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Sundays 8:30 am

Bristol: Sundays 10:30 am

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August 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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

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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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Sharing Your Faith

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will. Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Donation of New Sidewalk

Thank you to **Brent Zirbel** and **Zirbel Construction** for the new sidewalk at our Wilmot site! The parish is grateful for your generosity in providing us with a much safer walkway. May the Lord bless you abundantly in return!



Holy Cross Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer, contact Chuck Hiertz: phone (262) 843-2438 or email: hcprayerline@gmail.com

LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: 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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 /Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 /Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1 9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 5

8:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, September 5

10:30 am † Robert and Mary Jo Jackson, req of Joan Jackson

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

The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John’s life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God’s grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Email Notification

To receive email notifications of upcoming events, parish news and funerals, sign up at:
www.holycrosscatholicchurch.net

Parish Mission Statement

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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