

Cross Talk

May 2023

Holy Cross Catholic Church Monthly Newsletter



2711 7th Street East. West Fargo, ND 58078-3411 (701) 282-7217

Catholic Church



Please remember the following in prayer...

New Members

Mallory Bierl

Mike & Marie Fisher; Leland & Jack

David & Stephanie Malone; Cameron & Walker

Patty & Jeff McCracken; Max & Mia

Greg Haas; Hogan & Hunter

Amanda Bitz

Andrew & Whitney Manning; Tylee

Antonijo & Nicole Jurkic; Luka

Joseph & Terese Pistorius

Alexis Scott; Jack, Parker, Theodore & Calum

Aaron & Brittany Hoppe

Mike & Deana Karnopp

Lexys & Matthew Mazourek; Rudy

Alexander Mimmack & Mariah Weiss

Mitch & Billie Hansmeier; Marlie

Ron & Sue Hemberger

Kelly & AJ Jacobson

Danielle Miller & Robert Heisler

Baptisms

Camden Michael, son of Travis Ackerson & Ashely Fournier

Rylan Lee, son of Travis Ackerson & Ashely Fournier

Travis Allyn, son of Tom & Alicia Ackerson

Perry Dan, son of Thomas & Evelyn Cummings

Mason Edward, son of Jean-Paul & Cynthia DuBord

Isabelle Jean, daughter of Eric & Ashley Benson

Grady Lee, son of Mackenzie & Kelsey Steen

Cristal, daughter of Darlingston Cummings & Mictricia Willie

Mag-Audries, son of Darlingston Cummings & Mictricia Willie

Emily Wandaye, daughter of Sospeter Odhiambo & Jemimmah Mbuvi

Ernest Janwiwa, son of Sospeter Odhiambo & Jemimmah Mbuvi

RCIA

Travis Ackerson

Perry Cummings

Mason DuBord

David Bloomsburg

Lynda Colvin

Matthew Connors

Jaden Cramer

Janae Helvik

Madysen Kouba

Daniel Lopez

Lexys Mazourek

Joseph Pistorius

Mark Sonstelie

Jacob Wasem

Marriages

Cody Cederberg & Jill Andera Joseph Lingen & Hannah Quade

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday, May 9th the (rescheduled) Chrism Mass will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11:00 am. There will be NO Daily Mass held at Holy Cross, or any other church in the Diocese that day.

Here the Bishop blesses three oils - the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm, and holy chrism - which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year.

GOLDEN CROSS CARD/GAME CLUB

Our HCCC Card/Games Club will meet on Thursday, May 18th 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.

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT LAST ONE UNTIL FALL!

Saturday, May 6th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Sign up by Wednesday, May 3rd!

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!

OFFICES CLOSED

Holy Cross offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Also, from Memorial Day to Labor Day Holy Cross offices are closed on Fridays.

"RENTING" TABLES & CHAIRS FROM HOLY CROSS

The following is a suggested donation for each item:

Tables: \$2 per table

• Chairs: \$1 per chair

Roasters: \$2 per day

The money received will be earmarked into a separate account for future purchases to update and improve equipment needs. The request for items will go through Margaret Keller at this time and one should call to reserve and make arrangements for pickup and return.

THANK YOU FAITH FORMATION, YOUTH MINISTRY AND LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS!

We are so very thankful to all of our amazing teachers, coordinators and volunteers who have made our Religious Education year a huge success! This year we had 514 students enrolled in grades K-12 with 21 more students participating in home-school learning. Thank you to each and every person who had a hand in our program by sharing your Catholic faith with the youth of Holy Cross. Your service to our Church family is sincerely appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you!

Children's Sunday Liturgy	3rd Grade	8th Grade	Child Care
of the Word	Maribel Hamm	Fr Eric Seitz	Jessica Braathen
Sharon Andrews	Robin Knudson	Jacob DeVries	Steph Gerving
Amy Peterson	Christy Grensteiner	Jacob Blessum	Hailey Metcalfe
Courtney Seiler	Chelsey Gauer		Amber Guck
Amira Kutz	Annah Zikmund	<u>9th Grade</u>	Substitute Teachers
Robin Knudson	Brinna Zikmund	Melissa Glatt	Ashley Marden
Amanda Hommerding	Hilary Zinke	Justin Voelker	Laura Wolf
Danna Rademacher	Tracy Boehm	Kim LaHaise	Joclyn Vetter
	Tom Plant		Ashley Bjugstad
Faith Formation		<u>10th Grade</u>	Ashley Holten
<u>Kindergarten</u>	4th Grade	Harley Keep	Jessica Heili
Courtney LaLonde	Amira Kutz	Joe Gorghuber	Heather Knight
Katie Ripplinger	Carolee Thompson	Erika Bartunek	Elizabeth Maher
Barb Sinner	Rosalie Anglin		Ginger Elles
Karen Harder	Kelsey DeVlieger	11th Grade	Michelle Moore
Anna Plesuk	Cailin Bailey	Josh Zikmund	Sarah Volk
Grace Plesuk	Tereza Bolibruch	Isabele Wimberger	Mandie Begin
Randon Lovering			Miranda Myers
	5th Grade	12th Grades	Sharon Andrews

1st Grade Meranda Rector Brittani Ash Elena Boehm

Tiffaney Triepke

2nd Grade

Arin Johnson Sami Johnson Tonya Thronson Katie Benson Sara Crary Ryleigh Skaurud **Brittany Schanandore** Keith Wilson

Jennifer Schmidt Hannah Kearns Sarah George Allyson Durkin Kellen Dobmeier Fr Karmal Sarah Herland

6th Grade Jason Winter Marlys Gapp

7th Grade Fr Eric Seitz Kaye Fischer Jacob Blessum

Michael Johnson Coordinators Jackie Schillinger Dar Stebner Denise Ratzlaff Fran Allery Stacie Betti Jenny Alfson Heidi Knudsen Mike Hargiss Angie Hagen Ashley McWalter Grant McWalter

Sheila Johnson

Ashley Marden
Laura Wolf
Joclyn Vetter
Ashley Bjugstad
Ashley Holten
Jessica Heili
Heather Knight
Elizabeth Maher
Ginger Elles
Michelle Moore
Sarah Volk
Mandie Begin
Miranda Myers
Sharon Andrews
Tom Paskvan
Angie Hagen
Jessica Kuhn
Jessica Dathe
Mike Kiernan
Shannon O'Leary
Liz Bassett
Kayla Mehrer
Gerri Dyrdahl

And the many other

notice!

parents and volunteers

who stepped up to sub or

help in the classrooms ...

sometimes on very short



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: May 25th at 7:00 pm

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 for more information.

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

May KC of the month: Jeff Pegg

May KC Family of the month: Steve & Robin Knudson

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

Like us on Facebook!
Knights of Columbus Council #9642

MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Accompanist – The accompanist is responsible to provide accompaniment for the hymns and acclamations during the Mass.



Accompaniment skills are required, and knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. This is a paid position.

Cantor (Song Leader) - The Cantor is both a singer



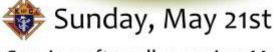
and leader of the congregational song. The Cantor has the responsibility for any songs or hymns that require solo passages, leading the assembly, and inviting the assembly in hymns and acclamations used throughout

Mass. The requirements to be a successful Cantor include a strong singing voice, ability to encourage the people to join in the songs and dedication to the ministry of music. This ministry is open to high school/adult singers.

Contact Penne in the church office if interested.

Join us for Breakfast





Serving after all morning Masses
Free Will Offering

Come and celebrate our graduating seniors!



Congratulations to the Holy Cross children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation & First Fucharist



Owen Amundson Mya Anderson Kingston Azure William Begin Crosby Behm Kash Best Ellie Blair Cristal Boima Elijah Bradley Ezra Bradley Sullivan Bryant Addison Burkhartsmeier Aubriella Cashin Maverick Cigelske Mag-Audries Cummings Ryan Dahl Madison Dammen Drake Davidson Judah DeFoe Kenneth Del Valle Kevin Del Valle Paul Diamond Asher Doyle Leah Duffy Porter Ehlis Declan Eken Josie Engels **Briggs Erbes** Reagan Erickson

Ruby Evans

Emsley Foltz

Thomas Fowler

Josephine Frelich Kinley Fresquez **Quinn Garberg** Ava Gauer Adriana Glaspell Jaxon Goeser **Hattie Graves** Olivia Grensteiner Maddyn Gross **Taylor Gross** Mack Gruebele Kiera Haman Caroline Hamm **Owen Hargiss** Gift Harimana Asher Hass Bridger Helmer Korbin Heltemes Easton Hoeschen Elli Holten Stella Ibach Giovani Idemili Layla Jokumsen Logan Jokumsen Hadley Jorda Mia Jorda James Kawasaki Claire Kennedy Kaleb Kingsley Nathan Knight

Kyler Krabbenhoft

Alex Kutz

Zoey LeVee Whitney Liebl Elisabeth Manirakiza Malia Markel Mia McCullough Asher McKinnon Graesen Melhus **Emily Mola** Ernest Mola **Zachary Moos** Cora Mullally Ariana Muscha Braelyn Muscha Adria Narlock Veronica Neir Grace Nguyen Jennifer Nguyen **Daniel Noonan** Jaxson Ohleen Rylee Olson **Gunner Orner** Havden Paintner Kai Pergande Levi Perkerewicz Ava Pezhman Dagny Picard Jack Plant Thomas Plant Blake Polanski Addison Polcher Linden Prom Emma Rector

Waylon Reisenauer Carter Robertsdahl Weston Roeder Maci Ross Hailey Rummel Eleanor Salzwedel Ava Sandy Lydia Schanandore Hadley Schmidt Rhianna Sims Matthew Sonstelie Theodore Stevens Allister Stewart **Andrew Stewart** Vincent Stewart Kenley Studsrud Haven Thornton Anna Trukawka Aria Trupka Ava Ulmer Rosalynn Wampler Nora Weckman Cambrie Wickham Horatio Willie Horine Willie Marshall Wilmot Nora Wilmot Nathan Yavicoli Nicolas Yavicoli Callum Zinke

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the Confirmation/First Eucharist Mass! We had many great volunteers doing many different jobs, and we appreciate all of you!

THANK YOU to the Holy Cross Catholic Daughters and to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing Bibles for our students for their Confirmation and 1st Communion. Please continue to support these two very special groups, as they give so much to the children of Holy Cross. God's Blessings to them! Thank you to the Hamm family for the Saint cookies and to our parishioners for providing and serving our reception!

SUMMER OFFERING

While you are away for the summer, we would like to encourage you to continue your faithful giving to Sunday offerings. Your consistent tithing and offerings really make a big difference at Holy Cross. Our payroll and utility expenses along with other monthly bills continue just as yours do at your home. We would like to challenge all of you to remember Holy Cross in your giving through these summer months. If you'd like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please fill out the form on the next page and bring it into the church office.





We have many wonderful things for which to be thankful! Truly, our Church is learning about and growing in our knowledge of stewardship. God not only blesses a heart of generosity, but He is lifted up in our lives when we choose to practice.

Have a safe and rejuvenating summer and thanks for remembering Holy Cross with your continued faithful giving during the summer months.

Come & Bring a Friend!

Free Will Offering



Eat, Pray and Socialize with the Guys Thursday, May 15th



Held at Holy Cross 2711 7th St E West Fargo, ND 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Adoration & Confessions

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Meal & Talk with short discussion Speaker: Mark Hollcraft, RPR

Sponsored by:
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EMAIL: holycrosscc@holycrosswestfargo.com

Weekly Church Contributions Pre-Authorized Debit Authorization

You can pay your contribution to the church automatically each month or twice each month. And you don't have to change your banking relationship to take advantage of this service.

Direct Debit offering will help you in many ways, including the following:

- · No check writing with associated charges.
- Reduced postage expense.
- Control over funds is guaranteed (via Regulation E).
- · Easy to sign up, change, or even cancel.

Here is how Direct Debit offering works. The authorization form provided below gives you and your financial institution authority to pay your contribution from your account. To take advantage of Direct Debit offering, simply complete the form as follows:

- Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your payment will be withdrawn from your checking or savings account.
- · Fill in Semi-Monthly or Monthly withdrawal.
- Fill in your name, financial institution's name and location, date and phone number.
- Attach a voided check for verification of all the financial institution's information.
- Sign the form.

Customer Authorization Form

(Please fill out form completely)

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HOMEBOUND EVANGELISM

If you ask people about evangelism as Catholics, you may receive the response of "bible thumper." I have heard this irreverent use of the greatest guide for Christianity many times in my walk as a cradle Catholic. Also, a common view is that sharing faith lessons are for the clergy and other religious ministers.

Yet, Christ called all of us to share the light. That light is born of our faith. In Matthew Kelly's book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, he shares that 7% of Catholics are considered highly engaged. A segment of those were surveyed and asked, "Are you an evangelist? Less than 1% replied affirmatively." When asked about Catholic books they read, many responded that they had given them to someone else. In addition, I think Catholics share the light in many ways but fail to see their efforts to share the faith as evangelism.

Over the years, I treasured volunteering for various ministries that strengthened my faith. It was hard to give up those ministries as my health declined. One can't rest in bed when one is ill and pack the vision of God's plan in our lives off to others that are healthy. God blessed me with writing that has enabled me to connect with others all over the world.

A writing friend shared with me that she wasn't religious. I said, "I love you anyway." She sent her first Christmas cards that she had "in years" in 2017. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2018 and gave her life to God a few months before she died and shared with me that she was at peace.

For 5 ½ years, I published an online poetry journal called *Whispers*. It gave me the chance to reach out to people all over the world... hoping to spread Pope Frances' "love without judgement." My own motto of walk in the light, be in the light and share the light has helped me listen to God's voice in this challenging season.

I've helped others become more in touch with God's journey for them—making cards, writing letters, sharing books and encouraging people in a wide array of opportunities. Evangelism is a part of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. The other elements the author Matthew Kelly discusses are prayer, study and generosity. I think all these areas are interlinked, enabling us to travel the road God has meant for us. One can't evangelize if one is unwilling to study the faith.

I don't have all the answers as I'm just a humble gal from North Dakota. Yet, I feel God is using me as a vessel to share His gifts with others. Jesus was a model of acceptance of people where they were at and offering them a greater way. That greater way is a calling for all of us to listen to his voice. I'm a work in progress. May you find the path God has meant for you.

Blessings always, Karen O'Leary

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.

Want to help make Prayer Blankets? They will be meeting on Thursday, May 4th at 1:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

Attention High School Seniors & Parents



Join us Sunday, May 21st for the Holy Cross Baccalaureate Mass & Breakfast for Graduating High School Seniors & their families.

8:40 a.m. Seniors arrive with gowns (no hats) & meet in the hallway just outside the parish office. **bring honor cords if applicable

9:00 a.m. Seniors will process in with Father at the beginning of Mass and sit together in reserved seating in front of the church.

10:00 a.m. Seniors and their families will enjoy a FREE Breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus. The breakfast will be a *free will offering* for all others.

Please RSVP for Mass & Breakfast

- and -

Send an electronic copy of a Senior picture for display and bulletin, including the graduate's name and school graduating from



WOW Bible Study

(Women of the Word)

Mondays 9 am

June 5, 12, 19, 26 / July 10, 17, 24 / August 7

Registration Deadline: May 22nd

DVD, followed by a discussion. Workbook available, but not required. The workbook enhances the DVD and provides study questions to be done during the week.

Workbook & class - \$16.00

Class only - \$5.00

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Email		_
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Payment to: Holy Cross

Drop off check or mail to: Holy Cross, 2711 7th St E, West Fargo, ND 58078



2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration Form

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VBS 2023



NEW FRIENDS * AMAZING EXPERIMENTS

CREATIVE GAMES * SUPER-FUN SNACKS

SURPRISING ADVENTURES * INCREDIBLE MUSIC



Location:

Holy Cross Catholic Church 2711 7th Street East, West Fargo



Dates and Times: July 31 - August 4 * 8am - Noon

For: Children who have completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade Register early, space is limited!

For More Information Contact:

Kristina Metcalfe at 282.7217 or kmetcalfe@holycrosswestfargo.com

2023 VBS REGISTRATION

VBS at Holy Cross is for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Cost is \$40 per student or \$120 maximum per family.

Please make checks payable to Holy Cross.

Return this registration form and payment to the church office by July 1, 2023.

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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

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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.

<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> is the first Friday of every month from 9am to 8pm. If you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer, one hour per week, call the parish office for more information.

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

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

<u>Simplicity Giving</u> 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 Eggl

Deacon Tony Finneman

Penne Soucy, Business Manager

Kristina Metcalfe, Dir. Of Religious Ed.

Margaret Keller, Pastoral Administrator

Heather Heger, Communications

Steve Knudson, Maintenance

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