

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**A People Who
Love and a Place
to Grow**



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”
- Lk 4:18a*

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EUCCHARIST

SAT 4:30 pm

SUN 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

MON 9:00 am

TUES 7:00 am

THU 9:00 am

FRI 7:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

MON WED THU 8:30 am-1:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Come experience God's love & mercy.

SAT 3:30 pm

SUN 9:30-9:50 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool-7th grade

SUN 8:50-9:50 am (Sept-April)

Youth Group 8th-12th grade

Meets monthly

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CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Our youth, along with youth from Hanover, have been preparing since last year to be confirmed in our Catholic faith here at our Parish on February 13, 2022 at 1:00PM by Bishop David J. Malloy, of Rockford. We ask for your prayers for them and ask the Holy Spirit to fill them and guide them with wisdom and courage to live the gift of faith planted within them at Baptism. Our youth are: Lucas Brenner, Masyn Cahill, Jazmine Curtiss, Emma Demeter, Brianna Edler, Landon Grindey, Lila Grindey, Kaiya Hill, Oliver McPeek, Randy McPeek, Ireland Mensendike, John Mensendike, Eden Moore, Eli Moore, Cody Noller, Evelyn Noller, Logan Scott

Our Second Graders continue to prepare for their First Reconciliation in February and then for their First Holy Communion later in the Spring. Hold them in prayer and ask our loving God to bless them and their parents with ever deeper love for God and the Eucharist.

A thought to consider and act upon...

We have been asked to pray the Rosary for nine days in an ongoing effort to bring about a change of the hearts and minds of all people and an end to abortion in this country. Maybe we could continue to pray the Rosary each day for this and our own growth in love of LIFE and each other. A Rosary is very powerful and effective and brings about the intercessions of our Blessed Mother, Mary. May we strive to continue this beautiful prayer and practice in our daily lives.

A word of gratitude to all of you who are so generous and kind toward our parish. You respond graciously to every request and give abundantly to every worthy cause. I pray in gratitude for each of you and ask God to bless and reward you as you so richly deserve. You are God's gift to our Parish.

Mass Times & Mass Intentions 01/24/22 to 01/30/22

- 01-24-22 Monday St. Francis de Sales**
9:00 a.m. All members of the Holland & Borsdorf families
- 01-25-22 Tuesday The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**
7:00 a.m. †Arlo Paxton
- 01-27-22 Thursday St. Angela Merici**
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. †Carl Lyon
9:30 a.m. Adoration until 10:30 a.m.
- 01-28-22 Friday St. Thomas Aquinas**
7:00 a.m. †Ron Magee
- 01-29-22 Saturday**
4:30 p.m. †Lisa Vanderheyden
- 01-30-22 Sunday 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. †Richard Magee
10:00 a.m. †Carol Elliott
5:00 p.m. †Patrick Brunner

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Evelyn King



Confirmation Preparation Classes 11:00-12:00 in the Parish Hall January 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.

Greg Althof, Robin Broshous, Rita Brown, Chris & Jim Eastwood, Betty Finnegan, Jack Finnegan, Matthew Foltz, Janet Groezinger, Paul Heller, Bill Homb, Shawn Homb, Ilene Lamm, Kit Leitzen, Rita Magee, Mark Puls, Yvonne Raether, Rosemary Schultz, Don Schwartz, Ed Vondra, Eunice Vondra, Carl White, Janice Wright, Jeff Wright

PARISH SUPPORT ~ January 16, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$2381

Your generosity enables us to continue the work Jesus began.

Holy Cross will offer a five session book review of the book titled The Four Last Things: A Catechetical Guide to Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. Few things in this earthly life are absolutely certain, but the most undebatable of these is death. Every person, even the atheist will admit that death is certain. Death however is not the last event in this life of ours. Immediately after death, we shall be judged and then again on the Day of Judgment, when all humanity will know us for what we are.

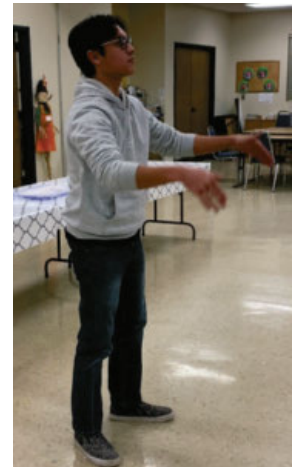
Too often the reality of Heaven and salvation are highlighted at the expense of the Church's teachings on Death, Judgment, Purgatory and Hell. Yet, these important doctrines of the church hold the truth of salvation, truths that can lead us to Heaven or can pull us away from it.

In these pages we are shown that God has not called us to His wrath, but to salvation. He shows us that Heaven and Hell, salvation and damnation, eternal life and eternal punishment are all complementary doctrines. They need each other to be complete and we must understand the Church's teaching on all of these doctrines in order to have a balanced view of the world.

Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, these are the four Last Things toward which we are moving each hour of the day and night. Read this book and you'll have a firm grasp of one of the most important doctrines of Holy Mother Church that holds the truths of Heaven and our own salvation.

A signup sheet will be available in the narthex from January 22nd-February 6th. Books will then be ordered. Classes will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays beginning on March 2nd through March 30th at 9:00 am in the parish hall. March 2nd is Ash Wednesday and if mass is held at 9:00 am, class will follow immediately after mass.

The Holy Cross Youth Group gathered last Sunday evening for fun, support and prayer, as well as delicious pulled pork sandwiches. It is always wonderful to see our Catholic youth gather and take some time to be together and encourage one another in their journey of faith and discipleship. Lauralee Oppold, Jen Jordan, Neill Cahill and Connie Larson facilitate these gatherings and the many good works these youth do throughout the year. May God bless all of them on their journey of faith.



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