

Holy Cross Church

Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ



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Mass Times

- Saturday @ 4:30pm
- Sunday @ 8:30am, 10:30am, Noon
- Monday @ 6:00pm
- Tuesday to Friday @ 9:00am
- Wednesday @ 6:00pm
- 1st Friday @ 9:00pm Candlelight Mass
- 1st Saturday @ 9:00am

Holy Day Masses

- 6:00pm Vigil Mass
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass
- Day 9:00am, Noon, 6:00pm

Reconciliation

- Wednesday @ 5:00pm to 5:45pm
- Saturday @ 4:00pm to 4:25pm
- 1st Friday @ 8:00pm to 8:45pm or by appointment
- 1st Saturday @ 9:30am to 10:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

- Sundays @ 9:45-10:15am
- Monday 5:00pm-5:45pm with Benediction @ 5:45pm
- Wednesday 5:00-5:45pm with Benediction @ 5:45pm
- Friday 8:00-8:45pm with Benediction @ 8:45pm

- Baptisms upon request - call Parish Office
- Rosary on Thursdays @ 6:00pm (May/October)

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Opening**Reading II****1 Cor 1:3-9****Glory to God****Green Journeysong Book #226****Reading I****Is 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7**

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

R. Thanks be to God.

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreprouachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.**Gospel****Mt 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

R. Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ.**Responsorial****Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and salvation he came down from heaven, (at the words that follow up to and including and became man, all bow,) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory**Creator of the Stars of Night****Green Journeysong #290****Holy****Green Journeysong Book #153****We Proclaim Your Death****Green Journeysong Book #154****Amen****Green Journeysong Book #156****Lamb of God****Green Journeysong Book #158****Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Your Attention Please

For reception of Holy Communion: to receive on the tongue, go to Father or Deacon's line. Thank you.

Communion**Maranatha****Green Journeysong #283****Reflection****Christ the Lord****Sarah Hart/Robert Feduccia**

1. Darkness hangs, the world is aching,
Yearning for the coming light.
In his rising, hope awaking,
Love has come to steal the night.
In our hearts true east we're facing,
Toward the coming of our Lord.
Morning rising, gloom now fleeing;
Christ returned! His word is true!

Christ the Lord**Sarah Hart/Robert Feduccia**

2. As we wait with hope for rescue
Love descends and all is well.
Prophets tell, "Your God is with us.
Heaven's gift, Emmanuel."
He is here, but hid as lowly
In the poor and mystery.
Where the bread and wine are offered
He is here: our God and King.

3. Parting clouds reveal his wonder:
Mighty King in victory.
Trembling earth and rolling thunder,
Blazing sun and quaking sea.
Now he comes, our King, in glory;
Saints rejoice and darkness flees.
Rising rays of light his chariot,
Christ the Lord has made us free.

4. On us now the Son is shining,
Lifting us to his embrace.
Shame is cursed, no more confounding;
Lift your head and know his face.
Love incarnate, breath indwelling,
Now in truth is truth made known.
We are his and he forever
Is our God and he alone.

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Closing**Let the King of Glory Come****Green Journeysong Book #285****Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer
(Prayer after Final Blessing)**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and so thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Baptismal Class**

We are now holding virtual Baptismal Classes. Please call the Parish Office to register at 859-431-0636.

A Glance at the Week from Fr. Hennigen

- It is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent means "coming" as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas and to prepare for His Second Coming when he will come again. As we move through the Advent Season as we will begin to put up the trees in the church since they take some time to put up. This year advent is shorter since the last Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve. On December 24th we will have the 8:30 and 10:30 am Mass on Sunday morning to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent before that evening we celebrate the 4:30pm, 10:00pm, and Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve and 9:00am Mass on Christmas Day.
- During the Advent Season, Deacon Eric and I going to do three nights of Faith Formation on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm at Bocks Bar on the corner. Gary Bockweg, who owns the bar, is a member of the parish and has offered us to use the big billiards room in the back. We are grateful to him for letting us use the space. The Foresters are going to sponsor the night with a first free drink and snacks. The topics are: Deacon Eric will speak on Church History on December 5th and on Mary on December 12th. I will speak on the Eucharist on December 19th. All are welcome.
- Sunday, December 3rd is Youth Group in the youth room, the Underground, from 9:30 to 10:20am. Grades 6th to 12th are invited.
- Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation. The vigil Mass will be at 6:00pm on the 7th and on the 8th the Masses will be at 9:00am, Noon, and 6:00pm. This is our new schedule for our Holy Day Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS — December 4/10, 2023

Monday — Fr. Hennigen

6:00 p.m. +Donald Spencer

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9:00 a.m. +Rev. Robert Reinke

Wednesday — Fr. Hennigen

9:00 a.m. +Alice Sprague

6:00 p.m. +Bob & Lou Ann Rassche

Thursday — Fr. Hennigen

9:00 a.m. +Mother of God Cemetery

6:00 p.m. +Matta & Joseph's Children

Friday — Fr. Hennigen

9:00 a.m. +Ronald Jones

12:00 noon +Donald Spence

6:00 p.m. +Deceased members of Matta & Joseph's Family

Saturday - Fr. Hennigen

4:30 p.m. +Betty Rudde

Sunday — Fr. Hennigen

8:30 a.m. +Wayne Neltner

10:30 a.m. Deacon Eric Ritchie
+Thomas Jones

12:00 noon Holy Cross Parish
+Eugene Talbert



Pray for the sick of Holy Cross, Rosedale Green, friends and family, that they will experience God's loving presence in their lives through us, especially: Freda Sharp, Patricia Johnson, Louise Simonson, Debbie Fehr, Ron Fehr, Kathy Bonta, Tony Bezold, Leslie, Faith & Grace Green, Joseph Fehr, Greg Trame, Anuel Nevels, Jack Sullivan, Lisa Luken, Martha Allen, Doug Vogelsang, Sean Timmerding, Marilyn & Rob Busch, Darlene Carnes, Ben Reinersman, Lori Schuler, Cate Becker, Linda Daughtery, Eli Cox, Rosemary Menetrey, Mike & Mary Taney, Joe Crowe, Cheri Wahlrab, Jennifer Bailey, Joyce Eibel, Mary Jo Gallagher, Mandy Wainscott, Carolyn Hoffman, George Darpel, Carol Woodward, Rita Hindman, Jared Taney, Kim Fletcher, David Neff, Terry Trame, Julie Trame, Tony Brosky, Sharon Courtney, Winston Fleehearty, Cathy Carlson, TJ McFadden, Rob Feldman, Donna Sayers, Janine Stolz, Carol Dohrmann Lozny, Tom McEntee, Debra Fraley, Tommy Talbert, Margie Robbins, Mike Quinn, Danielle & Diana Sydnor, Paul Webster, Rob Millay, Frank Weaver, Oriana Carrington, Mark Gregory, Keith & Valerie Preston, Paul Meyer, Stephen Bailey, Leon, Wesley Ernest, Todd Franzen, Donna Kohne, Theresa Moore, Joe Krantz, Dee Arkenau, Aaron Holscher, Lori Fuehner

Care of the Sick

If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital or care center who would like a visit from the parish please contact our Parish Office at 859-431-0636. Because of the privacy laws often times we do not receive a phone call from the institution. We rely on family or friends to let us know when someone is in the hospital.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: Eucharistic Adoration every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 5:00pm closing with Benediction at 5:45pm Mass celebrated at 6:00pm both days.

Welcome Home

We are pleased that you came to church today. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Church, please complete this form and mail it to the rectory or drop it in the basket.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

_____ Yes, I would like to register at Holy Cross.

_____ Yes, I would like for someone to call me.



We would like to welcome Jonah Recznik into the community through Baptism. We wish the parents well in fulfilling their duties as Christian parents.

MINISTRIES

LECTORS — December 9/10, 2023

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Sherrie Riddell

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Donna Foltz

10:30 a.m. Ann Krumpelman

12:00 noon Dave Larsh

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS — December 9/10, 2023

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Andrew Munson, Sherrie Riddell,
Joe Reinersman, Virginia Delaney,
Mary Ann Moore, Jane Grothaus

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Denny Lusby, Richard Menning,
Terry & Kim Mason, Kathy Bonta

10:30 a.m. David Arnold, Ann Krumpelman,
Jill Hamlin, Kenneth & Amy Dye

Virtus

Don't forget the October bulletin posted on Sunday, November 5th, due on Tuesday, December 5th. If your account is suspended contact your primary location where you volunteer or are employed. The next Virtus classes will be held at on the following dates, times and locations:

- December 5th at 9:00am at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- December 5th at 6:00pm at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- January 9th at 9:00am at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- January 9th at 6:00pm at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- January 11th at 6:00pm at the Immaculate of Mary, Britt Hall, 5875 Veterans Way, Burlington, Kentucky
- January 24th at 9:00am at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- January 24th at 6:00pm at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- February 7th at 9:00am at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky

Sing for Joy!

Calling all Singers!

Join our Adult Choir as we prepare for the Christmas Season. No experience needed.

Practices Wednesday nights
7pm till 8pm in choir loft.



For more information, email Tony Wagner hc.music.dir@holycrosscov.org

HOLY CROSS
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Ring in the holidays with Handbells

Learn to play handbells and spread joy this Christmas season.
All levels welcome.

Practices are on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm till 8:30 pm
in choir loft starting now till Christmas

For more information, email Tony Wagner
hc.music.dir@holycrosscov.org

The use of the [Advent Wreath](#) is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9:](#) (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.



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Attention: Lectors

In the vestibule of Church, you will find Lector Workbooks for 2024, Liturgical Year B. These readings began on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3. When you pick up your workbook, please cross out your name on the Lector List, which is with the workbooks. This is a wonderful aid to use in preparation for the Sunday Mass. Thank you for being part of this very important ministry.

Angel Pantry/St. Vincent DePaul

THANK YOU! TY! TY! Current needs in cans or plastic (no glass please) are: fruit, Mac & cheese, green beans, cereal, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, deodorant, soup, paper towels. Contact Barb Hausladen at email holycrossstvd@gmail.com or call 859-466-1222.

St. Vincent dePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on December 4th after the 6:30pm Mass in Parish Meeting Room. Please email for more information to holycrossstvd@gmail.com or call Barry Hamlin at 859-414-9814

Holy Cross Women's Group

All women are invited to join the Holy Cross Women's Group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 6:00-7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Contact Ann Krumpelman for more information at 859-307-9560.

Christmas Flowers


In order to defray the major cost of the Christmas flowers we encourage our family of Holy Cross to consider making donations "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" loved ones either living or deceased. Because of the generosity of our parishioners in past years, our church was one of the most beautifully decorated.

Spiritual Warfare Prayers

Every Third Wednesday of the month we will have Deliverance Prayers to ask God to help us in our spiritual fight as Saint Paul talks about in Ephesians 6 for us to put on the armor of God. After 6:00pm Mass we will begin with Eucharistic Adoration and have Deliverance Prayers that last a little over an hour. The Deliverance Prayers calls for one to make recourse to Sacrament of Reconciliation before and to have fasted prior to the prayers. Confessions are offered prior to the 6:00pm Mass. Questions please contact Dan Pikar at dbpink.art@gmail.com.

Attention Parish Family

The Holy Rosary will be prayed and led every Sunday morning at 8:00am before the 8:30am Mass. It is a beautiful way to prepare for Mass, to ask for our Mother Mary's intercession, and to stand the foot of Jesus' Holy Cross as a beloved disciple.



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AND CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING
 DECEMBER 17TH, 6:30-8 P.M.
 ST. MARY'S PARK, CATHEDRAL SQUARE
 COVINGTON

Bring your family and join Bishop John Iffert for blessings, hot chocolate, homemade cookies, live Christmas choirs and more!

Bring with you the Baby Jesus from your home nativity for a special blessing from Bishop Iffert.

CCD NEWS

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Holy Cross Parish CCD program is enrolling K-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes have begun on Mondays. Classes will be held at Holy Cross Elementary from 5:00-6:00pm. Families are welcome to attend Mass at 6:00pm. Curriculum and materials are free to students enrolled. New students are always welcomed. To enroll or if you are interested in teaching CCD, please call Parish Office at 859-431-0636.

Natural Family Planning

Being an apostle means you are someone who preaches the Good News of Jesus Christ, sharing the richness of your Catholic faith. Being an NFP apostle helps other people learn about their dignity, created and loved by God through a greater understanding of their fertility. Learn more how to be an NFP apostle@www.ccli.org or call 513-471-2000.