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Bristol: Sundays 10:30 am

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August 22, 2021
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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A note from the Parish Director...

Dear Parishioners,

On November 1, 2014, I was appointed as Parish Director, Fr. Dennis as Assisting Priest, and Bishop Jim Schuerman as supervising priest of Holy Cross Parish. Since that time, most parishes under the leadership of a Parish Director are assigned multiple Assisting Priests.

It is with joy that I announce **the appointment of an additional member to our team** effective September 1, 2021: **Fr. Dan Sanders as Assisting Priest.** Fr. Dan will serve in collaboration with myself, Fr. Dennis, and Bishop Jim. Fr. Dennis and Fr. Dan will rotate presiding for Mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

Fr. Dan will preside for his first Mass at Holy Cross-Wilmot on **Saturday, September 4 at 4:30 p.m.** He will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30.** On **Sunday, September 12** he will preside at the **8:30 Mass at Wilmot** and the **10:30 Mass at Bristol.** Combined with the **Feast of the Holy Cross Social** after these two Masses, there will be a **Meet & Greet with Fr. Dan.** Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after Mass for light refreshments as we welcome Fr. Dan to the parish on Sunday, September 12!

As a senior priest in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, **Fr. Dan comes to us with a wealth of pastoral experience.** Over the course of 51 years of priesthood, Fr. Dan has served God's people in parishes large and small in Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Sheboygan, Fontana, and Mequon. He has served as a missionary in multiple communities in Latin America (he speaks Spanish fluently). Fr. Dan has a heart for those in need and has dedicated much of his ministry to helping victims of violence and people who have no voice. A significant ministry born out of this calling is the Open Arms Free Health Clinic in Walworth County, of which he is the Founder. The clinic serves those who have no insurance and are too poor to pay for medical care on their own. Through the dedication of hundreds of healthcare volunteers, the clinic provides those who have no other means of health care primary care, dental care, eye care, behavioral health, and medication.

We welcome Fr. Dan to Holy Cross!

Grace and peace in Christ,
Dr. Sandi



CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Christian Formation registration is still open! Hard copies of the registration packet can be found at both worship sites. Electronic copies can be found on the parish website. Please hand in hard copies of registration packets. **The first day of K-8 Christian Formation classes is September 19th.**

The Christian Formation program is still in need for volunteers for the following positions:

- 5th/6th grade catechist
- 7th/8th grade catechist
- Assistants/substitutes

***Note: K-8 formation classes will be held Sunday mornings at Holy Cross Bristol 8:30-9:30am.**

For more information please contact Shelby Miller at holycross.christianformation@gmail.com regarding Christian Formation classes and/or volunteering. Thank you

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Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

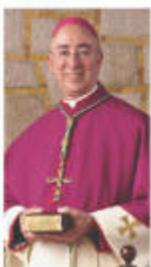
What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Gospel Meditation

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Mon: I Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tues: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Wed: I Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: I Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Fri: I Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Sat: I Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, August 21

4:30 pm For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Sunday, August 22

8:30 am † Louie, Joanne, and Randy Willkomm, req
of Rita Willkomm-Scherrer

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, August 22

10:30 am † Verna Ramelow, request of the Keefer
Family

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, August 28

4:30 pm † *George Wundsam, req of Edward and Diane
Bedrosian*

Sunday, August 29

8:30 am † Bill Weinholtz, Req of Joyce Weinholtz

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, August 29

10:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Sacraments

Baptisms:

Parents (registered members) are to attend a formation session prior to the baptism of the child. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact Dr. Sandi to arrange marriage preparation at least six months before the desired date of the marriage. One of the engaged must be a registered practicing parishioner.

Confessions:

First Saturday of the month at 3:30 at Wilmot

SAINT OF THE DAY

Saint Pope Pius XII / August 22

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

Reflection

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

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Holy Cross Catholic Church, a rural faith community, lives the Gospel values by:

- † Striving to serve those in need
- † Forming children, youth, and adults as intentional Disciples of Christ and His Church
- † Working to strengthen our parish in light of changing times
- † Invoking the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the community through the empowerment of spiritual gifts

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