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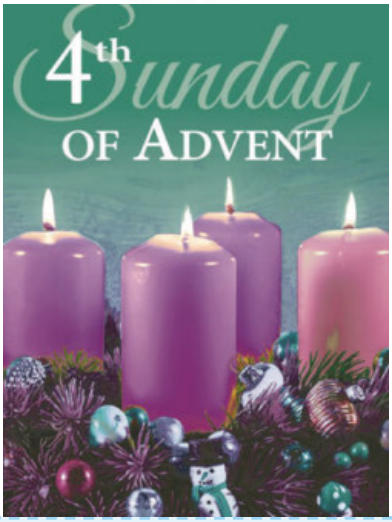

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Parish News & Notes...December 19, 2021

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

* ***Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS***

The parish office will be closed December 24-31. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, January 3. Scrip will also not be sold December 24-31, with normal sale hours resuming on January 3.

The last day to get tax credit for your sacrificial giving is December 31. If the envelopes are postmarked on December 31, your sacrificial gift will be posted in the calendar year 2021.

Holiday mass schedule:
Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm, with an Adult Choir concert at 6:30 pm
Christmas Day: 9:00 am only
Sunday mass (December 26): 8:00 and 10:00 am

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Cross Parish Family, with the Eucharist as our center, welcomes all God's people through our open doors.
By working together as a strong faith community, we live what we believe.
Our Catholic heritage and solid educational tradition provide the foundation upon which we build for the future.

Adopted by the Pastoral Council March 31, 2009

PASTORAL CARE

Christian Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated after a preparation class (for the first child only) through the parish (call the parish office at 920-468-0595 to schedule). Baptisms are usually not celebrated in Lent.

Sacramental Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-3:50 pm or by appointment. Communal celebrations are offered during Advent & Lent.

Holy Eucharist
If you are sick, homebound, or in a nursing home and would like to have Communion brought to you, please call the parish office at 920-468-0595.

Confirmation
Confirmation is celebrated for High School Students in the spring of the Junior year, after appropriate preparation for our students of Preble HS, Luxemburg-Casco HS & Notre Dame Academy Adult parishioners will go through a separate process with Confirmation sometime around Easter.

Christian Marriage
Christian Marriage is celebrated for couples who demonstrate an active practice of the Catholic faith. We request nine months of advance notice for complete preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick
If you are anticipating a hospital stay and desire this sacrament, or in case of an emergency, please call the rectory at 468-0595. The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated communally during Advent & Lent.

Bereavement
For a visit by Parish Staff after a death, please call the parish office at 468-0595.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Adult and children over the age of seven who are candidates for full membership in the Roman Catholic Christian community are prepared by the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and received at the Vigil of Easter. Contact the parish office for more information at 920-468-0595.

Welcoming/Joining the Parish
To begin the process of registration, please contact Bob & Debbie Roeder at 920-544-9483.

Parish Support
Our material support is based on Christian stewardship. We ask that you share your time, talent, material & financial support as generously as God has shared with you. Your most important commitment and contribution is your presence at the Sunday Eucharist, "the source and summit of our life in Christ."

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Saturday, December 18
4:00 pm Holy Cross Parish Family

Sunday, December 19
8:00 am +Brad Pinegar requested by Urbanski Family
10:00 am +Dorrell & +LaVerne St. Pierre & +Arthur & +Josephine Michalski requested by Debra St. Pierre & Larry Michalski

Monday, December 20 NO MASS
6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice, church

Tuesday, December 21 NO MASS
8:30 am church cleaning, help needed

Wednesday, December 22
8:00 am +Marvin Lardinois requested by Ginny

Thursday, December 23
8:00 am In honor of Joe Schantz on his birthday requested by Mike & Birdie Schantz

Friday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 pm +Michael Reignier, Sr. requested by Mike & Tina Reignier & Family
6:30 pm Adult Choir Concert
7:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Van Lieshout Families requested by Rosie Vander Kelen
Parish office is closed.

Saturday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 am For all God's Children requested by Rosemary

Sunday, December 26
8:00 am +Augustyn & +Urbanski Families requested by Judy Urbanski
10:00 am +Kitty Hendry requested by Hendry Family

Just a reminder that help will be needed on **January 9** after the 10:00 am mass to take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work of a large task.

CHURCH CLEANING
The church will need to be cleaned on Tuesday, **December 21** at 8:30 am. Helpers are needed to get the church looking nice for the holiday masses. If you are able to help, please show up at 8:30. Cleaning supplies are provided.

LIVE STREAMING MASS

Livestreaming of the 10:00 am Sunday mass will be available on the following 2 platforms:
YouTube:
Youtube/Holy Cross Bay Settlement GB
Facebook:
Facebook/Holy Cross Parish Family

If you click on the above links, you will be taken to the sites. We look forward to you joining us for Sunday masses.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturday, **December 25,** the **ONLY Saturday mass is at 9 am**
- **December 24-31**, parish office is closed.
- Tuesday, **December 28,** Pancakes & Pajamas, ages 5-11, HC Gathering Space, free event

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Dec. 24-26, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Friday, 4:00 pm
LECTOR: Jae Hansen **MUSIC:** Gapinskis
EMHC: Al Herrman, Tina Reignier, Debbie Roeder, Jeanne Junion, Debbie Balli, Denice Bangert
USHERS: Gerry Balli, Jim Junion, OPEN
Friday, 7:00 pm
LECTOR: Steve McDonnell **MUSIC:** Adult Choir
EMHC: Mary Ullmer, Christine Wiesner, Dawn Jadin, Dan Jadin
USHERS: OPEN
CHRISTMAS DAY: Saturday, 9:00 am
LECTOR: Patty Albers **MUSIC:** Adult Choir
EMHC: Sheryl Michaud, Shirley Taycher
USHERS: Charles Benner, Brian Cundiff
Sunday, 8:00 am
LECTOR: Joe Thibaudeau **MUSIC:** N/A
EMHC: Bob Wertel, Anne Thibaudeau
USHER: Robert Blaney, Dennis VanEgeren
SCRIP: Barb Bell, Peggy Baumgart
Sunday, 10:00 am
LECTOR: Mike Parins **MUSIC:** N/A
EMHC: Lou Shea, Rick Bilotto
USHERS: Ben & Rebecca Kroll
SCRIP: OPEN

BAYSHORE VILLAGE: first Thursday of the month

PLEASE ARRIVE 10-15 MINUTES EARLY.
CHECK TO SEE IF HELP IS NEEDED—
WE HAVE MANY OPENINGS.

STEWARDSHIP ... A WAY OF LIFE

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." *LUKE 1:44*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Financial Stewardship
Week Ending 12/12/21

Envelopes	$ 8,987.00
Collection	$ 375.31
Christmas Flowers	$ 60.00
Weekly Total	**$ 9,422.31**

Annual Budget	$407,975
Budget thru November	$172,500
Parish Support thru November	$153,133
Our Shortfall	**($19,367)**

$CRIP

Total sales Dec. 6-12	$ 21,070.00
Total profit	$ 1,185.45

$crip is a no-cost fundraiser that benefits you and the parish. Purchase gift cards for things you buy everyday—gas, groceries, sundries, dining out, etc. School and Faith Formation families receive 59% of the profit toward their tuition; the balance (41% or 100%) benefits the parish. Check out glscrip.com for special order retailers. **Please have any special orders in by 9 am on Monday mornings.** Thank you to all who participate in our $crip program.

Scrip Sales: Mondays: 9-11 am,
Wednesdays: 12:30-2 pm,
Fridays: 9-11 am.
All Scrip sales are at the Parish Center.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

December 23
Early Dismissal (11:30 am)
December 24-January 2, 2022
Christmas Break
The Holy Cross Student Council is running a food drive for people in need this Christmas season. Each class will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned goods, prepackaged snacks, etc. The drive is running now through December 23.

Please remember to keep in prayer the sick in our parish family:
Remi Joy Basten, Jack Boudwin, Judy Galecke, Renee Hoffman, Connie Nelson, David Theisen and Lindsay Wiesner.
Please also remember those serving our country in the military and all those on the Prayer Chain.

Are you eager to know Christ? Do you know other women who are? You are invited to share your love of the Lord with other HC women.
Women's Ministry
Interested in joining this ministry?
Email dmsholycross@gmail.com for more info or to be added to the group! This group is looking for a co-leader! Call 468-0595 or email today!

Do you feel called to bring Holy Cross parishioners together?
Join Hospitality Ministry!
This energetic group plans, promotes, facilitates, and coordinates special celebrations and events at the parish, including Sweet Treat Sundays.
Interested in joining this ministry?
Email dmsholycross@gmail.com for more info or to be added to the group!

Parishioner Outreach
Do you know of a homebound HC parishioner who would like to be called upon from the parish? Please email dmsholycross@gmail.com or call the office and we will make arrangements for contact.
Interested in joining this ministry?
Email the address above for more info or to be added to the group!

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

The GRACE Annual Appeal has been blessed with those who serve & lift up our mission with prayers & donations. The GRACE Annual Appeal continues as a primary funding source to provide financial support for operations & programs, technology resources & tuition assistance. Please consider GRACE in your year-end charitable giving by making a donation to the 2021-22 GRACE Annual Appeal by visiting www.gracesystem.org/giving/donate-now or by sending a donation to: GRACE Development Office, 1822 Riverside Drive, Green Bay, WI 54301. Thank you for your prayerful consideration & support for Catholic education!

This is the last weekend to *FOLLOW THE STAR.* We hope you enjoyed this Advent Adventure.

Bulletin
If you are away from the parish, you can access our bulletin at holycrossgb.org. Sign up at parishesonline.com to have the bulletin emailed to you weekly. Please submit anything you wish published by noon on Tuesdays to bulletinholycross@gmail.com.

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