

# 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)

## **Pastoral Team**

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**3612 Church Street Covington, KY 41015**

**Opening****Reading II****2 Pt 3:8-14****On Jordan's Bank      Green Journeysong Book #278****Reading I****Is 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

**R. Thanks be to God.****Responsorial****Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14****R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.****Gospel****Mk 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**R. Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ.****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.

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**Nicene Creed****(continued)**

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****Like A Shepherd****Green Journeysong #622****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****Every Valley****Green Journeysong #289****Reflection*****Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem*****Bob Hurd**

Refrain

Your light will come, Jerusalem;  
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,  
and all nations will walk in your light,  
\*alleluia, alleluia.

\*Lent: and all nations will walk in your light.

1. Christ is the light of the world,  
a light dispelling the darkness.  
May we, his body, reflect that holy light.

2. His light is mercy and peace,  
a peace surpassing all telling.  
May we, his body, be instruments of peace.

3. His light is justice and truth,  
and love which casts out all hatred.  
May we, his body, prepare the reign of God.

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**Closing****People, Look East****Green Journeysong Book #297**

**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.



### A Glance at the Week from Fr. Hennigen

- Following the Masses this weekend, will be the Anointing of the Sick outside.
- Tuesday, the 12th at 7:00pm is our second Advent Series talk at Bocks Bar. Deacon Eric will speak on Mary.
- On Wednesday the 13th is Men's Group at 6:30pm following the 6:00pm Mass.
- On Thursday the 14th is Women's Group at 6:30pm and OCIA at 7:30pm.
- Next Weekend, the 16th and 17th, is Fellowship/Donut Sunday after all the Masses. We usually do not have Fellowship/Donut Sunday throughout the winter months, so after this next weekend they will resume in April.
- Next Weekend throughout the whole diocese a second collection will be taken up for Retired Religious.
- Next Weekend between the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses is Youth Group from 9:30 to 10:20am in the Underground.

### MASS INTENTIONS — December 11/17, 2023

**Monday — Fr. Robbins**  
6:00 p.m. +Poor Souls

**Tuesday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. +Donald Spencer

**Wednesday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. +Ann Pham  
6:00 p.m. +Paul Blau

**Thursday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving

**Friday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. For Penance

**Saturday - Fr. Robbins**  
4:30 p.m. +Freddie Dohrmann

**Sunday — Fr. Hennigen**  
8:30 a.m. +Wayne Neltner  
10:30 a.m. +John Kohne  
12:00 noon Holy Cross Parish



### 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 Fleeharty, 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, Bob Schulenberg, Linda Schwartz, Mary Gayle Taney

### MINISTRIES

#### LECTORS — December 16/17, 2023

**Saturday**  
4:30 p.m. Allen Singer

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Terry Mason  
10:30 a.m. Jarod Smith  
12:00 noon Dave Menetrey

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS — December 16/17, 2023

**Saturday**  
4:30 p.m. Nina Bullock, Teresa Henkenberns, Brian Hiser, Allen Singer, Joe Schwartz, Cathy Carlson

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Jackie DAbbelt, Michelle McCarthy, Sr. Helen Wilke, Tom & Joyce Eilers  
10:30 a.m. David Arnold, Sr. Michelyn Berkerich, Jean Edwards, Jon Piersall, Erin Tharpe

**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.**

### 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.

### Our Offering to the Lord

Sunday Offering for 11-19-2023	\$ 9,922.00
Sunday Offering for 11-26-2023	\$12,370.00
Actual Budget needed weekly	\$12,000.00



We would like to welcome James August Dooley, Georgie Caroline Ledonne into the community through Baptism. We wish the parents well in fulfilling their duties as Christian parents.

### Baptismal Class

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

### 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.

### Ministry Sign-Up for Masses on

#### Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Ministry sign-up sheets for Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters and Gift Bearers are in the vestibule of Church. Please sign up as soon as possible. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

### 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.



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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:dbpink.art@gmail.com).

### Angel Pantry/St. Vincent DePaul

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

### Privacy Act

We need everyone's help to inform us when someone is admitted to a hospital from our parish. Also, we would like to be informed of any parishioner who is, or becomes a resident of a nursing home, assisted living facility, or moves out of our parish to live with a relative, so that we may keep in touch. Please help us to keep current because hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities, no longer give us this information. Also, please inform the hospital to call us here at the parish or if you can help us out, please be sure to call the rectory at 431-0636.

### Patronize Our Advertisers



*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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### Virtus

Don't forget the bulletin posted on Sunday, December 3rd, due on Tuesday, January 4th. 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:

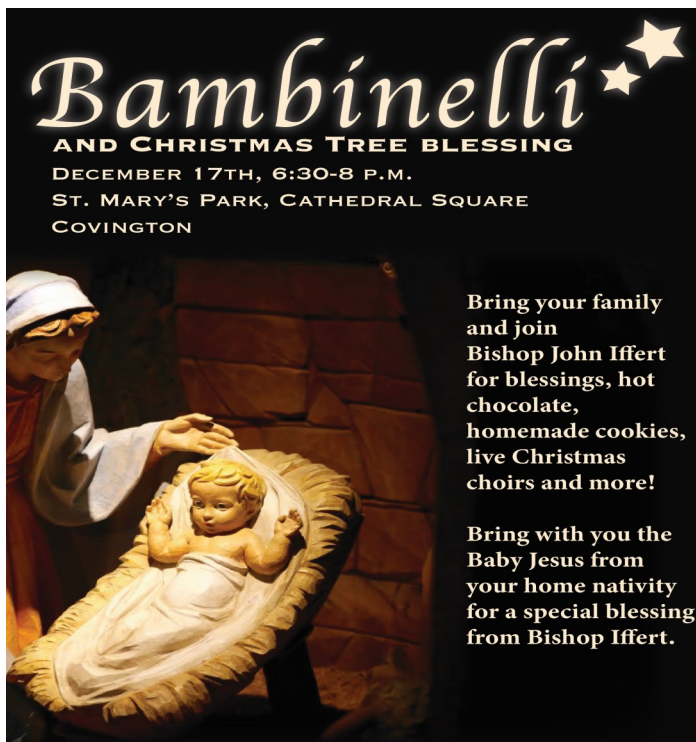
- January 9th at 9:00am at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- January 9th at 6:00pm at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Kentucky
- January 11th at 6:00pm at the Immaculate of Mary, Britt Hall, 5875 Veterans Way, Burlington, Kentucky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

### 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](http://www.ccli.org) or call 513-471-2000.

### New Beginnings

New Beginnings is an 8-week program for separated or divorced individuals, which provides an opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginning. The next session will be held on consecutive Thursdays—Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22, Feb. 29, March 7 and March 14, Time 7:00 to 8:30pm, at Holy Trinity Elementary, 235 Division St., Bellevue, KY 41073. For more information, and to register visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/>



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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.

### Project Rachel

Project Rachel is confidential ministry for those who have experienced as abortion and re seeking healing from the wounds of that decision. The healing begins as you come to know the love, mercy, and forgiveness Jesus has for all of us, and that includes you! You can start the healing journey by calling our confidential phone number at 859-392-1547 or email us at [projectrachel@covdio.org](mailto:projectrachel@covdio.org). Please give a call. You are not alone.

### 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.

### Sacred Music Concert

St. Augustine Parish, Covington, invites the faithful to join them for a Sacred Music Concert featuring music for the Season of Advent. Featuring Diane Schneider on the Harp on Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm. All are welcome.