

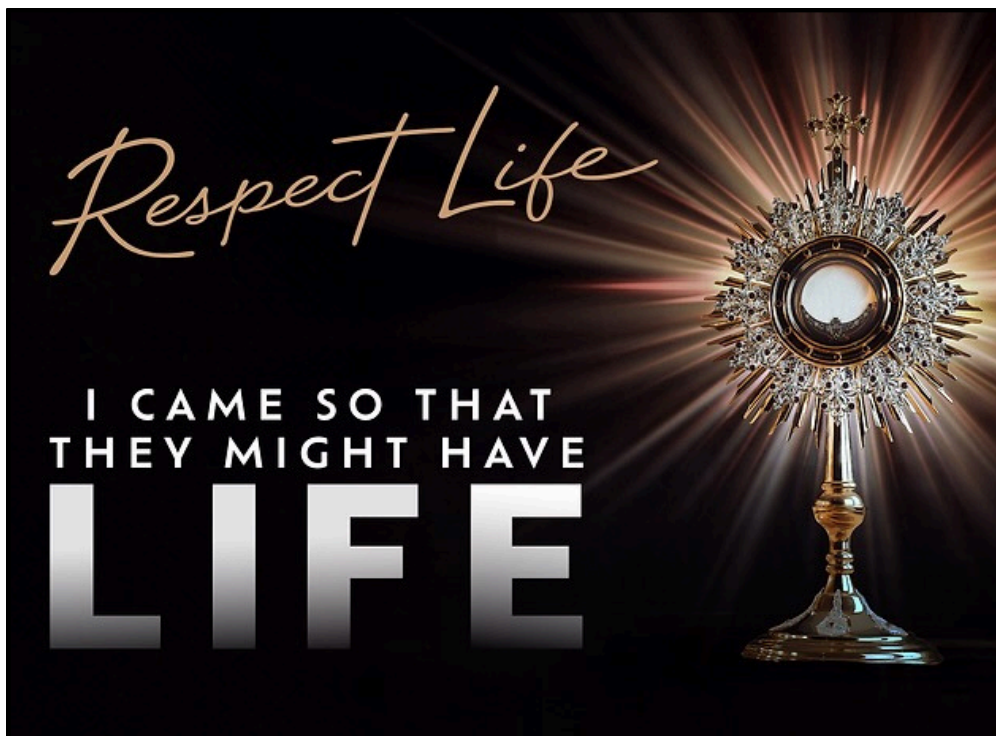


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Vision Statement:

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.



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 6, 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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NEW OUTREACH HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

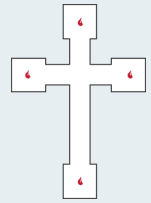


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for more information on how we can serve you.



A NEW OIL STOCK

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



No, I am not making recommendations for your retirement portfolio. I have no clue whether you should be buying or selling Exxon stock. I am talking about a different kind of oil stock. In the church world, an oil stock is a small cylindrical metal container that holds the Oil of the Sick that is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It has a screw-on cap that is removed when using the stock. It is about the size of a small stack of quarters. I have been using the same oil stock for many years.

Two weeks ago when I was in Albuquerque visiting a friend, I stopped into a number of gift shops. I stumbled upon what looked like an oil stock. I'm sure they were not selling liturgical items; it must have some other use. What caught my eye was the symbol on the lid of this small container. It is an Indian design called "the Man in the Maze." Actually, this is an inaccurate title. It is not a maze that is depicted, but rather a labyrinth. A maze is a series of paths that intersect with one another, and a decision must be made as to which way to go. Some of the paths are dead ends. A labyrinth is a single winding path that has no dead ends or wrong turns. As long as you keep moving forward, you will reach the center.



I thought there to be a strong correlation to this ancient symbol and the Anointing of the Sick. Be it an unexpected set-back in someone's health or, in fact, someone nearing the end of their journey, it seems to be an appropriate symbol. The journey for all moves forward. The sacraments remind us we are never alone. God walks with us even in sickness and in death.

There is a great phrase in the world of spirituality, "everything belongs." When we look at our lives, all of us have moments and memories we would like to remove. There are some things we regret, some things that embarrass us, and some tragedies we wish we did not have to endure. We wish we could have a "do-over." As much as we may dread these painful moments, they were probably necessary. There was some lesson we had to learn or some cross we had to embrace. We encounter God in the brokenness of our journey. Our lives are not straight lines of success and victory, but rather winding paths of joy and sorrow.

While I am not throwing out my old oil stock, I look forward to using the new one. It is a reminder of the great journey that all of us are on and how our God journeys with us. When we are reminded of that, the road is always a place of life. (Remember, we celebrate the Anointing of the Sick on the first Sunday of the month, after the 9:30 Mass.)



ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



OCTOBER 12

5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
FOR OCTOBER 13**

+ Wisdom 7:7-11
+ Hebrews 4:12-13
+ Mark 10:17-30

Saturday, October 5th.....FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
10:00AM - 3:00PM, All Areas

Saturday, October 5th..... HOLY HOUR
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Saturday, October 5th..... REL. ED. KICK-OFF MASS
5:00PM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, October 6th BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, October 6th ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, October 6th REL. ED. KICK-OFF MASS
11:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, October 6th BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
After 11:30AM Mass, Courtyard

Sunday, October 6th BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, October 7th THE MYSTICS
2:00PM - 4:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Monday, October 7th KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG.
7:00PM - 8:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, October 8th..... IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, October 9th..... SENIORS
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

Wednesday, October 9th..... THE CHOSEN
7:00PM - 8:45PM, Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, October 10th..... WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, October 10th..... THE CHOSEN
1:30PM - 3:15PM, Atrium, Chapel

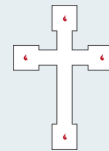
Thursday, October 10th..... VIRTUS TRAINING
7:00PM - 10:00PM, Atrium

Saturday, October 12th..... K of C TABLE
5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, October 13th..... K of C TABLE
All Masses, Atrium

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



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, October 6, 9AM Masses

Mon. Regina Welch

Tue. Matthew Fiore (living)

Wed. Jim Reid

Thu. Joseph Cappiello

Saturday, October 12, 5 PM Mass

Maria Ligabo, Dorothy Ostling,
Elizabeth Licata, Marina Paulino

Sunday, October 13, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph Cloonan

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Ashley Singer, Scott Betz,
Marilyn Rose Moore, Carol Doscher,
Ozzie Cruz

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

Bob Alderdice
Theresa Arzillo
Alejandro Astegiano
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Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace
Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan
Ann Callari
Judy Carlson
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Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan
Vincent Esposito
Ralph Farino
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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
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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



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

**We continue to pray
through 2024 for ...**

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Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
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SSGT Ryan Mauldin
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*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!*

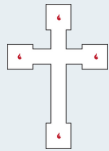
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



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

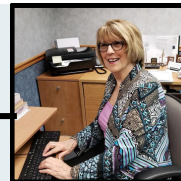
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Charlotte Eith
Karin Graziano
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Brian Rapczynski
Maria Spadaccini
Sarah G. Trepiccione
Gerard Wylie**

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



OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



This feast came into practice in 1913 by Saint Pius X and is celebrated on October 7th. Originally, the feast was in honor of Our Lady of Victory as a thank-you to God for the Christian defeat of the Turks. This victory was attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the feast of the Holy Rosary.

The development of the rosary has a long history. The first practice of this prayer was developed by saying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then a practice of praying 150 Hail Marys developed. A mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Keep in mind that Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend even though the development of this prayer owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful, and glorious. Much later on, in 2002, Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light to the rosary.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation. One pope called it a compendium of the Gospel. The main focus is on Jesus, his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they also make us aware that Mary was, and is, very closely joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. Let us not forget, the Glory be to the Father, which reminds us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary is a simple prayer filled with the repetition of words which is a help in contemplating the mysteries. We do sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of His Son and our Blessed Lady!

Have a prayerful, blessed, and safe week ahead!

PARISH OUTREACH



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

The collection will be this 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!



We will meet on

**Tuesday,
October 22nd,
1-3PM**

in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewers create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer? Our ministry leaders will help guide you as you work alongside others.

If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach office at 631- 265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend.

"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



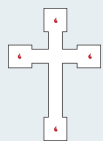
Practice of Faith (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

Initially, today's readings seem to speak only to the married couples or those discerning marriage; however, there is much that all of us - married or not - can glean from these passages. In Genesis, we are taken through a part of the story of God creating a "suitable partner" for man.

What does it mean to be a "suitable partner," or a suitable member of a community? What is one change you can make this week that will make you a more suitable neighbor?

Though we don't hear it proclaimed in the first reading, we know that God creates humans in God's image and likeness. This means we are innately communal beings, yearning for opportunities to be in right relationship with our partners, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and others.

This week, spend time reflecting on what it means to be made in God's image. What does this call you to do; how does this call you to act?



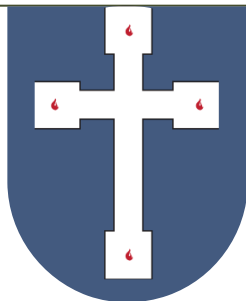
WE GROW IN OUR FAITH

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.



Religious
Education
classes
begin this
week.



Thank You

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

This week we look at the Catholic Mystic:



Jessica Powers
*an American nun and
mystical Catholic poet*

**MONDAY,
October 7th,
2-4PM**

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, 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!

Mystics Course - Semester 3

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



Banns of Marriage

Amanda Gurriera & Anthony Sexton
Natalie Galvez & Russell McManus



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in September

McKenna Rose Balling
Christopher Anthony Bignami Jr.
Roman Thomas Buonpane
Samantha Jo Cagnone
Charlotte Grace Cooper
Wyatt Arthur Gempel
Alessia Islam
Piper Grace Loiacono
Emma Grace McLoughlin
Michael Anthony Mendola
Gracie Rose Vespa

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Middle School and High School Students

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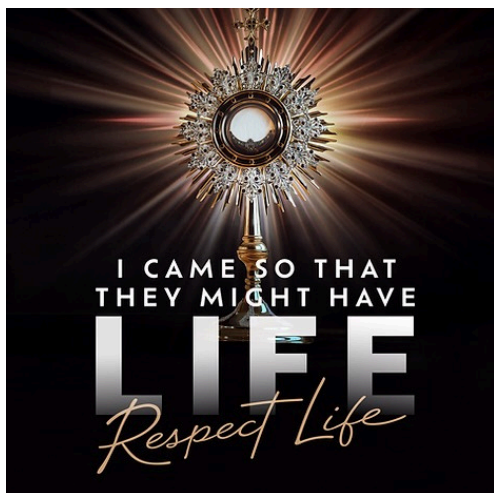
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September Hospitality courtesy of YCC

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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 2024



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—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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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 Diocese works 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.

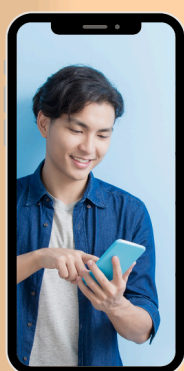
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OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



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1 Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions

2 Monitor technology use (trust but verify)

3 Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech

4 Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks

5 Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online



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Moms' Group

Overwhelmed new mom? Frazzled mom of toddlers?
Worried mom of teens?
Empty-nester? Joyful grandma?

Whatever stage of motherhood you are in, you are welcome to join our multi-generational group of moms! Together we share our common bond - the joys, the pains, the boring stuff, and the milestones of being a mom. Find solace, find friendship, find wisdom, and support for one of life's rewarding, yet challenging, calling that women can experience. We meet every third Tuesday of the month from 7PM - 8PM in the Fr. Joe Room. Light refreshments are served as we gather together. Come as you are, and receive the grace of God.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 15th.



HCTV MINISTRY STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO RUN SLIDES AT MASS

Training will be provided and commitment is approximately one weekend per month.

If you are 16 or older and you are interested in helping, please contact Wendy at wringhiser@gmail.com



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

Thank you for your continued support!



In Stitches

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

Tuesday, October 8th, 10AM, Fr. Joe Room

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Fun for Seniors

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Wednesday, OCTOBER 9th**

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from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**



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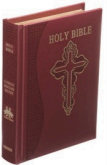
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