

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH



2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, “Woman,
how does your concern affect
me? My hour has not yet
come.” - Jn 2:4

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A People Who Love and a Place to Grow

January 20, 2019

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Religious Education: September—April

Preschool to 7th grade: Sundays 8:50—9:50 a.m.

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Baptism

We celebrate with you the gift of new life & invite you for the preparation of baptism. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation

Come experience God’s love & mercy.

Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.—9:50 a.m.

Marriage

Congratulations! Arrangements must be made at least 4 months in advance.

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Acts of Kindness...I Had Lunch with God

A little East African boy in Dar es Salaam wanted to meet God. He knew that it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his bag with small, sweet cakes and a large bottle of soda and started on his journey. He had been on his way for about ten minutes when he met an old woman. She was sitting in a park by the Indian Ocean just staring at some African birds. The boy sat down next to her and opened his bag. He was about to take a drink from his soda when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a small cake. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again. So he offered her a drink from his soda. Again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

The little East African boy and the old woman sat there all afternoon eating and drinking and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and got up to leave. But before he had gone more than a few steps he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a big hug. She gave him her biggest smile.

When the boy opened the door to his own home a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that makes you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home in the Upanga section of town. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that makes you so happy?" She replied, "I ate small cakes and drank soda in the park with God." And then, before her son could respond, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected." Maybe you too can have lunch with God this week.

Joseph G. Healey, The Way of Kindness

Masses for week of 01/21/19 to 01/27/19

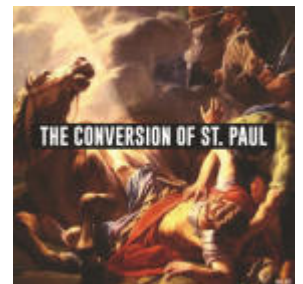
- 01-21-19 ~ Monday ~ St. Agnes
9:00 a.m. †Deceased Members of the
Holland & Borsdorf Families
- 01-22-19 ~ Tuesday ~
7:00 a.m. †Eloise Rees
- 01-24-19 ~ Thursday ~ St. Francis de Sales
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. †Carol Roberts
9:30 a.m. Adoration until 10:30 a.m.
- 01-25-19 ~ Friday ~ The Conversion of St. Paul
7:00 a.m. †Claire Riley
- 01-26-19 ~ Saturday ~ Sts. Timothy & Titus
4:30 p.m. †Sally Reifsteck
- 01-27-19 ~ Sunday ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. †Matthew Hendron
10:00 a.m. †Jim & †Joanne Freese &
†Deanna Freese Kunz
5:00 p.m. †Sophie Wubben

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning in
memory of Carol Roberts.**



The Conversion of St. Paul

On January 25th, we celebrate the apostle St. Paul. Paul's story is a testament to the power and love of God. Paul began his life as Saul, an idealistic young Pharisee. He was present at the stoning of the first Christian martyr, Stephen. Saul took it upon himself to track down and persecute professed Christians. On his way to a community in Damascus, he was struck by a blinding light and saw a vision of Christ who asked, "Why are you persecuting me?" The powerful experience transformed him forever. Paul, as he was now known, became one of the greatest evangelists of the early Church. Many of his letters are preserved in the Bible. His wisdom, zeal, and devotion lives on for all the Church.



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Your generosity enables us to continue the work Jesus began.

We are a blessed Parish and I am a blessed priest to be a part of this parish family. You faithful and gracious people always support every venture we undertake and are asked to participate in, and you do so, generously, joyfully and with much love and concern for others, as well as, for this Parish.

This is so evident in your weekly support of the Parish and generosity toward the Diocesan Stewardship Appeal, and the many other appeals throughout the year.

Your generosity and compassion are also evident in your contributions to our local Food Pantry and the SNOW Program which feeds many hungry families in our immediate area. More recently, your concern for our sisters and brothers of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation has been exceedingly generous and helpful for them as they struggle to make it from day to day in harsh conditions. I spent three days there last week and gratitude was expressed frequently for all that we have given and done for them thus far.

We hope to return this Spring and assist with repairs to homes damaged by hail last year. We also want to provide up to eight raised gardens for elders so they have easy access to fresh produce and don't have to bend over or down to maintain and harvest the garden. We hope to engage some youth to help assist with this as well.

We are also monitoring the shutdown in Washington, D.C. and the effects on food distribution for the people of Pine Ridge. Keep these people in your prayers and ask for God's goodness to be with them. Fr. Mike

We now have Macy's cards! Orders received Monday will be here Friday afternoon. Holy Cross receives a percentage of each card purchased. Please contact Nora Brewbaker 815-947-2655 for more information. Thank you for supporting our parish Scrip Program.

**Youth Group Meets
6-7:30 PM, Sunday
January 20
February 17
March 17**



**Children's Masses
10:00 AM, Sunday
January 20
February 17
March 17
April 7
May 19
June 23**



PRAYER REQUESTS

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and be restored soon to the full and active life of their families and our community.

Jim Batchelder, Hudson Bowers, Cathy Broshous, Robin Broshous, Kris Brunner, Sandy Casby, Mary Determan, Joe D'Antonio, Cynda Eastlick, June Finn, Jack Finnegan, Mary Kay Fitzpatrick, Betty Gallagher, Greg Giffrow, Doug Gille, Jesse Hartmund, Jamie Hasken, Vance Hasselman, Mary Heller, Marlene Herbst, Jerry Homb, Nola Hopkins, Erica Hoyer, Francis Igl, Walter Igl, Michael Janssen, Tony Jones, Diane Kaufman, Ilene Lamm, Heidi Leitzen, Ron Magee, Rita Magee, Theresa Murphy, Julie Radaszewski, Delores Roberts, Trish Schremp, Rosemary Schultz, Don Schwartz, Phyllis Schwartz, Marge Stieffel, Dennis Tillis, Chris Tippett, Earl Tipton, Dale Wickler, Jeffrey Wright, Glenda Young

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