

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choose Freely and Wisely

The readings this weekend challenge us to choose freely and wisely in order to observe the laws given us by a loving and caring God.

The first reading, from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will and exonerating God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you."*

In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit.

In today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which would exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses by providing a new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. Jesus shows us how to go to the root of the commandments about murder, adultery, divorce, taking foolish oaths, retaliation and love of neighbor.

We need to obey God's Law, appreciating its basic principles: In obeying God's law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments we are asked to reverence God, His holy name and His holy day and to reverence our father and mother. The next set of commandments instructs us to respect life, one's personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another's property and another's spouse. Our obedience to the laws must be prompted by our love for God and our gratitude to God for His blessings.

Let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

Excerpt from a reflection by Fr. Antony Kadavil <https://www.vaticannews.va/>

Annual Faith & Works Appeal Begins
This Weekend

Please consider supporting our Faith & Works Annual Appeal as we celebrate the Diocesan 50th Anniversary
Together we are one Church in Eastern Oklahoma!

Faith & Works funds the multiple shared ministries in the Diocese including: Family & Pro-Life, Faith Formation (all ages) & Parish Support, Clergy & Vocation, Community & Safety

Coffee, Cookies, & Fellowship
after Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
All Welcome!

"Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla"

Each week Bishop David Konderla sits down with Adam Minihan to talk about all things Catholic in eastern Oklahoma.

Be sure to check out our Website
Or our Facebook page for this weekly podcast video.

Ash Wednesday Mass
February 22
6 pm—Wagoner
7:30 pm—Coweta

Mass, Adoration, Stations of the Cross and light Lenten meal
each Friday during Lent
Feb 24-Mar 31

Outreach to the Sick and Homebound

There are request cards in the vestibule to request communion and/or a home visit for the sick or homebound. Please complete a request card and place in the offering basket.

St. Anne Men's Theology Unhinged
Thurs., Feb. 16th (3rd Thurs. of ea. mo.)

Men of Holy Cross Are Invited to join other men from across the diocese at this monthly event.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

A Meal, Craft Beer and a Quality Speaker are provided.

Dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine
February 17, 11 a.m., 700 SE 89th Street, OKC

The shrine will be the final resting place of Blessed Stanley, and will feature a museum and pilgrim center on the campus. The dedication Mass is open to the public, but seating will be limited, on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Tulsa invite all married and engaged couples to the 6th Annual "Together in Holiness" Marriage Conference
February 18, 2023 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
at St. Anne's in Broken Arrow

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Registration: \$64/couple and \$40/individual
Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (1-12yrs); pre-registration required.
For more info., please visit togetherinholiness.org
or email ellen@forlifeandfamily.org

Raising Saints Youth Group

For the 6th-12th grade youth of Holy Cross and St. Vincent de Paul to gather for Fun, Fellowship, and Faith Formation

This Month's Activity: Mardi Gras Theme
February 19, 4—7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for
FEBRUARY
For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Diocesan Women's Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles

Every Wednesday, Jan. 18-Mar. 22
8:30—11:30 a.m.

Church of the Madalene, Tulsa

\$30 for the study materials. For more Info. contact Mary Hall mnhall74@gmail.com or 918-284-4747

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities
Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 10 a.m.—Noon
Food Boxes Available & Distributed While Supplies Last using a drive-through format

Jesus, I trust in You!

Day of Reflection

"The Great Sacrifice of Love"

Presented by Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB
Saturday, Feb. 25th, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.
St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee

Cost is \$30 (lunch included). To register, call (405) 878-5656 or e-mail retreats@monksok.org or on the website www.monksok.org.

Feb 11 (Vigil)	Feb 12		Feb 18 (Vigil)	Feb 19
Kay Rodriguez Sherry Ruyle	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Sherry Ruyle Skip Gordon	Chris Holland Mike Hickman
Henry Leonard Larry Chekofsky	Carlos, Liam, Amelia, & Aceah	ALTAR SERVERS	Henry Leonard Larry Chekofsky	Carlos, Liam, Amelia, & Aceah
Linda Steinheil	Mike Hickman	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	Kay Rodriguez	Mike Hickman
Charlie Moe	Chris Holland	READERS	Dorene McMahan	Seth Yoder

Happy Birthday!

Felix Acevedo 2/1	Joe Cummings 2/17
Rose Dufour 2/2	Robyn Rodriguez
Kathy Gordon 2/2	Higginbottom 2/18
Beth McCaw 2/5	Raul Empuerto 2/24
Walter Mazil 2/7	Paul Rodriguez 2/24
Traci McClellan Sorell 2/7	John Watson 2/24
Lucille Dickinson 2/10	Marie Herndon 2/27
Jackie Spieker 2/12	
Amber Wright 2/13	
Kay Rodriguez 2/16	



Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

Daily Mass Readings—Feb 12-18*

Sunday	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

www.holycross-wagoner.org

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, karol_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, msrod@sbcglobal.net or 405-659-0507

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Judy Wright, parishioner
Becky Harding, parishioner
Meredith Zehr, parishioner
Hope Watson, parishioner
Sunny Marsh, parishioner
Donna Senner, parishioner
Mary Harris, parishioner

WE PRAY TO THE LORD



Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and the protection and sanctity of all human life.

Weekend Collections Feb 4-5

General Collections	\$2,102.00
Capital Improvement	155.00
TOTAL	\$2,257.00

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Feb</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Elizabeth Guadagno
<i>Mar</i>	Mary Harris	Lent (no flowers)

Stay Connected — Stay Informed
with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family

Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,
Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events

www.holycross-wagoner.org,
Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB) &
<https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/dashboard>

Finding solutions for
your financial need.



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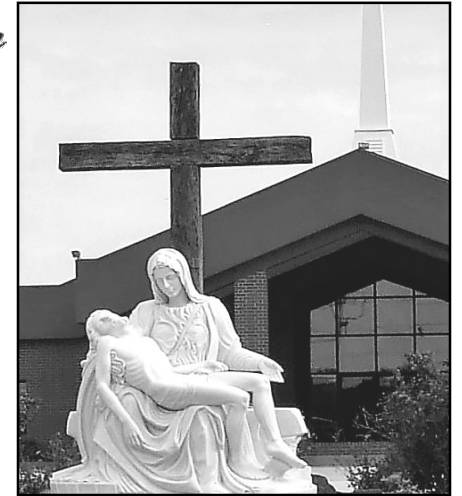
Holiness - Disciples - Community
Wagoner, Oklahoma

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"Behold the wood of the Cross on which
hung the Savior of the world."

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.
Sunday — 8:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.
First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before weekend Masses
Or by appointment/request

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Breaking Bread Book—Pages 65-67

Vatican II Hymnal—Pages 551-552