

April 18, 2021

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

**WELCOME!** We are always happy to welcome new people into our Parish Family. If you are new to the parish, please call the Rectory to make an appointment. We want to know and serve you! We hope that you will favor our parish with your prayer, your presence, and your talents.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Cross Parish, located in the East Forest Park section of Springfield, was founded in 1949 by the Diocese and the people of Holy Name parish. We have from the beginning drawn strength from our church, school, and neighborhood. We, as a Spirit-filled, prayerful community of people of all ages, are challenged to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ by knowing, loving, and serving God and each other.

As Roman Catholics, we commit ourselves to grow through celebrating the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, studying the Word, and supporting one another. We are called to reach out to all people, especially the poor and those in need, in a spirit of compassion and love.

**FULFILL**



"Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."

LUKE 24:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC)

You are  
witnesses  
of these  
things.

—LUKE 24:48

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## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We ask God to return to eternal life Elizabeth Harkless, Gail Remillard, and our recently departed friends and relatives.

**OPEN PANTRY** This week we ask that you please bring **Peanut Butter**. Next week we ask that you please bring **Canned Ravioli**.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE CANCELLED EXCEPT FOR JUSTFAITH, TAKE AND EAT, AND THE SANDWICH MINISTRY.**

Sun., April 18 - Sandwich Ministry 11:50 a.m. in the gold room.

Tues., April 20 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.

Wed., April 21 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.

Sun., April 25 - Take and Eat 8:00 a.m. in the school kitchen. Sandwich Ministry 11:50 a.m. in the gold room.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- MON 4/19** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/20** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/21** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/22** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/23** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 4/24** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 4/25** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to His disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that He was man. He got hungry. He cried when He felt sad and laughed when He felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because He was God, none of those feelings ever led Him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed He could make His older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But He did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t He? And He wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when His friend tempted Him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## PARISH GIVING



The collection for April 5 was \$8,267. Thank you to all the people who have mailed, dropped off, or gone online for their contributions! Our budgeted weekly cost of operating the Parish is \$8,300. Thank you all for your continued financial support of our parish. God bless you and please stay safe!

The Rectory Office is closed until further notice. Please call 783-4111 if you have any questions or concerns. The phones are checked daily for messages.

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal

April 5, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In their 2000 pastoral letter *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration*, the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

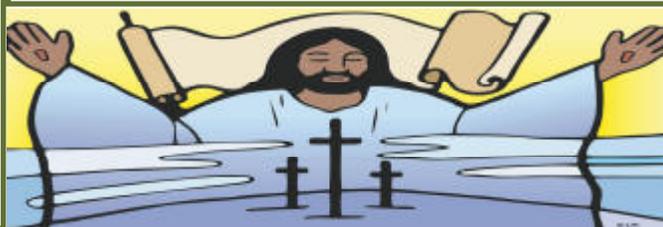
The Catholic Home Missions—funded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese’s Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program ([www.restorejusticesantarosa.org](http://www.restorejusticesantarosa.org)) works to fulfill the bishops’ vision through various activities that include support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program’s broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church’s healing mission of mercy to all.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield



**CHILD ADVOCATE**  
372-6239

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

As Bishop Byrne has said, "The Easter spirit-filled celebration of prevention is a reminder of the God-given right for each child to live and move and have its being in a safe and loving environment. It is the sacred responsibility which is entrusted to every Catholic adult throughout the diocese to join in the cause to create and maintain nurturing environments for the children God has entrusted to our care and protection."

### A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask



Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

-Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator  
Presbyterian Church of Canada



**FAITH FORMATION**  
372-6239

### FAITH FORMATION

**The Holy Cross Faith Formation Program would like to wish everyone A Blessed Happy Easter!**

Classes for April are the 18th, and 25th. If your children do their lessons on Zoom, please continue to do so. If they do live classes, please continue to do so. Please be available to your children to help if they are on Zoom.

### FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

The First Communion class for April is the 25th on Zoom from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Please be available to help your children. Please have all materials ready to work with.

### GRADE 10, PRE-CONFIRMATION

April 18, Chapters 9 and 10 are due.



### PROJECT BREAD

**FOOD SOURCE**  
HOT LINE 1-800-645-8333

**Our goal is to help connect folks to food resources large and small. This can be help with the SNAP program or finding local food resources closer to home.**

**Our hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We offer help in over 180 languages through our interpreter service.**



### Undie Sunday

We have designated the third Sunday of each month as "Undie Sunday," a clothing collection for the homeless we see every Sunday through our sandwiches for the homeless ministry. We are looking for new white socks, boxer shorts for men (sizes M-XL), and undergarments for women in various sizes. Please deposit your donation **this weekend** in the barrels at the entrances of the church. We continue to be so BLESSED by your generosity and ask for your help on "Undie Sunday"! Call Deacon Bill at 372-6237 if you have any questions or suggestions.



Please keep the following service members, as well as all those affected by COVID-19 and those serving on the front line of this pandemic, in your prayers this week:

### U.S. Air Force:

**Staff Sergeant Alexander Henle and Staff Sergeant Samuel B. Park.**

### U.S. Army:

**Second Lt. Alexander Nappi, OCS, Chief Warrant Officer -4 Nicholas S. Penna, and Private First Class, Trevor Bajek**

### U.S. Marine Corps:

**Lance Corporal Dominic Bushway, Sergeant Christopher Bouchie, Private Vincent Manning, and Dakota Wood, Active Military.**

### U.S. Navy:

**Sailor Austin Ray Allaire and Ensign Joshua Lausier.**

### U.S A. Army Corps of Engineers

**First Lt. Jonathan Edward Moll**

If you have someone, family or friend, who is currently in the military, please call the rectory with the proper spelling of each person's name. As space allows in the bulletin, we will ask for prayers for those who are serving our country.



GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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Our  
"Aha"  
Moment

*Discernment*

"Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Jon Reardon at 413-248-7034 / [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 17th

+4:00 p.m. - Colombe Melchar, requested by his daughter, Michele.

Sunday, April 18th

8:30 a.m. - The People of Holy Cross and St. Bartholomew.

+11:00 a.m. - Dominco and Maria Alfrone, requested by their daughter.

6:00 p.m. - The People of Holy Cross and St. Bartholomew.

Monday, April 19th

+7:00 a.m. - Deceased members of the Recchia family, requested by Nina Massa.

Tuesday, April 20th

7:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, April 21st

7:00 a.m. -

4:00 p.m. - Adoration, Benediction and Chaplets of the Unborn and Divine Mercy.

Thursday, April 22nd

7:00 a.m. -

Friday, April 23rd

7:00 a.m. - No Mass.

Saturday, April 24th

4:00 p.m. - A friend's intention.

Sunday, April 25th

8:30 a.m. -

+11:00 a.m. - Our recently deceased: Robert Smith, Dick McBride, Maurice "Moe" Ferriter, Eileen Murphy, and Bobby Connery.

6:00 p.m. -

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## The Pastoral Staff

Rev. Mr. John Miller (Deacon)  
(Administrator)  
372-6246, or ext 101

Rev. David Raymond  
(Priest Minister)  
372-6242

Rev. Robert Thrasher (Retired, in  
residence)

Msgr. David George (Retired  
Maronite Monsignor, in residence)

Msgr. Juan Garcia (Retired, in  
residence)  
ext. 147

Rev. Mr. William Toller (Deacon)  
372-6237, or ext. 116

Sr. Cindy Matthews, OSF (Pastoral  
Minister)  
372-6241, or ext. 117

William Lucia (Director, Liturgical  
Music)  
372-6238, or ext. 146

Cathy Daniel (Director Faith  
Formation and  
Child Advocate)  
372-6239, or ext. 121

Main Number  
783-4111, ext. 100

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and  
6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass:  
Monday to Thursday  
7:00 a.m.

Holy Days  
7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions  
Saturday 3:00 p.m. -  
3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Devotions  
Miraculous Medal Novena  
Monday after 7:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration Wednesday  
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Wednesday  
5:00 p.m.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., and by  
appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
The policy for the Diocese of Springfield  
requires a period of preparation for the  
Sacrament of Marriage, which includes  
sessions with the Parish Priest and  
participation at either the Pre-Cana  
conferences or the Engaged Encounter  
weekend. Please contact the Priest a  
minimum of six (6) months prior to  
setting any dates to allow adequate  
preparation.

**Pastoral Care**  
Arrangements for the reception of the  
Sacraments at home can be made by  
contacting the Rectory. Please also notify  
the Rectory when a Parishioner is in the  
hospital or otherwise confined. If you  
have an emergency sick call, please call  
the Rectory.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Baptism is celebrated on the second  
Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.  
Expectant parents should call the Parish  
office and speak with Deacon John Miller  
to make arrangements.

Baptismal preparation takes place on the  
first Wednesday of the month at 5:30  
p.m. in the church.

**Youth Faith Formation**  
Classes are held from September through  
April.

## PARISH GOALS and Objectives

### Goal One

Create additional opportunities to build  
community in our Parish, reaching out to  
involve young adults, singles, families,  
and seniors.

### Goal Two

Increase the number of opportunities for  
spiritual growth in our Parish.

### Goal Three

Provide support and outreach to families  
and individuals in need.



**Administration and Finance**  
Richard Allen .....734-6292

**Altar Servers**  
Maureen Garner.....783-6428

**Athletic Association**  
Connie Begley.....262-2241

**Cursillo**  
Deacon Bill Toller.....372-6237

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Maureen Garner.....783-6428

**Family Life**  
Patty Ferrarini.....782-3509

**Greeters**  
Jim Maiolo.....374-1548

**JustFaith**  
Deacon Bill Toller.....372-6237

**Knights of Columbus**  
Bob Bys.....563-1147  
[holycrosskofc15864.groupsaces.com](http://holycrosskofc15864.groupsaces.com)

**Lectors**  
Mary Hosmer.....537-7979

**Liturgical Environment**  
Bob Tyer.....782-6017

**Outreach to the Poor**  
Ellen Angeli.....204-8562

**Pastoral Council**  
Pat Pearson.....782-2033

**Parish Nursing**  
Sr. Cindy.....372-6241

**Prayer Line**  
Sue Callahan.....796-1950

**RCIA**  
Rectory.....783-4111

**Single Parent Support Group**  
Sr. Cindy.....372-6241

**Sister Parish**  
Deacon Kevin McCarthy .....374-3861

**Spiritual Life**  
Deacon John Miller.....782-4602

**Take & Eat (Senior Meals)**  
Jan Denney .....426-8248

**Ushers**  
Frank Ryan.....782-5730



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