

# 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.



### 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 29, 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



### WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

### **PASTORAL TEAM**

PHONE: (631) 265-2200 FAX: (631) 265-2229 EMAIL: parish@holycrossrc.org

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

> > Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

### PASTORAL STAFF

Music Minister/Webmaster

Mr. Roberto Maza **Custodian** 

Mrs. Susan Ribeiro **Bulletin Editor** 

NEW OUTREACH HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday &

Thursday

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Evening Hours by Appointment Only

"From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me.

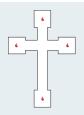
Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin."

-Psalm 19:13-14

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org** for more information on how we can serve you.



### WRAPPING UP SEPTEMBER



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

The relaxing days of summer are now all in the rearview mirror, and we are back to cranking along at top speed with many areas of parish life. Before you know it, we will be surrounded with Halloween decorations, and all foods will suddenly offer a pumpkin spice option (which I hate).

We just replaced the video surveillance cameras we have located around the parish property, mostly outside the building. We had a system installed ten years ago, which at the time was current technology. Their clarity was not the best, but until recently they had been working. Rather than trying to repair outdated equipment, we replaced what we had. Some of the outdoor wiring also had to be replaced. Thankfully, we have not had any security incidents here, but I feel it is an important safeguard to help protect our employees, parishioners and our property. The cost of the project was about \$4,300. The money to cover this expense came from the Renovations and Major Repairs Account. Thank you to all who continually support this collection. It enables us to make necessary repairs without having additional fundraising efforts.

Our Religious Education program is well underway. This week we had several meetings for both parents and students. Family life is demanding. There are many opportunities and activities for children. While Religious Education may not seem the most exciting, we try to emphasize that what we do here at Holy Cross is a unique opportunity for children. While they may not always fully understand or appreciate the message of our faith, it can become a point of reference for them as they grow. The message and the experience we offer here cannot be found elsewhere. We welcome families to participate in the program and our weekend liturgies, as they can become a source of life and strength for them. There is a mutually beneficial dynamic at work: families are blessed by the gift of faith, and we as a community are enhanced by their presence. Next weekend we will do a special Religious Ed "kick-off" at both the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses.

Pray for good weather for next Saturday so that our Family Fall Festival does not become a soggy event. I am happy we are able to offer this to the parish. It is an opportunity for families to have an activity that is not going to cost a fortune. There are free activities for the kids as well as a free pumpkin. The parish does benefit financially through the sale of raffle tickets for the baskets, the 50/50 drawing and food sales. Thank you to the many helping hands that create a day like this.



### **ON THE CALENDAR**

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29	30						

### CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



### **OCTOBER 5**

5:00 PM FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE

### **OCTOBER 6**

8:00 AM FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE

> 9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL

> 11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 6

+ Genesis 2:18-24

+ Hebrews 2:9-11

+ Mark 10:2-16

Saturday, September 28th5:00PM, Atrium	
Saturday, September 28th After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	Youth Community Cares
Sunday, September 29thAll Masses, Atrium	BASKET RAFFLE SALES
Sunday, September 29thAfter 9:30 & 11:30AM Masses, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY Youth Community Cares
Monday, September 30th1:30PM OR 7:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area	LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING
Monday, September 30th 2:00PM - 4:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	THE MYSTICS
Tuesday, October 1st 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Wednesday, October 2nd7:00PM - 8:45PM, Atrium, Chapel	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, October 3rd 10:00AM, Atrium	SCRIPTURE STUDY
Thursday, October 3rd 1:30PM - 3:15PM, Atrium, Chapel	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, October 3rd7:00PM, Chapel, Worship Area	WOMEN'S PRAYER
Saturday, October 5th 10:00AM - 3:00PM, All Areas	FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 5th3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area	HOLY HOUR
Saturday, October 5th5:00PM Mass, Worship Area	REL. ED. KICK-OFF MASS
Sunday, October 6th9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room	
Sunday, October 6thAfter 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area	ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Sunday, October 6th11:30AM Mass, Worship Area	REL. ED. KICK-OFF MASS
Sunday, October 6thAfter 11:30AM Mass, Courtyard	. BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Sunday, October 6th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS

Visit our website at **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 Hank Champagne Mary Champagne 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 Caroline Lazar 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 Louise Scagnelli 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, September 29, 9AM Masses

Mon. John Schultz, Jr. Tue. Cecilia Klujsza Wed. Dorothy Ostling Thu. Joseph Parrella

#### Saturday, October 5, 5 PM Mass

Damien Pickel, Estelle Sternberg, Dominick Pizzurro, Manuel Coelho, Gorete Martins

Sunday, October 6, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish **9:30 AM** Gloria Posimato, Joseph Fanuele, Gary Urda, Albina Sangemino, Kenneth McCarrey **11:30 AM** Celeste E. Babi & Joseph M. Babi



Sunday, October 6th,
will be the next date that
the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered
after the 9:30 AM Mass



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



Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16



### **ANGELS**



### LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall

Every year on September 29th, the Church celebrates the Guardian Angels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, there are numerous accounts of the heavenly spirits.

In the Old Testament, we learn that they stood at the entrance to the Garden of Eden, they directed Abraham when he followed God's instruction to sacrifice his son Isaac, and they even interacted with Israel's kings and prophets. In the New Testament, it was the angel Gabriel who appeared to Mary to tell her she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. We also see examples of how the angels worked in the preaching of Jesus. It was the angels who ministered to Jesus during the agony in the garden, and they were present at the Resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul spoke about the hierarchy of the angels several times in his epistles. Later on, it was St. Thomas Aquinas who taught that every one of us is assigned a guardian angel. They perform many important tasks for all of humanity. The three that I mentioned above are the only ones that are named in the Bible.

Most of us are familiar with the idea of patron saints, and these archangels also are known as patrons. Michael, whose name means "who is like God," is the patron saint of soldiers, police officers, paramedics, the sick and dying. Gabriel, whose name means "God is my strength," is patron saint of messengers, postal workers, broadcasters, and expectant mothers. Raphael, whose name means "God has healed," is patron saint of travelers, medical workers, and matchmakers!

Many of us as young children were taught the "Angel" prayer as one of our first prayers. Below is a more adult angel prayer for these three.

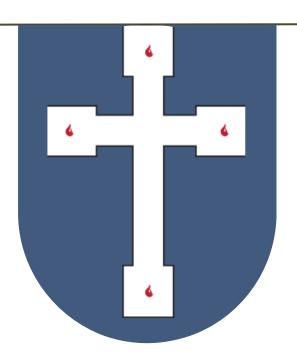
Glorious Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, I entrust myself to your angelic mediation. Please set into motion God's plan for my life, protect me from the evil one, deliver to me God's Holy Word, and heal me of my sin. I thank you for the glorious duties you fulfill in the divine mission and rely upon you in my life. Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for me!

Have an angelic, blessed, and peaceful week ahead!

## Religious Ed. Kick-off Weekend

Saturday, October 5th, 5PM Mass

Sunday, October 6th, 11:30AM Mass



All Religious Education Children and Catechists are invited to join us to celebrate the beginning of the 2024-2025 Religious Education year. Please join us at one of these special Mass times.



### Thank You

Special thanks to all our volunteer catechists. We appreciate your dedication to our youth in sharing and teaching them about our faith.

Enter Our

## Do you have a Favorite Fall Dessert Recipe?

# Family Fall Festival Dessert Contest

Come share your culinary expertise and enter your selection in our annual taste testing contest to be held at our Family Fall Festival on October 5th

The winner will be decided at the Family Fall Festival by a panel of volunteer judges.

To enter, the requirements are as follows:

- All items must be homemade.
- Please prepare enough to serve at least 20 bite size pieces
- Include a printed copy of your recipe to be displayed

We ask that all recipes be submitted by Tuesday, October 1st

Recipes will be printed and displayed the day of the judging (in response to any food allergy concerns)

Come join the fun!

Good luck and Good Baking!

Interested in submitting a recipe, or being a taste testing judge?

Fill out this form, check the appropriate line and return it to the Parish Office by October 1st.

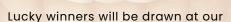
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Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest I agree to submit my recipe by October 1s			
Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest			

### **FESTIVE FALL FUN**



A wide variety of themed baskets will be displayed, and tickets sold after all the Masses on the weekends of: Sept. 21-22 & Sept. 28-29

> Tickets are 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL on Saturday, October 5th, at 3PM

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Be part of our

BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

### Do you like to bake?

We are looking for items that can be individually wrapped to sell at our Dessert Table at the Family Fall Festival.

### Cookies, Brownies, Muffins, or Non-iced Cake

that can be cut into individual slices are welcome.

All individually wrapped donated baked goods are needed at the parish on Friday, October 4th, between 1 PM and 3 PM



please call Carol Johnsen at 631-981-5465

does not need to be present NIFTY 50/50 RAFFLE

Drawing will be held at the Holy Cross Family Fall Festival on October 5th, 2024

Return completed raffle with payment

\$10 each

Email

The winner does not need to be present

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Try your luck this fall with the

### NIFTY 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are \$10 each.

Jackpot builds as tickets are sold. Enter as many times as you wish.

#### How to enter:

Fill out the tickets to the left and return it with payment to the parish office by October 4th.

Additional raffle tickets for purchase can be found in the parish office, and will be sold up until the drawing on the day of the festival.

Drawing will be held at the Family Fall Festival on October 5th, 2024.

The winner does not need to be present.

(631) 265-2200 www.holycrossrc.org



### **WE GROW IN OUR FAITH**



### **ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

### Please see below the Mandatory Meetings for your grade level.

All books, classwork materials and instructional information will be provided at these meetings. We ask that you kindly make every effort to attend these Meetings for your grade level.

Monday, September 30th at 1:30PM OR 7PM in the Worship Area LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200 Ext. 111 All Catechists, please pick up your materials and rosters on the day of the Parent Meeting for your grade level.

## Congratulations to our Catechists who have received the Saint Paul VI Award.

Nicole Chwalek
Linda Creighton
Susan Cunningham
Jennifer Draney
Rosalinda Kamor
Nicole Kearnes
Kristin King
Amber Lerner



Thomas Mayer
Kristen McNamara
Kathleen Nasta
Tracy Reilly
Robin Rostron
Kelly Ruggiero
Monica Scali
Dawn Thelian
Angela Wichtendahl

These catechists are in recognition of Five Years of Service in Catechetical Ministry witnessing to and teaching the Faith.



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### The Chosen, Season 4

<u>The Chosen</u> is a film series portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Based on the Gospels, this series illustrates the stories of everyday people and the profound impact Jesus had on their lives.

Join us as we view all eight episodes of Season 4.

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 from 7:00 - 8:45 PM OR

Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 from 1:30 - 3:15 PM

Each episode is followed by small group discussion.

Participation in **Seasons 1-3** is not required for attendance at **Season 4**.

However, if you haven't seen any of **Seasons 1-3**, it would be helpful to download 

The **Chosen** app (for free) to view it and catch up.

Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116

Fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by Sept. 30th. Please print!

I would like to attend The Chosen \_\_\_\_on Wednesday evenings/ \_\_\_on Thursday afternoons.

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

### **More Mystics at Holy Cross**

### Come join us for another look at Catholic Mystics!

Kathleen Reid leads us on the following dates as we learn about the Mystics:

MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 2-4PM St. Teresa of Avila

MONDAY, OCT. 7, 2-4PM

Jessica Powers

a/k/a Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit, O.C.D.

Meetings will take place in the Fr. Joe Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Email

### This week we look at the Catholic Mystic:

### St. Teresa of Avila

a Carmelite nun and prominent Spanish mystic and religious reformer

MONDAY, September 30th 2-4PM



#### Mystics Course - Semester 3

Please tear off and place in the collection basket or leave at the Parish Office c/o Jane. Thank you.



### **WE GROW IN OUR FAITH**



### Women's Prayer Group

All women in the parish are welcome.

Come, and bring a friend!

We meet the 1st Thursday of each month.

Our next meeting is

Thursday, October 3rd

from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Chapel

### HOLY HOUR ~ October 5th 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.

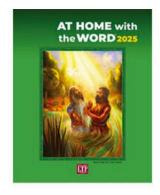
The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <u>Luke 17:5</u>

### LAST CALL!

If you would like to purchase an "At Home with the Word" book for 2025, please sign up in the hallway by the parish office.

if you are interested, there is also a sign-up sheet to purchase a 2025 **Missalette**.

Book orders will be placed this week.





We grow together in faith





(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

Jesus calls his disciples to seriously consider the ways they sin, the ways they choose to move away from God. His intense imagery in today's Gospel according to Mark challenges us to reflect on how we are (or are not) radically rejecting sin and temptation.



The second reading invites you to consider what wealth you are storing up and withholding from the world. Your wealth may be money, but it could also be a talent you have hidden, time you haven't given, kindness you have not shared, or something else. How can you give of your luxury and pleasure to enter right relationship with God and with your community?

Schedule time to go to confession this week. Before celebrating the sacrament of penance, make sure you dedicate time for prayer. For a structured guide to examine your conscience, visit: https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching.

### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



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

The collection will be next weekend, October 5 & 6.



## Pancake Mix / Syrup Pasta Sauce Canned Vegetables

(Corn, Peas, String Beans, Carrots)

Tuna / Chicken Coffee (small cans) Snacks

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!

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 6th,
after the 11:30 Mass



### Banns of Marriage

Christine Gonzalez & Christopher Clinco Kaitlyn Groves & Kevin O'Hara Amanda Gurriera & Anthony Sexton

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25



Thank You, Anna P, for this illustration of Fr. Michael!



### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AFTER MASS HOSPITALITY & FALL FESTIVAL HELP

If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, please join **Youth Community Cares (YCC)**. There are currently opportunities available.

Please register for these events to participate. To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at youthcc@holycrossrc.org and/or join our Remind group rmd.at/ycchc to receive a SignUpGenius link.

### **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 2024**



### A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have <code>life</code>—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

- Amen.



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Visit store.respectlife.org to order this prayer card and other Respect life materials.

Sunday, October 6, is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in this world. The works Diocese tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach.

The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up on the weekend of October 5/6, 2024.

Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

Additional information, including articles, prayers, and resources can be found at:

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