed.** Thomas Barrett

**Thu.** Thomas Barrett

### Saturday, January 11, 5 PM Mass

Linda Marino, Ann Keena, Teresa Burton,  
Gennaro Cangiano, Roberta Lamb

### Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**9:30 AM** Jean Everts

**11:30 AM** Anne DiGregorio, Joseph M. Babi,  
Jack Piccolo, Frank J. Foronjy,  
Theresa Garguilo

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

Bob Alderdice  
Kimberly Crawford Arbocus  
Theresa Arzillo  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Barbara Bombace  
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Dan Bryan  
Judy Carlson  
Hank Champagne  
Mary Champagne  
William Ciccarelli  
Grayson Danielski  
Jason DeLuca  
Manuela Diaz  
Ann Egan  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
Linda Heinrichs  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Caroline Lazar

Carol Leahy  
Jo-Ann Loh  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Charlotte Lynch  
Viola Malek  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Steve Matonti  
Olivia Melia  
Loretto Narducci  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Carina Ranieri  
Rob Remhild  
Liam Richards  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Louise Scagnelli  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Bill Tanner  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns  
Emma Zeidman



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

*We continue to pray  
through 2025 for ...*

SSGT David Basler  
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC  
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
FC2 Lane Dyar  
AS Brandon Ferrara  
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA  
WO Christopher Kaminsky  
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC  
SSGT Ryan Mauldin  
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC  
Lt Ryan Montvydas

*Please let us know if their service is finished  
or their title has changed.  
May God bless all who serve our nation.  
Pray for peace!*

**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.**

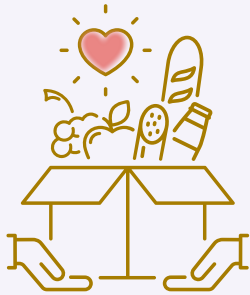
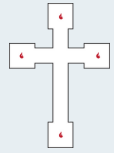


*We remember and pray for the following  
Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:*

**Thomas Barrett  
Roberta Ann Lamb  
Joseph Paciulli  
Jean Scialabba  
Barbara Sherry**

*May they rest in peace,  
and may their loved ones be consoled.*

# PARISH OUTREACH



Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.

**The collection will be this weekend January 4th & 5th.**

**Toilet paper - Hot cereal - Chicken in a can  
Mayo - Rice - Pancake mix - Syrup**

*Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.*

Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry. We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." - Galatians 6:10*

## "Let there be Light"



After 30 years, the lighting fixtures in our Worship Area are failing and need to be updated. In addition, the obsolete dimming and control panel must be replaced.

For this reason, we are doing a special fundraiser to cover the \$98,200 cost of the project. We need to be able to make this improvement without utilizing our limited savings. This is an expensive undertaking, and we need your help.

*We are grateful for your support as a faithful community, together assisting in maintaining the facility, so we can offer Masses, Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals here at Holy Cross.*

You can find envelopes for the "Let there be Light" fundraiser in the atrium, or you can do a direct donation using the Venmo or PayPal QR code.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office.

*God bless you and Thank You for being part of "Let there be Light."*



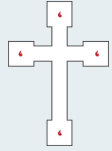
## 2024 Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2024 will be sent to you upon request. If you would like a copy, please print your name and address on the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

# WE GROW IN FAITH



## Level 4 – Walk Through Mass

Tuesday, January 14th, at 5pm – Worship Area

Thursday, January 16th, at 5pm – Worship Area \*\*

\*\* New Date (replaces Monday, January 13th)

## Level 1 – Church Tour

Wednesday, January 15th, at 7pm – Worship Area



*If anyone would like to  
bake something  
for our special  
Baptism celebration  
after the 11:30 Mass  
on January 12,  
please let Jude know at  
jpickel@holycrossrc.org*

*Items may be dropped off at the Fr.  
Joe Room any time on the 12th.  
Thank you.*



### Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in December



Mary Hope Caldarello  
Giovanni James Fantauzzi  
Taylor Grace Labita  
Nora Jay Lederer  
Nina Gloria Murphy  
Gianni Luigi Pecoraro  
Paolo Roberto Pecoraro



## Practice of Hope

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God to the world. Little is known about the visitors from the East who paid the Holy Family homage, but their story reminds us that great things happen in the humblest of places. The Magi followed the star to find the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem, which means House of Bread.

From the House of Bread came the Bread of Life. Following the example of the Magi, visit a church and pray before the Real Presence in the tabernacle.

Reflect on the world around you and look for examples of the miraculous way God allows things to occur in the humblest of places.

Bring the figurines of the three Magi closer to your nativity set. Light candles and sing your favorite Epiphany songs.





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Community  
Cares**

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## A COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT FOR TEENS

### PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

## NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Join us as we gather together to create no-sew blankets for the Holy Cross Prayer Blanket Ministry. Last year, our teen volunteers created over 15 blankets which were blessed at Mass following our event. These blankets were then distributed to individuals to bring comfort, and serve as a reminder to them of God's love. Parishioners have the opportunity, after the blankets are blessed, to receive these special blankets.

*We need you*

**FEBRUARY**

**7<sup>TH</sup>**

**7 - 9 PM**

**HOLY CROSS ATRIUM**

Community Service Letters stating participation will be handed out that night

Snacks and Refreshments will be provided throughout the evening

Supplies for No-Sew blankets will be provided.  
Learn how to make blankets for those in need.

**Bring a  
Friend!**

**Join us anytime between 7 - 9 pm**

Only have an hour? That's ok! We appreciate the time you give!

Please register for this event to participate.

Sign up for Remind at:

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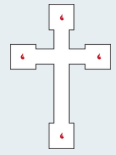
To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at: [youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org).  
and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

You will find additional information for this and other events through the Remind App.

*Level 6 - 8 Catechists: Great Opportunity for you and your class! Contact us!*



# PARISH REMINDERS



## Youth Community Cares

**"Serving our youth as our youth serves others"**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*Thank you to all our Youth Volunteers and Adult Volunteers who have made the past few months since YCC began a huge success! We are so proud of our youth community!*

**We will be hosting hospitality weekends in January, and add'l dates through April.**

**We are also looking for youth volunteers to help with our Prayer Blanket Ministry, making no-sew blankets.**

Please register for these events to participate.

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at [youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org) and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

Sign up for Remind at: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://rmd.at/ycchc)

You will find additional information for these events through the Remind App.



### Missalettes

If you didn't get a chance to order a 2025 Missalette, you can still purchase one for \$12 in the Parish Office.



The next hospitality weekend is January 25th & 26th

*Complimentary refreshments are served after Mass by our Youth Volunteers.*

If you are a middle or high school student, you can sign up to volunteer by joining Remind. You will receive additional information through the link.

Sign up for Remind at: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://rmd.at/ycchc)

## HOLY HOUR ~ January 4th EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Please come and spend some time with the Lord in personal prayer as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the Parish Holy Hour.



## In Stitches

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

**We will be meeting on JANUARY 7th and then every Tuesday from 10AM to 12PM in the Father Joe Room**

Contact: JoEllen May-Wadsworth (631) 360-1373

Email: [jpmclady@yahoo.com](mailto:jpmclady@yahoo.com)



Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our Renovations and Major Repairs fund.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



## HOLY CROSS SENIORS

**WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 8th**

**We are meeting in the Atrium from 11:30AM to 2:30PM**

For anyone who believes they have a Sexual Abuse Claim against an Additional Debtor (parish) arising prior to December 3, 2024 the claim form to submit and related information can be found at

<https://dm.epiq11.com/case/drvc/info>

under the "Proof of Claim Form" heading.

The deadline for filing claims is January 13, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. prevailing Eastern time.





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**Sunday, Jan. 26 | 10:30 AM**



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**Saturday, Jan. 25 | 11 AM - 2 PM**



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# Winter Windfall

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 December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held **February 28**.

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!***

## Winter Windfall

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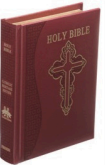
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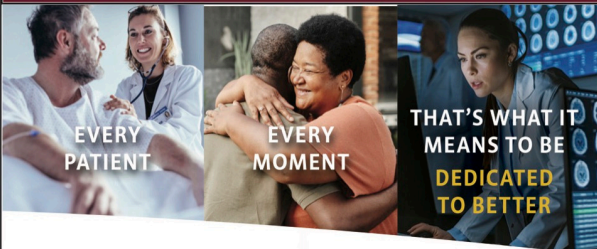
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