

THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

December 21, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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But the angel
said to them,
“Do not be
afraid. I bring
you good news
that will cause
great joy for all
the people.

Today in the
town of David a
Savior has been
born to you; he
is the Messiah,
the Lord. This will
be a sign to you:
You will find a
baby wrapped in
cloths and lying
in a manger.”

—Luke 2:10-12

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Mrs. Lisa Maio Kane, *Principal*
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm
Sunday..... 7:30 am, 9:30 am & Noon
Monday-Saturday8:30 am
Holy Days.....As Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Sunday..... 10:40 am - 11:15 am
or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday in Church from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday in Quinn Hall Chapel from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

*Contact the office at 301-942-1020
if you would like to be a regular adoror.*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



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Parish Staff

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Facilities

Parish Registration:

New parishioners are welcome! Registration forms are in the back of the church and on the parish website: <https://hcrosschurch.org/registration-form>

Baptism:

Please call the office to request a date for baptism. The parish offers baptismal preparation as part of the process.

Weddings:

You must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your requested wedding date.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, contact the office at 301-942-1020.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Deacon Ron Hansen, rhansen@hcrosschurch.org, 408-390-6496

Social Concerns: For information, contact socialconcerns.hc@gmail.com.

Pastoral Council: Contact Cindy Kratz, at parishcouncil@hcrosschurch.org for opportunities to share your gifts in our parish community.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Submission for the inclusion in the bulletin are due to the **Rector** by noon on Friday--10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Contact the Parish Secretary parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org, 301-942-1020 if you have any questions.

Monday

8:30 am ☩ Alice O' Toole

Tuesday

8:30 am ☩ Peter Kratz I

Wednesday December 24

8:30 am ☩ Wilehlmina Camina

4:00 pm ☩ Zunilda Levin McNally

Fr. Wyble

6:30 pm Intentions of Msgr. Antonicelli

Fr. Charles

10:00 pm Peace among Nations

Fr. Park

Thursday December 25

9:30 am People of Holy Cross

Fr. Wyble

12:00 noon Perkins Family

Fr. Perkins

Friday

8:30 am ☩ Robert C. Gumphrey, Jr.

Saturday

8:30 am Dr. Bill O'Donnell (L)

5:00 pm People of Holy Cross

Fr. Charles

Sunday December 28

7:30 am ☩ Sheila Pope Myers

Fr. Wyble

9:30 am ☩ Betty Finn

Fr. Park

12:00 pm ☩ Alois B. Betmarik

Fr. Perkins

☩ = Deceased

MASS INTENTIONS. To schedule, email parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org or call 301-942-1020. Mass Celebrants subject to change.

Parish Devotions

Monday-Saturday:

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the daily Mass.

Wednesday & Thursday:

Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesdays in church from 9am-7pm, Thursdays in Quinn Hall 9am-8pm)

Thursdays:

Gospel Sharing (Bible Study) in Quinn Hall Meeting Room from 9:00am-10:15am.

First Friday:

Prayer to the Sacred Heart and Benediction after the daily Mass.

Sundays:

Sunday Gospel Group meet after the 9:30 am Mass in Lewis Hall. (during the SOR school year)

Please keep the sick and elderly of our parish in your prayers, especially...

Melinda Alde, Carmen Aliaga, Carolina Gianna Baker, Teresa Basso, Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Jerry Behnke, James Behrend, Alben Borisnova-Petkova, Paula Brady, Paula Caldwell, Michael Chettle, Joyce Choi, Tom Choi, Young Choi, Chris Claudy, Luis Alejandro Guevara Coello, Jennifer Colmus, Sumaya Davila, David Davies, John Paul Durkin, Karen Dwyer, Casey FaJohn, Gorgonia Ferrer, Joe Gagnon, Kathleen Gagnon, John Garlington, Demos Georganas, Myriam Gonzalez, Dennis Gorden, Michael Gouzoulis, Susan Grisby, Eileen Haggart, Carlos Hernandez, Evan Hilburn, Stephanie Hipsley, Bo Hunt, Dan Johnson, Jamie Kaufmann, John Laske, Mary Lee Leonard, Stephen Martin, Palmer Jane McNeill, Angelica Miragorod, Markie Mlynarczyk, Richard Moellering, Jr., Meghan Morin, Nelson de Melo Dias Neto, Estelle Nguyen, Noreen Nosel, Sue Numrich, Vivian Porro, Silvia Pugliese, Dan Reinwall, Jessica Ringler, David Roberts, David Skola, Rebecca Shepherd, Patricia Tellish, Monica Tinker, Annamarie Vincent, and Philip Wright.

Please contact the Parish Secretary to add or remove someone's name from our list.



Christmas Mass Schedule

LET US CELEBRATE THE
BIRTH OF JESUS AT
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Eve (Wednesday)

4:00 pm Christmas Mass

with children's pageant

6:30 pm Christmas Mass

with musical prelude at 6:15 pm

10:00 pm Christmas Mass at Night

with musical prelude sing-along at 9:30 pm (choir)

Christmas Day (Thursday)

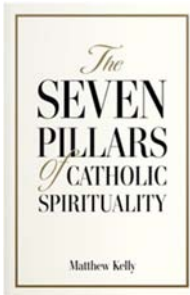
9:30 am Christmas Mass

with musical prelude at 9:15 am (choir)

12:00 pm Christmas Mass

with musical prelude at 11:45 am (cantor)

Are you looking for a way to grow in your relationship with God?



As Christmas fast approaches, we wanted to let you know that through a generous donation of a parishioner, Holy Cross Church will be giving you a gift at Christmas Mass.

Everyone, will receive a free copy of *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*. This book will encourage you to develop spiritual habits to help you experience the deep and abiding joy found in being in close relationship with our Lord. The seven pillars presented in the book is described as "a treasure map that will lead you to unimagineable bounty." So be sure to come to one of the Christmas Masses this year and pick up your copy!

Fr. Wyble will be leading a discussion on *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* on Wednesday, January 14th from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in Lewis Hall.

As you prepare to celebrate the New Year, please remember that January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 8:30 am, 12 noon, and 7:00 pm.



Christmas Flower Offering

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God's Creation
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Wollard Family

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Tam Tran and Sreyoun Lim
Dionicio and Alberta Vasquez
Paul and Lori Whelan
James and Carol Wyble
Carin Wyche
Margaret Zbignewich



Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory of

Sharon Addabbo
Timothy Aikens
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Bob and Jan Beatty
Jim Beatty
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Crespy and Berbach Families
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Edith P. Stockton
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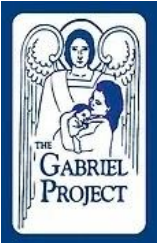
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Holiday Schedule Updates:

End of Year Contributions: All tax-deductible donations to Holy Cross Church must be received **no later than December 28th** to count for the final deposit of 2025.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed for Adoration during the weeks of Christmas and New Year. Regular Exposition will resume on Wednesday January 7.

Office Closure: The office will be closed from December 24 to January 2. For sacramental emergencies, please call (301) 942-1020 and dial extension 381.

Coffee and Doughnuts: The Coffee and Doughnuts service after the 9:30 am Mass will be on break on December 21, 28 and January 4.



Care for Creation and Environmental Stewardship:

"Through a manger scene in the village of Greccio in 1223, Saint Francis of Assisi wanted people to be reminded of the poverty into which Christ was born." The simplicity of that manger environment reminds us to Respect and Care for Creation at Christmas and Throughout the Year!

Reference: Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis, Wisconsin

POOR BOX

THIS WEEK'S POOR BOX will go to the to **MOUNT CARMEL HOUSE**, which houses, supports, counsels and trains homeless women. **NEXT WEEK'S POOR BOX** will go to The Gabriel Project and their work to promote a culture of life, supporting mothers and babies.



Remember in Prayer those who have died...Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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