

## March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

### Radiate the Grace of the Transfigured Lord Around Us by Our Spirit-filled Lives

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to Resurrection and eternal life and that the purpose of Lent is to help us better to enter into those mysteries.

**The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength.** At the shortage of wine during the wedding of Cana, Jesus changed water into wine: one substance became another substance. In each Holy Mass, our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and our source for the renewal of our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and in the Eucharist, should be a source of daily transformation for both our minds and hearts. We must also be transformed by becoming humbler and more selfless, sharing love, compassion and forgiveness with others. But in our everyday lives, we often fail to recognize Jesus when he appears to us "transfigured," hidden in someone who is in some kind of need. Jesus will be happy when we attend to the needs of that person. With the eyes of Faith, we must see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters, the children of God we come across each day and, by His grace, respond to Him with love and service.

**Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us.** Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. By receiving in Faith, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are spiritually, and, if God wills, physically, healed and our sins are forgiven.

In moments of doubt and during feelings of despair, the expectation of our transformation in Heaven helps us to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."

Excerpt from a Reflection by Fr. Anthony Kadavil at <https://www.vaticannews.va/>

### Lent 2023



#### Fraturdays During Lent (Feb. 24-Mar 31)

Mass—5:00 pm  
Adoration—5:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm  
Light Lenten Meal—6:30 pm

**The Last Lenten Meal after Stations of the Cross (Friday, March 31st) will be a Fish Fry hosted by the Men's Group. They are asking for donations to help defray expenses. Please give donations to Deacon Jim prior to the event or donations can be given at the dinner.**

*Jesus, I trust in You!*

#### JOIN US

**Cookies & Coffee** are served after the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass each weekend & a **Breakfast and Birthday Cake** to celebrate the birthdays of the month will be served **this Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass** and on the **first Sunday of each month.**

Visitors Welcome!

### Lenten Day of Prayer, Reflection, & Penance

**Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:30 p.m.**

#### **"The Eucharist and the Importance of Adoration"**

Presented by Fr. Josh Votruba, Director of the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma

#### **Presentation, Followed by Q&A and Confessions**

This is an excellent topic for two reasons:

1. Lenten season is a time of extra work to be close with Christ, our Lord and Savior, which is always present in the Holy Eucharist; therefore, our salvific journey involves our attachment to the Eucharist.
2. This presentation will prepare us for the prominent Eucharistic Revival Movement that is gradually becoming an extensive conversation in the Church.

#### *The Gift of the Eucharist*

The Lord's Gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist and on the Cross are two aspects of the same salvific event. With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst at the Eucharist, the Church is truly blessed. In the Eucharist, the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

#### **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 — Movie Night**

**Next Sunday, March 12, 4—7 p.m.**

**Holy Cross Parish Hall**

### Annual Faith & Works Appeal

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

### **Holy Land Vendors**

Vendors will be at Holy Cross to sell articles from the Holy Land after the Masses on March 11 and 12.

*"He who knows how to forgive, prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."* **St. Faustina**

### **Mary & Martha Society Meeting**

**Wednesday, Mar. 8, at 6:00 p.m.**

(Hostesses: Patty & Sherri)

*All Women of the Parish Welcome!*

#### ***Please Join Us***

***for food, fellowship, and serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross***

***Note Change of Date Due to Conflict with Lenten Day of Prayer***

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Wed., Mar. 22 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Contact a Parish Council member, if you have a suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

Mar 4 (Vigil)	Mar 5		Mar 11 (Vigil)	Mar 12
Linda Steinheil Richard Steinheil	Mike Hickman Chris Holland	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Skip Gordon Richard Helms	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher
Larry Chekofsky	Carlos, Liam, Amelia, & Aceah	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Carlos, Amelia, & Makenna
Dorene McMahan	Elaine Hall	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Mary Feichtinger	Chris Holland
Karol Watson	Heather Jordan	<b>READERS</b>	Kay Rodriguez	Eric Jordan

## Happy Birthday!

Alexis Murphy 3/3 Mary Jo Kolb 3/19  
 Patty Chandler 3/4 Susan Mason 3/19  
 Kevin Higginbottom 3/6 Emmett Wells 3/23  
 Jen Duffy 3/10 Richard Senner 3/27  
 Mike Cucchiara 3/11 Hope Duffy 3/29  
 Diane Bond 3/12  
 Gabriel Schmidgall 3/13  
 Liz McKay 3/15



## 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—Mar 5—11\*

Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mt 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

[www.holycross-wagoner.org](http://www.holycross-wagoner.org)

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, [karol\\_watson@yahoo.com](mailto:karol_watson@yahoo.com) or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, [msrod@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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  
 Matthew Gordon, son of Skip & Kathy



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

## Weekend Collections Feb 25-26

General Collections	\$2,482.14
Capital Improvement	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,732.14</b>

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Mar</i>	Kathy Gordon	Lent (no flowers)
<i>Apr</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Lent & Easter Lilies

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

## Finding solutions for your financial need.



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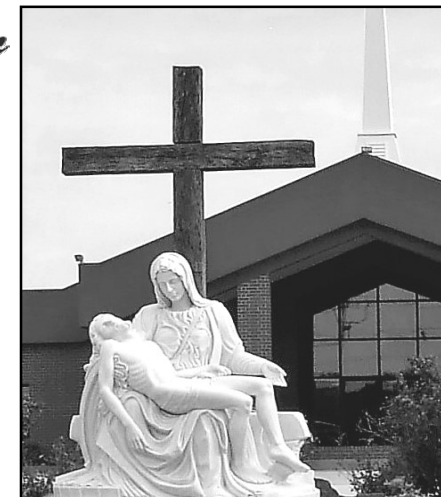
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*"Behold the wood of the Cross on which  
 hung the Savior of the world."*

## 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 76-77**

**Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 417-418**