# Holy Cross Parish (Deerfield)-Domestic Violence Awareness Month Oct 2025 - (Proposed Sept to Nov 2025 Awareness Activities):

September Domestic Abuse Awareness Ministry ZOOM Meetings - 5PM Tuesdays:

September 9th ZOOM:

Agenda: Proposed October “Awareness Month” HC Domestic Abuse Awareness Plans

September 23rd ZOOM:

Agenda: Guest Discussant,: State SenatorJULIE MORRISON Illinois District 29: Discussion Topic:

Human Trafficking - New Laws

Sponsored by Senator Morrison & Recently (August 13th) signed by Governor Pritzker.

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October HC Weekly Articles in

Bulletin & Cross Connections:

Oct 1/Oct 5: Domestic Violence:

Historical Overview - Recent Trends & Where to go for more information & for help? :

1. Holy Cross DAA Web-site

2. A SAFE PLACE

3. Police Dept Social Workers

(Authors: Michael Graham, MD & Helen LaVan, Ph.D)

Oct 8/Oct 12: “Healthy Teen Relationships - Dangers of the Internet in Bullying, Scams, & Dangerous Entrapments” ( Authors: Michael Graham, MD, & John Powen, JD - HC Youth Ministry Co-ordinator)

Oct 15/Oct 19: “Legal Aspects of Domestic Violence - Orders of Protection, etc.)

(Michael Graham, MD & ?)

Oct 22/Oct 26: “Pet Abuse - A Potential Predictor for and Component of Domestic Violence” ( Author: Dr. Judith Coman, DVM - Loyola University Research Faculty & member HC Career Renewal & Domestic Abuse Awareness Ministries)

Oct 29/Nov 2: “Human Trafficking - Recent Illinois

Legislation sponsored by State Senator Julie Morrison”

(Author: Michael Graham, MD)

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TABLE TOP DISPLAYS in HC CHURCH FOYER AT EACH OCTOBER MASS: Our tradition will continue of making available selected key information in the Holy Cross Church foyer at each Mass in October, but we’ll keep the information to a few key articles & brochures as follows:

1. “When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to DV Against Women” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - 2002)
2. “You Are Not Alone - God is With You”- 40 page booklet authored by Fr. Charles W. Dahm, O.P. formerly with Domestic Violence Outreach of the Archdiocese of Chicago (I purchased 20 copies of this booklet - written for Domestic Abuse victims & survivors.)
3. Four (4) specific “A SAFE PLACE” brochures as follows: “Programs & Services”, “Safety Planning”, “Transforming Lives after Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking”, & “Teen Dating Violence - You Deserve a Healthy Relationship”
4. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic brochure: “Providing Access to Justice in suburban Cook County, IL & Lake County, IL”

We will inform our parishioners in advance as to which publications will be made available each week - to reduce the otherwise often inherent reluctance to be seen perusing literature on this difficult topic!

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Tentative - Potentially we could have one Room 113 Sunday morning educational session between the 8:30 & the 10:30 Masses - conducted by our brilliant Mr. DAVID PHILIPPART.

Perhaps on Sunday October 26

* with a discussion of Saint Pope John Paul II (Feast Day Wed October 22) & his 6/29/1995 Pastoral Letter to Women - (in which he condemned violence against women) - written for the 4th World Conference on Women in September 1995 (30 years ago this month!)

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NOVEMBER Follow-up:

Will include 3rd Annual Awareness Session for

LOAVES I Teens’ Parents on topic of Internet Crimes Against Children - with guest speaker Commander Ronald Wolflick of the Illinois Attorney General Task Force on Internet Crimes

Against Children - hosted by HC Youth Ministry Co-ordinator John Powen, JD.

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