



# Cross Talk

January 2023

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Holy Cross Catholic Church Monthly Newsletter

## NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
This year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things.  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

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**HOLY CROSS**  
Catholic Church

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## **Please remember the following in prayer...**

### **New Members**

Sean Zimprich

James & Cheryl Smith

Dennis & Linda Bjugstad

Andrew Mikhael & Mariam Fentar  
Marly, Joy & Michael

John Eggert

Craig & Mallory Brown  
Boden

James & Sarah Landman  
Claire & Tate

Thomas Nelson

Hunter & Alexandra Row  
Pierce

Andrew & Kate Jahner  
Joie, Rey and Evie

### **Baptisms**

Eden Lavonne, daughter of Blake & Monica  
Lewison

Marshall Joseph, son of Samuel & Samantha  
Neitzke

Isabella Michele, daughter of Christopher &  
Samantha Willason

Andrew George, son of Brett & Samantha  
Ehresmann

Jacob Lawrence, son of James Pattison & Ellen  
Vogels

Evelyn Lucile, daughter of Lane & Alyssa Wohler

Colin Michael, son of Mark & Vonnie Eaton

### **Marriages**

Lynn Knutson & Kiah Gianakos

Jacob Blessum & Megan Schreiner

### **Deaths**

Al Baumstarck

## **HOLY CROSS ALTAR SERVERS EARN REWARDS!**

Over the past year, the Holy Cross altar servers have had the opportunity to earn rewards by serving at Mass. The students earn five points if he/she serves. The points have been tallied and charted and the servers will now be receiving gift certificates based on the point values they reached. The students who earned 50 points will receive a \$5 gift certificate, 75 points a \$10 gift certificate and 100+ points a \$20 gift certificate.

### **Congratulations to the following:**

Olivia Dirks	220 points	\$20 + \$10 most points!
Brody Anderson	135 points	\$20
Xander Erickson	125 points	\$20
Jamison Wampler	120 points	\$20
Cole Foerster	115 points	\$20
Allessandra Neir	100 points	\$20
Max Holthusen	85 points	\$10
Jillian Smith	85 points	\$10
Ellis Bradley	80 points	\$10
Connor Prom	75 points	\$10
Elle Johnson	70 points	\$5
Ellisyn Stark	70 points	\$5
Evan Ulmer	70 points	\$5
Derek Boehm	65 points	\$5
Ethan Bradley	65 points	\$5
Jerome Kawasaki	65 points	\$5
Padraig Mullally	65 points	\$5
Logan Boehm	60 points	\$5
Kyle Duffy	60 points	\$5
Parker Johnson	60 points	\$5
Jared Boehm	55 points	\$5
Miles Foerster	55 points	\$5
Hannah Liebl	50 points	\$5
Mia Marum	50 points	\$5
Rhett Smith	50 points	\$5

## **GOLDEN CROSS CARD/GAME CLUB**

Our HCCC Card/Games Club will meet on Thursday, January 19th following the 12:15 Mass. We'll enjoy a potluck lunch, so ask that you bring a dish or treat to share. We welcome anyone who is interested in playing cards or games, or join us just to socialize! Please call Bea Johnk at 799-6693 if you have any questions.

## **FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS**

The youth would like to thank you for taking your time and dropping off your Family Fare receipts. We would like for you to continue bringing in your Family Fare receipts. For every \$150,000 receipt total, our youth receive \$1,000.

## CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR THANK YOU!!

"Many thanks, everyone, for participating in our 13th annual "Holiday Collections" Craft/Vendor Show held Dec. 3. Thanks to all crafters/vendors who displayed a great variety of unique wares & offered special promotions. We had 77 vendors this year-which was at capacity. Thanks to all who donated the wonderful variety of bars to our event. Thanks to those who attended the craft/vendor fair & provided support to the crafters/vendors & our parish family to build our church & help the Seven Dolores Indian Mission at Fort Totten. This year, we cleared about \$9,800 from vendor space fees, percentage of sales, refreshments & donations. ALL admission proceeds will go to the Seven Dolores Indian Mission at Fort Totten and the balance goes to our church building campaign. Thanks to the Prescription Shop, Mike Meagher, First Western Bank & Trust, Boulger Funeral Home, Apartment Movers, Zander Capital Management LLC, Sparklight, Family Fare in West Fargo, Shearer's Snacks, Labbys, Pizza Ranch & Elmwood Dentistry for their monetary sponsorship/donations. Over 700 attended the event. Thanks to Trinity Elementary School & JP II Network staff for the use of their hall space & the gymnasium- greatly appreciated! Thanks to Mary Sinner & her kitchen crew who volunteered at the event & to the KC's & their families, Catholic Daughters, Scouts & families, Heritage Girls & families, Trail Life, Mary Ann Donnay, Sandy Schob & other parish volunteers for helping with the set-up, day of event activities & "take-down" after the event. We also wish to thank the Catholic Daughter volunteers & other volunteers who helped with the admission of the shoppers. Thanks to the volunteers at the Vendor Registration table Fri. night & Sat. morning, Door Monitors, JP II student Car Valets & Vendor Guides. Thanks to Holy Cross Catholic Church for the use of the sandwich boards to advertise on the nearby streets & to First Western Bank & Trust & Burger King for allowing us to use their property to post those signs. Special thanks to the wonderful committee – Angie Hagen, Mary Sinner, Brenda Sagert, Lisa Roeske, Dora Mae Mitzel, Heather Heger, Dar Stebner, Pete & Elisa Bower & Jackie Schindler who all made this event happen. Thanks to Frs. Phil, Seitz & Karmalraj, Heather & Penne for all your help. Thanks also to Maribel Hamm & assistant for hosting donuts and coffee Saturday morning. All donuts were donated by Family Fare in West Fargo. Thanks to Gate City Bank for donating all the shopping bags & Bell Bank for all the pens, napkins & cups. All proceeds from this event go to the Seven Dolores Indian Mission at Fort Totten & the building campaign to build our church. God provided us with a beautiful day & it was successful because of all of you. God bless. Geri Harbeke - Event Chair.

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Knights of Columbus will be selling

*Fresh Baked  
Cinnamon Rolls &  
Carmel Rolls*

After all morning Masses  
Sit Down & Take-Out options available!

**Sunday, January 15th**

*\*Free Will Offering!*



**Knights of Columbus**

## Three Kings Bingo

Sunday, January 29th

1:00 - 3:00 pm

\$.25 per card/per game

20 games played • Cash prizes!



All are welcome!

\*All proceeds go to Trinity Elementary





Sold in Holy Grounds & Gifts!

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



strives to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

*Why should you join?*

- \*To deepen your spiritual life and share your faith.
- \*To promote love of God, church and country.
- \*To share your talents, gain leadership skills and develop new friendships.

All women ages 18+ are welcome to join.

**Next Meeting:** January 26th at 6:30 pm Post Holiday Social & Meeting at the Knudson home.

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



Want to get to know other men and their families at Holy Cross Church? 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](mailto:kofc9642@yahoo.com) for more information.

The Knights of Columbus Council #9642 meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 pm.

**January KC of the month:** Kyle Volk

**January KC Family of the month:** Keith & Julie Wilson; Hope, Hannah & Haley

**Check out our website:** [www.kofc9642.org](http://www.kofc9642.org) for activities and more information!

*Like us on Facebook!*

**Knights of Columbus Council #9642**

## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS HOLY CROSS COUNCIL #9642 BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2023) are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council #9642 Free Throw Championship. This local level competition will be held **Sunday, January 8, 2023** at the **Trinity Elementary School gym**, located at 2811 7<sup>th</sup> St East, West Fargo, ND. Practice and registration is from **12:30 pm to 1:00 pm**. The competition starts promptly at **1:00 pm** and typically is completed in about an hour. Basketballs will be furnished but you may bring your own. There is **no charge** to participate in this event. Boys and girls ages 9 through 11 may shoot 12 feet from the basket or from the 15-foot regulation foul line. Boys and girls ages 12 through 14 must

shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from the basket. Boys ages 12 through 14 must use a men's regulation-size basketball, all others may use a women's regulation-size basketball. Each contestant will receive 3 warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive free throw attempts. Ties are settled with a second round of 5 free throws with no warm-up tosses. Normal rules of basketball apply; contestants may not step on or over the line prior to the ball reaching the rim or bouncing off the backboard or out of bounds area. Awards will be given to all first place winners and certificates of participation and patches will be given to all participants. Winners will advance to the District competition (February 19th) with the chance to move on to the Regional (February 26th), State and International levels. All participants are asked to bring a parent or guardian to sign the registration form and verify proof of age. First place winners will be required to furnish proof of age before advancing to the District competition. Questions can be e-mailed to Chad Engels at [cengels@mooreengineeringinc.com](mailto:cengels@mooreengineeringinc.com).

THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in the Holy Cross Christmas Program this year! Thank you to the Thursday at Sunset Band, the Adult Choir, the children and the adult helpers in the pageant, David Boehm for being our MC, parishioners who donated delicious treats, the ladies in the kitchen who served them, Mike Mohs for his special part and everyone who came out that chilly evening to fill their hearts with Christmas joy. It was a beautiful and special evening thanks to all of you!

### *Children's Christmas Pageant and Youth Choir*

#### **Baby Jesus**

Caden Presnell

#### **Mary**

Corinna Hagen

#### **Joseph**

Evan Ulmer

#### **Shepherds**

Reagan Erickson

Eli Holten

#### **Sheep**

Danielle Anglin

Kaelyn DeVlieger

Bevin Kummeth

Araya Schmitz

Hunter Teeman

#### **Wisemen**

Owin Ewalt

James Kawasaki

Ryan Mathew

#### **King Herod**

Jerome Kawasaki

#### **Angels**

Ella Bjugstad

Tess Ripplinger

Rylee Sherrard

Ava Ulmer

Madeline Anglin

Kenna Hoeschen

Ellisyn Stark

Dakota Aragon

Josie Frelich

Hadley Jorda

Mia Jorda

Emily Andrews

Alaina Hoffert

Sophia Martens

Ava Teeman

Emryn Triepke

Madalyn Voss

Nora Weckman

#### **Proclaimers**

Peyton Kummeth

Jordan Hoffert

#### **Director**

Kristina Metcalfe

#### **Choir Director**

Colleen Hathaway

#### **Accompanist**

Dalton Franck

#### **Choir**

Kaylee Kraiter

Stephanie Mathew

Ryan Mullenberg

Alexis Preston

Olivia Preston

#### **Adult Supervisors**

Kevin Ewalt

Julie Fennell

Heidi Sherrard

Kayla Ulmer

### *Thursday at Sunset Band*

Margaret Keller - Vocals

Tom Zinke - Guitar and Vocals

Bianca McCullum - Piano

David Boehm - Guitar and Vocals

Elena Boehm - Bass Guitar

Cory Loveless - Guitar

Al Jones - Drums

### *Holy Cross Adult Choir*

Cailin Bailey

Susan Bailey

Larry Fischer

Mary Lisburg

Kathy Melaas

Laurie Nicholson

Sarah Prom

Mary Soergel

Ashley Solberg

Colleen Hathaway- Director

Dalton Franck - Accompanist





**Come & Bring a Friend!**

**Free Will Offering**

# CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

*Men Meeting Jesus*



***Eat, Pray and Socialize with the Guys***

**Thursday, January 12th**



**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Adoration & Confessions**

**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Meal & Talk with short discussion**

**Speaker: Angela Wambach**

**Director: Women's Care Center**

**at St. Joseph's**

218 10th St S

Moorhead, MN

All area churches are invited!

*Grab a Friend!*

## **PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, January 14th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Sign up by Wednesday, November 11th!

To sign up, please send an email to Jacob at  
zach.jacob.c@gmail.com or call/text 701-260-2477.

Cost is \$5.00 per person (money goes to prizes).

Please bring a snack/appetizer to share!

## **DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PRAYER BLANKETS?**



We have homemade lap blankets that can be 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. They have been

blessed by Father, and have a tag indicating that they are from Holy Cross.

Stop by the Church office if you know someone who could use a Prayer Blanket.

# **DONUTS**

*with the Daughters*

**January 8th**

**after all morning Masses**



*Free Will Donation*



# Let's Stay Connected...

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## Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 4:30 pm

*Rosary every Saturday at 4 pm & Mon-Fri at 11:50 am*

Sundays at

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm (Starting Sept 20)

Monday - Friday at 12:15 pm.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2:00 pm, Bethany on 42nd

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:30 am Mass at Edgewood Vista

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 4:45 pm Mass at the Good Samaritan

\*\*Wednesdays, 9:00 am Mass at the Co-op

\*\*1st Wednesday, 10:00 am, Eventide on 32nd

On weekdays when the offices are closed, daily Mass is at 10:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday at 11:45 am

Saturdays at 3:30 pm

Sundays at 7:00 am

## Cross Talk Newsletter Editor

Heather Heger

### To Submit News or Calendar Events

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Cross Talk is published monthly by Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo, ND. If you would like to submit an item for publication, please email Heather Heger or drop your news item off at the church office.

Are you or someone you care about unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion?



There are several communion distributors who will bring the Lord to you. The need could be temporary or ongoing. Call the church and let us know. We will contact you to determine what time would be good for us to visit with communion.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Monday from 9am to 8pm. If you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer, one hour per week, call the parish office for more information.

In Care of the sick Please call the parish office to notify us of illness in the family. The local hospitals do not call us anymore.

New Members If you wish to become members of Holy Cross, please contact the parish office (282-7217).

Simplicity Giving A funds transfer service to assist parishioners to reach their financial stewardship goals. Contact the business manager for more information.

## Volunteers

We are always looking for more people interested in volunteering for liturgical ministries. The more people we have, the less time they need to serve.

If you are interested in sharing your time during the Mass, please call Heather at 282-7217.

Rev. Phil Ackerman, Pastor

Rev. Karmalraj Balasamy

Rev. Eric Seitz, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James Eggli

Deacon Tony Finneman

Penne Soucy, Business Manager

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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