

July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God Above All

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:37-38

Jesus explains an interesting consequence of choosing to love family members more than God. The result of loving a family member more than God is that one is not worthy of God. This is a strong statement meant to evoke serious self-reflection.

First, we should realize that the only way to authentically love one's mother or father, son or daughter, is to first love God with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Love of one's family and others must flow from this pure and total love of God.

For that reason, we should see Jesus' warning as a call to make sure we are not only loving Him fully, but also a call to make sure we fully love our family by allowing our love of God to become the source of our love of others.

How is it that we may violate this command of our Lord? How would we love others more than Jesus? We act in this sinful way when we allow others, even family members, to take us away from our faith. For example, on a Sunday morning while you are getting ready to go to church, a family member tries to convince you to skip Mass for some other activity. If you concede so as to appease them, then you are "loving" them more than God. Of course, in the end, this is not an authentic love of the family member since a decision was made contrary to the will of God.

Reflect, today, upon how you can truly love those in your family by turning your heart and soul first toward the love of God. Allow this complete embrace of the love of God to become the basis of love in every relationship. Only then will good fruit come forth from the love of others.

Lord of perfect love, I give to You my whole mind, heart, soul and strength. Help me to love You above all things and in all things and, from that love, help me to love those whom You have put in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

*Reflection from <https://mycatholic.life/>

With prayer, we seek God's power to heal the scourge of abortion in our city and world.

JOIN US

Cookies & Coffee are served after the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass each weekend &

a **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!

Confirmations and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Konderla @ Holy Cross

Saturday, July 15th

4:30 p.m. Confirmations for Latin Mass candidates

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (English) and Confirmations for English Mass candidates

6:00 p.m. Reception for both TLM and English Mass confirmands to celebrate being "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

Parish-Wide Town Hall/Missions Sunday Rescheduled!

Date changed to

Sunday, July 16th, @ 5 p.m.

Come Be a Part of the Missions of Your Church —Holy Cross

Pizza and Drinks Provided

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Parishioner,

Helene McCann

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife,
you do for Jesus. —Mother Teresa

NEW EPISODES

"Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla"

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 podcast video.

Wagoner Area Neighbors is in need of bottled water!

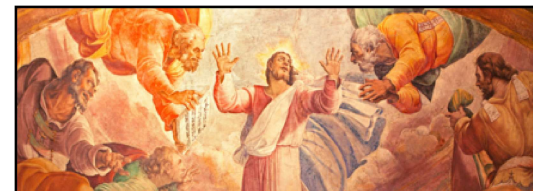
Please take donations to 100 NE 8th St.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays — 8:30 to 12:00

Tuesdays & Thursdays — 11:00 to 3:00

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be mailed to P.O. Box 993, Wagoner, OK 74477

July 1 (Vigil)	July 2		July 8 (Vigil)	July 9
Linda Steinheil Sherry Ruyle	Matthew Higginbot- Isaac Ervin/Abby H.	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Kay Rodriguez Skip Gordon	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto
Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Makenna & Larry	ALTAR SERVERS	Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Amelia, & Aceah
Dorene/Mike Mc	Bille C./Chris H.	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	Carolyn G/Paul R	Mike H./Chris H.
Judy Helms	Kinney, Kinley, & Aceah	READERS	Karol Watson	Eric Jordan



**BE HOLY: THE ART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING
AUGUST 18-19, 2023**

Tulsa Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center

Registration at <https://dioceseoftulsa.org/faith-formation-conference-registration-1>

Friday ONLY - \$25; Saturday ONLY - \$35, Both Days - \$50

Special guest speakers include:

*Trent Horn
Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
Karlo Broussard*

Breakout speakers include:

*Most Rev. David Konderla
Dr. Mary Rice Hasson
Sr. Mary Joseph Kluczny, RSM
Sr. Mary Gretchen Hoffman, RSM, MD
Monica Ashour
Dr. Kent Lasnoski
Rev. Edgardo Jara
Rev. Elkin Gonzalez*

Due to the Recent Storm Damage and Power Outages

The Diocese Jubilee Picnic Has Been Rescheduled

New Date will be

Saturday, October 28, 3-10 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

Samuel Dufour 7/1
Mike Hickman 7/7
David Atanasio 7/8
Blair Kuehn-Smith 7/9
Carolyn Greer 7/12
Fr. Leo Ord. Anniv. 7/17
Leah Jameson 7/21
Denise Jones 7/30



Weekend Collections June 24-25

General Collections	\$2,654.00
Capital Improvement	130.00
TOTAL	\$2,784.00
Grotto Donation	500.00
Special Collection-Peter's Pence	381.00

Daily Mass Readings—July 2-8*

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday	Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday	Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

*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



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

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!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>July</i>	Kay Rodriguex	Karol Watson Carolyn Greer
<i>Aug</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Kathy Hickman

**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>

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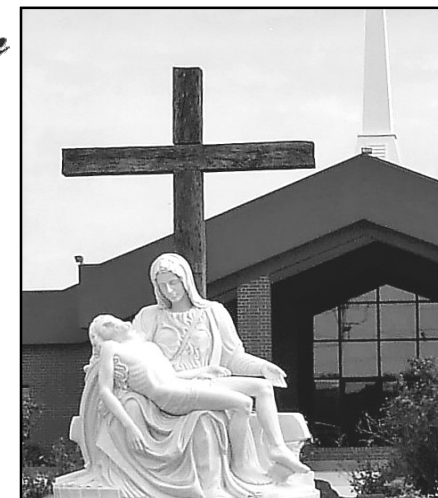
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MASS TIMES

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 173-174

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 582-583

