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Mission Statement: *Holy Cross Catholic Church is a faith community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive for holiness and growth in our faith as we serve those around us.*

Adopted 2013

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm	Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 12:15 pm	Adoration First Friday of the Month 9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Reconciliation Monday - Friday 11:45 am - 12:15 pm Sat 3:30 pm, Sun 7:00 am
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WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the Information desk in the hallway and online at www.holycrosswestfargo.com

Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the parish office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

MARRIAGE:

Couples intending to marry should contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

BAPTISM:

Scheduled as needed. May need to take a Baptism class. Please call the office to register for a date and time.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesday by 5:00 pm in writing or email hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

RCIA:

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are interested in learning more about the teachings of the faith, please call the parish office at 282-7217.

HOLY CROSS MOBILE APP:



The Holy Cross mobile app is available to download. Find us in the app store. Search My Parish App. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, and an easy-to-access event calendar. Enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or confession, and much more.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Karen Marie Meyer	Charles Klemmer
Carol Jensen	Darrin
Joe Mickelson	Al Elliott
Bob	Michele
Manisha D'Sousa	Tommy Carroll
Ceusita Pinto	Miguel
Jeremy Cohrs	Tim Mutchler
Debbie Bartholomay	Al
Marilyn Curry	Lisa
Micah Erickson	Jim K
Judy Elless	Richard Elless

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name. If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 282-7217.

PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Remember in prayer:

Casey Jones, Major Diann Olson, Major Liea Misialek, SSGT Daniel Lee Cariveau, Specialist E4 Brandon Clifton, Petty Officer First Class Nick Allred, SFG Stephanie Burdick Thielges, GT Jakob Burdick, SFC Fields Olson, SRA Anthony Heise, David Morse, Technical Sgt E6 Andres Gonzalez, Technical Sgt E6 Leah Gonzalez, Tech Sergeant Chris Harris, Patrick Eldridge, Brian Richter, Lieutenant Commander Kevin Furst, Jacob Haring, Staff SGT David Nygaard, Michael Durkin, SSgt, NDANG, Captain Mark Buske, Army Specialist E4 Zachary Anderson, E4 Sean Eldridge.

If any family has people in the Armed Services that they would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
TUESDAY	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
THURSDAY	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
FRIDAY	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Mt 22:34-40
SATURDAY	Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
SUNDAY	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 21st

11:45 am Confessions
11:50am Rosary
12:15 pm Mass

TUESDAY, August 22nd

Trinity 1st Day of School

11:45am Confessions
11:50 am Rosary
12:15 pm Mass
6:15 pm Baptism Class (Multipurpose Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd

9:00 am Mass at the Cooperative Living Center
10:00 am Communion Service at New Perspective
11:45 am Confessions
11:50 am Rosary
12:15 pm Mass
2:00 pm Communion at Eventide
2:45 pm Mass at Edgewood Vista

THURSDAY, August 24th

Trinity 1st Day of School Little Deacons, PK & K
11:45 am Confessions
11:50 am Rosary
12:15 pm Mass
7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting (Multipurpose Room)

FRIDAY, August 25th

Holy Cross Offices Closed
11:45 am Confessions
11:50 am Rosary
12:15 pm Mass

SATURDAY, August 26th

3:30 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, August 27th

7:00 am Confessions
7:30 am Mass
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 21st

12:15 pm Priest's Intention

TUESDAY, August 22nd

12:15 pm Priest's Intention

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd

9:00 am Special Intention
Cooperative Living Center
12:15 pm Priest's Intention
2:45 pm Lola Smith 90th Birthday by Marily Stine
Edgewood Vista

THURSDAY, August 24th

12:15 pm Priest's Intention

FRIDAY, August 25th

12:15 pm +Harold Van Dyke by Geri Harbeke

SATURDAY, August 26th

4:30 pm Julie Haider by Sue & Mike Hill

SUNDAY, August 27th

7:30 am +Geneva Miranowski by Pam & Don Hartwig
9:00 am Priest's Intention
11:00 am Priest's Intention
6:00 pm Priest's Intention

Weekly Offering

August 9 – August 15

Contributions

Checks or cash \$8,861.31
Credit Cards (E-offerings) \$2,528.36
Automatic Withdrawals \$19,833.33
Venmo \$400.00

Together We Build

Checks or Cash \$8,235.44
Credit Cards (E-offerings) \$1,645.95
Automatic withdrawals \$14,355.21
Venmo \$5,000.00

Poor Fund

Checks or Cash \$310.00
Credit Cards (E-offerings) \$60.75
Automatic withdrawals \$230.00

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER



Persistence in Prayer

Today's Gospel (Matthew 15.21-28) has a delightful exchange between a Canaanite woman and Jesus.

Jews thought of Canaanites as very irreverent towards God and religion. In the Old Testament, a Canaanite was considered wicked and godless. Jews would consider them as outsiders.

The Canaanite woman approached Jesus, a Jew! This is unheard of! She says to him, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is tormented by a demon." The disciples told Jesus to send her away because she wouldn't give up.

Jesus talks to the Canaanite woman and says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." She persisted and said, "Lord, help me." Jesus told her that it is not right to take food from children and throw it to the dogs. Doesn't this sound insulting? Actually, it was a friendly dialogue, a duel of wits. The Greek word for "dog" that Jesus used meant a pet dog or a cute little dog, not a street dog. The conversation between them was friendly. It doesn't seem to come off that way in the Gospel passage. So the Canaanite woman had the same approach responding in a way that meant: couldn't 'you sneak a few crumbs to me as little kids do to their pets when their parents aren't looking?

The miracle happened because of her faith. Jesus complimented her for her great faith. The woman's daughter was healed. Is not something that is passive. It is active and aggressive. It's not waiting for God to do something for us and we just sit back and wait for it. It's getting up and begging God to act. That's what the Canaanite woman did. She had faith. She trusted in God. She depended on God.

St Ignatius of Loyola wrote, "Pray as though everything depends on God, but act and be aggressive as if everything depends on us."

Faith is active. We are not to sit back and wait. We are to be persistent. We are to do our part. Faith is about trust and action. In other words, God doesn't want us to just trust and sit and wait. God wants us to "roll up our sleeves" and work. That is the point of today's Gospel.

The quote from St Ignatius reminds us to trust as if everything depended on God; but to be aggressive as if everything depended on us!

In prayer, let us be persistent and roll up our sleeves and work. It is a partnership with God where miracles can happen.

The First Day of School

Doesn't it seem as though our kids just got out of school for the summer? This week, students at JP II Schools and West Fargo Schools begin a new school year, Fargo Public Schools' first day of classes is next week on Monday, August 28th.

Let us pray for our children as they begin a new school year. Let us also pray for parents, families, teachers and staff. May God bless all of you!

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We also send out a weekly email update. To get on our email list, send a message to:
hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

August 26 - August 27

	Altar Server	Usher	Greeter	EMHC	Proclaimer	Sacristan
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Parker Johnson Sloan Stoltz Evan Ulmer	Brenda Anderson Becky Klein	Linda Olson Mike & Laura Preston NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Fran Allery Sharon Finneman Annette Moss Arlene Schneider Barbara Stockstad Allison Weckman	Linda Sauvageau Fran Allery	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Maximilian Holthusen NOT FILLED	Darrell Hager Michael Johnson (sub req.)	Chris Haus Bill Senftner	James Brown Lisa Roeske Mary Kay Willits	Gregory Lardy Dustin Metzger	Paul Dukart
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Derek Boehm Logan Boehm Jared Boehm Hayden Braun Nate Eggl	Larry Dyrdahl Kaden Ebel Murray Nelsen David Soergel	Brenda Aswege Gerri Dyrdahl Amy Kensok Bill Kensok	Christopher Eggl Kevin Hengel Stephen Hill Michael Kovarik Maria Pegg Jeff Pegg	Eric Zarak Sarah Stenson	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Brody Anderson (sub req.) Isaac Johnson Alessandra Neir Brayden Ross Jay You	Jeff Anderson (sub req.) Chad Belch Emmanuel Sinzinkayo	Chris & Kristina Metcalf NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Larry Fischer Stephanie Landstrom Dora Mae Mitzel	Pat Berglund Larry Fischer	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 6:00 PM	David Geffre Joey Kawasaki	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Denae Monson Allen & Keely Schlichting	Terry Benson Russell Fletschock April Olson	Larry Geffre	NOT FILLED

Save the Date!

Come and walk through the new construction with us to get an up close look at how things are progressing!

After all Masses the weekend of September 23rd & 24th.



VEGGIES FOR THE PANTRY

Garden Overflowing?? Donate your excess fruit and vegetables to Veggies for the Pantry. Veggie donations are taken to the Emergency Food Pantry. Donate on Mondays from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Holy Cross Parking Lot. Questions? Contact the NDSU Cass County Extension Service at 701-241-5700.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED

This group uses their creative skills to put together hand-made lap blankets for a beautiful keepsake that is then given to someone in our parish who is seriously ill, grieving the loss of a loved one or just needs a little tender love and care. We are looking for a leader for this ministry. The group usually meets once a month, the leader would be able to set this schedule.

If interested, please call Margaret in the church office at 282-7217.

WANT TO GET TO KNOW OTHER MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH?



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Consider joining the Knights of Columbus!

It's a great way to meet other Catholic gentlemen and their families. Please call Brian at 281-1905 or e-mail kofc9642@yahoo.com for more information.

August Knight of the Month: Mark Schlader

August Family of the Month: Darryl & Rene' Lutosky

Check out our website: www.kofc9642.org for activities and more information!

The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council #9642 meets on the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 7pm. Watch the bulletin for location.

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LOCATIONS NEEDED FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

The 9-12 graders at Holy Cross are looking for places to do service projects on Wednesday nights after 6:30pm for up to 50 youth.

Please call Kristina in the church office at 282-7217 if you know of a place.

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- To share your talents, gain leadership skills and develop new friendships.

All women ages 18+ are welcome to join.

Next Meeting: August 24th at 7:00 pm

Want more information? Call Lisa at 701-799-2397



DID YOU KNOW?

We have Venmo! With this, you can make a contribution, pay for an event, make a building payment or donation of any kind!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the month, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

Please email Arlene at aschneider@far.midco.net to sign up for a time.

Community News

Join Trail Life USA!

Interested in having your son join a Christian outdoor adventure program? And be surrounded by 40+ boys (and growing) and their dads, striving to put God first and grow in skills promoting adventure, character, and leadership? Come check out Troop ND-0412 with Trail Life USA. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month during the school year with additional events scheduled regularly like camping trips, in-town sporting events, and more. Following are upcoming meeting dates.

August 28 at 6:15 pm: Parents Informational Meeting at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Social

August 28 at 6:45 pm: First Troop Meeting at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Social Hall

Sep. 18 at 6:45 pm: Second Troop Meeting at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Social Hall

For more information, you can reach out to our Troopmaster, Steve Hoepfner, at sj_hoepfner@hotmail.com or 701-552-0863.

Teaching Positions

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions for Fall 2023:

- Art Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary School (Part-time)
- Elementary School Counselor – Nativity and Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Elementary Teacher – Nativity Elementary School
- PhyEd Teacher – Holy Spirit Elementary School (Part-time)

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Other Positions

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions:

- After School Program Worker—Multiple locations
- Boys Golf Head Coach – Shanley High School (Spring 2024)

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Marketing & Communications Specialist (1.0FTE)

Under the guidance of the Director of Advancement, JP2 Catholic Schools is looking for a successful candidate to lead, plan, direct, and implement overall strategies for marketing, communications, and brand messaging on behalf of JP2 Catholic Schools. The goal of this position is to increase engagement with prospective and current stakeholders. Candidate must have knowledge of the Catholic faith and Catholic education as well as an ability to articulate the mission and vision of JP2 Catholic Schools. Bachelor's degree in Communication, Marketing or related field. Master's degree a plus. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or contact Human.Resources@jp2schools.org for more information.

Real Presence Radio is holding our annual Fall fundraising event on **September 13-15th**. Join us as we broadcast from throughout our five-state listening area and bring you inspiring stories of faith and hope. RPR is 100% listener supported and our mission continues only because of you!! Live Drive phone lines will be open daily from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT! Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to **877-795-0122** or donate online at RealPresenceRadio.com/donate.

FT Executive Director

The North Dakota Catholic Conference is looking for a FT Executive Director. The Executive Director implements the overall mission of the Conference and oversees all related administrative duties including, budget, payroll, office operations, staff management, and development. The Executive Director monitors, informs, and advises the Bishops on public policy issues considered in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the state and federal governments, and represents the bishops in matters concerning public policy issues. The Executive Director oversees educational and public communications related to the Conference's priority issues including developing and overseeing a legislative action network and an internet and social media presence for the Conference. For more information and to apply <https://ndcatholic.org/about/edposition/>

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