

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don the Wedding Garment of Virtue & Grace

The Gospel today is taken from *Matthew 22:1-14*. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M. at <https://www.catholicculture.org/>

'Jesus and the Eucharist' Study

Continues Each Week
Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m.
Holy Cross Parish Hall

A Wonderful Way to Reconnect with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!

There is no preparation needed and no homework! You will watch a video and discuss it with others.

Everyone is encouraged to come

Raising Saints Youth Group

will be selling
5-Day Candles for All Souls Day

These candles will have the deceased person's name on it and can be displayed at the All Souls Mass on Nov. 2, or can be taken to the cemetery.

Cost: \$7 ea. or 3 for \$20

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Oct 26th, 10 a.m.—Noon
Food Boxes Available & Distributed While Supplies Last
using a drive-through format with a new route where cars enter from the north on Pierce.

Diocese Jubilee Picnic

Celebrating 50 Years for the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma
Saturday, October 28, 3-10 p.m.
Eucharistic Procession from St. Henry's Catholic Church to Redbud Festival Park, 109 N. Main, Owasso, Mass, Loads of Music, Food/Beer Sales, Children/Youth Activities, T-shirt & Cookie Competitions.

Are you or do you know of someone that is considering joining the church? Or are you or someone you know Catholic and want to return to or learn more about the Catholic faith?

RCIA Classes
Each Thursday from 5-6:15 p.m.
In the Holy Cross Parish Library

Questions? Contact Dcn Jim (retired) at jandsruyle@gmail.com, 918-638-0605, for more information and to register.

Pray A Rosary

October
 Month of the Holy Rosary

During this month, more than in any other, it would be appropriate to find some time to recite this "powerful prayer to our Lady". Among all prayers, the Rosary is the one that brings us closer to Jesus the most, and does so through the sweet intercession from His Mother.

The Rosary will be prayed at Holy Cross 30 minutes before the weekend Masses during October!

Jesus, I trust in You!

We can use your talents yet again!
M&M is planning the
Annual Christmas Bazaar
on November 11-12. Please donate your home-made items for this fund-raising event! We appreciate you bringing your donated items (except baked goods) to the church by Nov. 8th for setup.

| Oct 14 (Vigil) | Oct 15 | | Oct 21 (Vigil) | Oct 22 |
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| Carolyn Greer Linda Steinheil | Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiara | USHERS/GIFT BEARERS | Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez | Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto |
| Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom | Carlos, Amelia, Liam, & Kaygan | ALTAR SERVERS | Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom | Carlos, Liam, Makenna, & Aceah |
| Charlie M./Sheri M. | Mike H./Elaine H. | EUCCHARISTIC | Mike M./Dorene M. | Chris H./Bille C. |
| Paul Rodriguez | Emily Ledgerwood | READERS | Charlie Moe | Eric Jordan |

respect life month

OCTOBER 2023



October is Respect for Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Ways to assist you in this mission: **Join the Novena, Read the Daily Reflections, Make a Pledge** — all available via Holy Cross' Flocknote emails.



Wagoner Area Neighbors Thanksgiving Food Drive

You can help fellow residents by making a monetary donation and/or by donating needed food items for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets.

1) a collection basket will be in the back of the church for monetary donations beginning next weekend, and/or
2) bring food items — such as, boxed stuffing mix, boxed instant mashed potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, boxed dessert items, or boxed mac-n-cheese, which can be placed on the table in the vestibule. Please bring food items by Nov. 12.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Jim and Sherry Ruyle will ensure that both the monetary and food item donations are taken to WAN.

Continue to Consider the
Annual Catholic Charities Appeal
by completing your pledge card (available in the pew) and/or including your donation designed for Catholic Charities in the collection basket.

Happy Birthday!

Mary Dufour 10/1 Kathy Hickman 10/14
Nathaniel Schmidgall 10/7 Todd Kuehn 10/20
Kaygan Allen 10/8 Sharon Carter 10/24
Kevin Moe 10/9 Bryan Bond 10/27
Mark Moe 10/9 Laura Rodriguez 10/27
Matthew Higginbottom 10/12



Weekend Collections Oct 7-8

General Collections **\$2,243.00**
Capital Improvement **\$655.00**
TOTAL \$2,898.00

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

Daily Mass Readings—Oct 15-21*

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| Sunday | Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 |
| Monday | Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37 |
| Tuesday | Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42 |
| Wednesday | Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4 |
| Thursday | Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13 |
| Friday | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26 |
| Saturday | Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28 |

*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
Hope Watson, parishioner
Lucille Dickinson, 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!

| | <u>Altar Linens</u> | <u>Altar Flowers</u> |
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| <i>Oct</i> | Elsa Kuehn | Rosemary Kotas |
| <i>Nov</i> | Bille Cummings | Kathy Gordon Sherry Ruyle |

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with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

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

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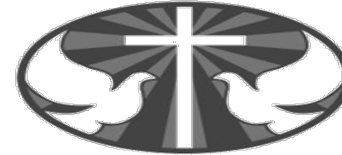
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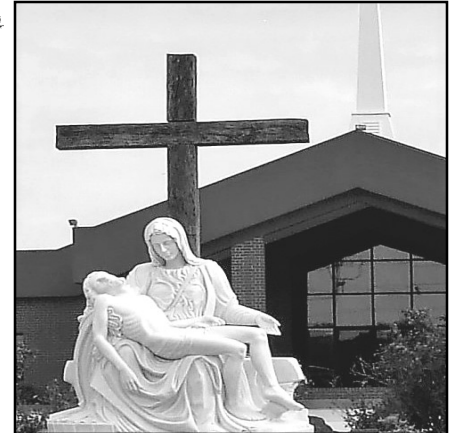
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MASS TIMES

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

1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before weekend Masses

Or by appointment/request

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**Breaking Bread Book
Pages 207-208**

**Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 651-652**

