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Catholic Church



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July 16, 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23

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A NOTE FROM the Parish Director...

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend **Sisters Mary Miller and Dorota Maria Piechaczek, SSPS**, Missionary Sisters Servant of the Holy Spirit (also known as Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters - SSPS), from the American Province House in Northfield (Techny), Illinois, will visit St. Alphonsus, Holy Cross, and St. John the Evangelist.

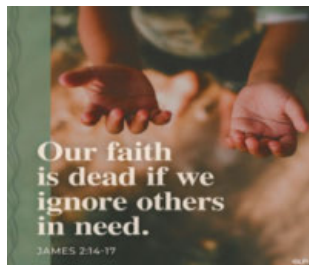
The Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters are an international missionary congregation serving in over 50 countries of the world, primarily in rural, poor areas, and frontier situations. They address the needs of the people through education, health care, and socio-pastoral ministry. Special attention is given to women and children, trafficking, those affected by HIV-AIDS, inter-religious dialogue, and sharing the "Good News" of God's love.

This year's **Mission Cooperative Appeal (MCP)** will focus on the Sisters' **mission activities in the Caribbean**. Of special interest is our mission in **Molineux, St. Kitts**. You can view some videos of the mission on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/FCZEAC8Mj0M>.

Through your prayerful accompaniment and generous financial support, the mission of Christ "to go, teach, and proclaim the Gospel to all people" will continue through the work, ministry, and witness of our Sisters. For more information on the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, their history and ministry visit the official website: www.sspss-usa.org

A second collection will be taken at each Mass. If you choose to donate by check, please **make your check payable to the parish** and **write MCP in the memo**. Thank you!

Grace and peace in Christ,
Dr. Sandi



CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration is now open!! Registration forms will be available in the back of all parishes as well as on our website.

If you return your registration forms with payment by August 15th, you will receive a \$10 Early Bird discount. Please return all completed registration forms by August 27th to the parish office during office hours.



Leroy R. Horton
March 25, 1932 - July 6, 2023

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

RESCHEDULED TRIP

The trip to the Kenosha Public Museum
Transparent Watercolor
Exhibition with
THE HOLY CROSS SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP
"Off Our Rockers"
Has been rescheduled to
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 2ND
11:00 am - 3:00 pm



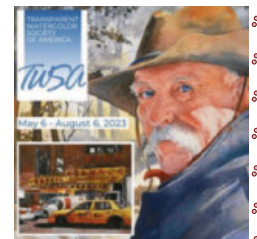
We will meet at the Bristol Church

At 11:00 and carpool.

Please pack a lunch.

We will eat outdoors at the park, so dress appropriately. Walking shoes are a must!

Everyone over 55
invited



Eucharistic Adoration & Prayer Schedule

Monday 7/17 at St. Alphonsus: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Silent Adoration

Tuesday 7/18 at Holy Cross—Bristol: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Silent Adoration

Wednesday 7/19 at St. John: Communion Service
10:00 am Silent Adoration 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday 7/20 at St. Alphonsus: 6:30 p.m. Rosary in the
Outdoor Prayer Garden (**No Adoration**)

Friday 7/21 at Holy Cross—Wilmot: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Rosary followed by Silent Adoration



Catechetical Conference

August 26, 2023

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, Milwaukee, WI



All parish volunteers who serve as catechists, core team members, and adult formation are leaders invited to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Catechetical Conference on August 26th at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center in Milwaukee. Centered on our theme of "Stepping Into the Mystery," we will gather, pray, and learn together how to lead people to a life-changing encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Service Project for the Ukraine

The parishes of St John and St Alphonsus have invited Holy Cross to participate in a service project for the people of the Ukraine. The current conflict has made it extremely difficult for Ukrainian civilians to obtain simple personal hygiene items. Some of the most needed items are:

- * Non-allergic wipes
- * Soap (bar or body wash)
- * Toothpaste/toothbrushes
 - * Shampoo
 - * Conditioner
- * Deodorant/anti-perspirant
 - * Shaving supplies
 - * Laundry soap
 - * Dishwashing soap

Through the month of July, we will be collecting these donations to assist the Ukrainian people. Items may be brought to the church and left in the designated containers.

Thank you for helping in this important project!

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

Baptisms:

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

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

Holy Cross Prayer Line:

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

REFLECTIONS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Please welcome the newest member to our
Holy Cross Parish Family

Teresa Skora

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Our parish collected \$965.50 for
Catholic Central High School's
Bus Fund

Thank you all who contributed!

LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/

Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/

Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of
the Church

Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, July 15 (Fr. Dan)

4:30 pm † Randy Widmar, req of Charles Widmar

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Sunday, July 16 (Fr. Dan)

8:30 am † Dolores Terry, req of Virginia Joseph

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, July 16 (Fr. Dan)

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, July 22 (Fr. Terry)

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

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Sunday, July 23 (Fr. Terry)

8:30 am † Louie, Joanne, Randy & Larry Willkomm, req
Of Rita Willkomm-Scherer

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, July 23 (Fr. Terry)

10:30 am † Elaine Scholler Skora, req of Rich & Jessie
Skora

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir

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The obligation to attend Mass is dispensed if you are not feeling well. Please care for yourself and others. Thank you!

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