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September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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A note from the Parish Director...

This weekend we **welcome Fr. Dan Sanders** to Holy Cross as **Assisting Priest of Holy Cross!** We are blessed to have both Fr. Dan and Fr. Dennis serving the parish. One thing you will soon learn about Fr. Dan is that he has a heart for those in less fortunate. It is timely that we kickoff our mission appeal as he begins his appointment here.

Each year the Archdiocese of Milwaukee assigns us a mission to support through the **Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP)**. In past years, we have been during Mass with incredible missionary speakers who tell us about their ministry. This year, however, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will participate in the appeal digitally. For those who are online, I ask that you watch the appeal on the home page of the parish website for **Global Partners: Running Waters**, affiliated ministry of the **School Sisters of Notre Dame**. Then click on the link to **donate electronically directly to the appeal**. In addition, there are envelopes and a collection basket available at church. If you choose to donate this way, please **make your check out the Holy Cross and write MCP in the memo**. The appeal will conclude September 30.

Message from Global Partners: Running Waters

Global Partners: Running Waters is an affiliated ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Our mission is to build and maintain relationships with rural and urban communities in Latin America. We work to provide them with access to clean water, food, healthcare, and/or education. Through collaborating with our on-the-ground partners, we can complete projects, meet community needs, and change lives.

COVID-19 has greatly impacted Latin America. Throughout the past year, we have worked to find ways to safely help communities in need, specifically in the county of Guatemala. While the number of cases in rural areas tended to be lower, those communities still faced numerous challenges due to this global pandemic. Last summer and fall, we helped facilitate food kit deliveries to over 200 families. These kits included basic necessities, such as corn, rice, cooking oil, and soap. They were filled with so much gratitude because they could now care for their loved ones. Many did not qualify for the municipal programs because for example, women were heads of household.



Clean water became even more important. Once it was safe enough, our partner organization constructed a gravity-feed water project for Tintuleo, Guatemala. The crew followed best practices for COVID-19 prevention including wearing masks. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, 576 people now have access to clean water. (cont.)

Currently, our partner and his team are working on another gravity-feed water project for the community of Las Joyas. When completed later this year, 636 more people will have access to clean water.

Today, we are asking you to help us fund our water next project. Thirty-three families in the community of Xejoj are waiting for access to clean water. Through your support, we will be that much closer to starting and completing their water project. Thank you for considering collaborating with us.

Grace and peace in Christ,
Dr. Sandi

Welcome Fr. Dan Sanders

Fr. Dan will be presiding at Masses at Holy Cross this weekend! In the earlier notes, there was a number of years Fr. Dan has been in the priesthood. He has served for 43 years (not 51)!

Next weekend, there will be a meet and greet after masses.

Please join in welcoming him!



Exaltation of the CROSS

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Holy Cross Prayer Line

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

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH NEWS

FATHER RAY IS IN THE HOUSE! Catholic Central High School welcomed Fr. Ray Guthrie, the pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Lake Geneva, to their campus! Fr. Ray will be with CCHS most Thursdays, as he has graciously agreed to be a guest speaker and professor in their Social Justice classes. Fr. Ray is looking forward to adding to the curriculum based on his many years of experience teaching Social Justice, Morality and Ethics at the college level. Ms. Margot Hayes is not only the CCHS faculty member who teaches these courses, she is also a parishioner at St. Francis de Sales, where Fr. Ray is the pastor. Ms. Hayes' husband, Mr. Mike Hayes, serves the church as a liturgical music minister on a regular basis. Fr. Ray says, "It is a joy to work with Margot and Mike and see their great love for the Church, and for Catholic Central. Ms. Hayes' energy and love for her students is part of what makes teaching at CCHS so attractive for me." Fr. Ray is looking forward to "sharing joy and the justice of our religion with the students through the lens of my 45 years of grade school, high school and college teaching experience."

Catholic Central is part of a consortium of sixteen partner parishes that help support the school. St. Francis de Sales is one of those parishes. Fr. Ray states, "It is great to have all the various parts of our consortium working together to educate our students in the ways of the faith at our high school, Catholic Central High School." Catholic Central is truly blessed to have Fr. Ray helping this school year!

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

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

- 7th/8th grade catechists
- Assistants/substitutes

If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Miller at holycross.christianformation@gmail.com.

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, October 2, 2021! We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit: **ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife**

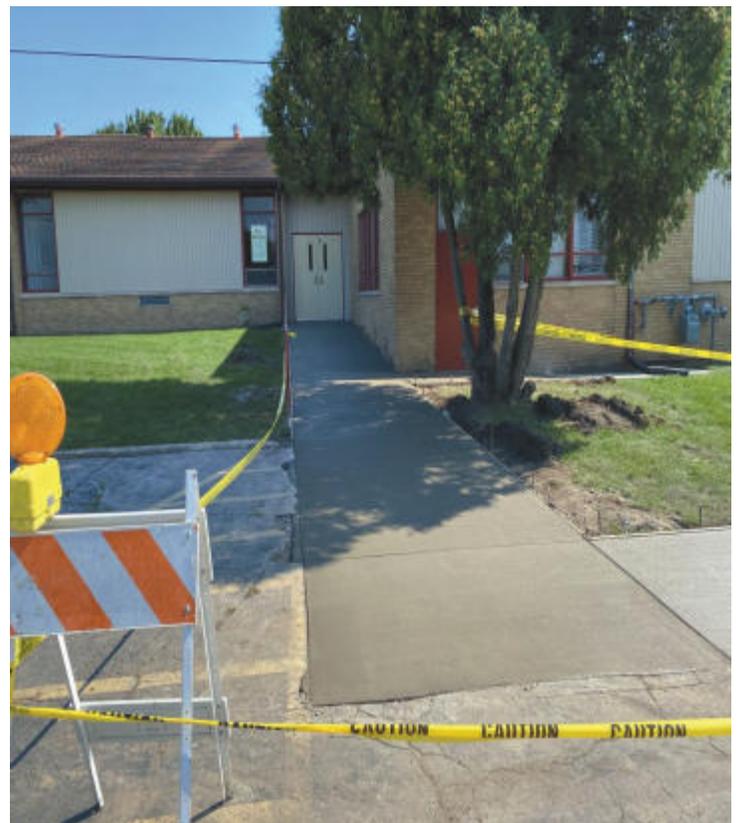
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DONATION OF NEW SIDEWALK

Thank you to **Brent Zirbel & 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!



LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c /Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Observances for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday:

Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Grandparents' Day

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, September 4

4:30 pm † George Wundsam, req of Ed & 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 & Mary Jo Jackson, req of Joan Jackson

Feast of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, September 11

4:30 pm † Louie, Joanne, Randy Wilkomm, req of Rita
Wilkomm-Scherr

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am † Roger Phillips, req of Lorraine Phillips

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, September 12

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

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 6 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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler -especially a particularly strong-willed one - have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' -she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it! And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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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