

# 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

1 Thes. 5:16-24

The Advent of Our King

Journeysong Book #287



Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Reading I

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

**R. Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

## Responsorial

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

## 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**

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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****Christ, Circle Round Us****Journeysong #284****Holy****Journeysong Book #153****We Proclaim Your Death****Journeysong Book #154****Amen****Journeysong Book #156****Lamb of God****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****My Soul Rejoices****Journeysong #120****Reflection****Come to Us**

Greg Walton/Mary Walton

1. Scattered and broken, bent in our way,  
we are your people gathered to praise you.  
A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight.  
Come, Lord of Glory! Come, Lord of Light!

Refrain (Advent)

Come to us, O Lord of Glory and shine in our hearts.  
Come to us, O Lord of Glory and make us anew.  
Lord, we wait for you. Lord, we wait for you.  
Lord, we wait for you. Come, Lord of Glory.

Refrain (Christmas)

Come to us, O Child of glory, be born in our hearts.  
Come to us, O Child of glory and make us anew.  
We adore you, we adore you,  
We adore you, sweet child of glory.

2. Come, Lord, our dayspring, come from on high,  
as we your people gather to praise you.  
Unworthy to taste from your heavenly vine,  
but your word will heal us. Come, Light Divine!

3. Come, Root of Jesse; come, David's son;  
come, Star of Morning; we come to praise you.  
Hope of creation, of all humankind,  
reign over body, spirit and mind.

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**Closing****O Come, Divine Messiah****Journeysong Book #279****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

- This weekend we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday, that is Rejoice Sunday. We light the rose candle and wear rose vestments as it is a color of rejoicing, that we rejoice as the Lord draws near.
- This weekend is donut/fellowship weekend with donuts in the parish offices next door.
- This Tuesday, the 18th is the third talk of our Advent Series at 7:00pm at Bocks Billiards/Legends on the corner of Decoursey Ave. and 36th Street. The talks are held in a big back private room. I will speak on the Eucharist. All are welcome.
- Our Advent Penance Service will be from 6:30 to 7:30pm on Wednesday the 20th after the 6:00pm Mass. Myself and another priest will be available confessions. Also we have confessions before the Mass from 5:00 to 5:45pm.
- Next Sunday the 24th is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Masses that morning will be at 8:30 and 10:30am. There will be No Noon Mass at the 24th. The Christmas Eve Masses on the 24th are 4:30pm, 10:00pm, and Midnight (candlelight) and then 9:00 am on Christmas Morning. There will be no adoration and 6:00pm Mass on the 25th.

### MASS INTENTIONS — December 18/24, 2023

**Monday — Fr. Hennigen**  
6:00 p.m. +Donald Spencer

**Tuesday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. +Trudy Bezold

**Wednesday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. +Paul Lien Hoang  
6:00 p.m. +Paul Gunkel

**Thursday — Fr. Hennigen**  
9:00 a.m. +Madeline Hamlin

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

**Saturday - Fr. Robbins**  
4:30 p.m. +Jo Ann Wagner

**Sunday — Fr. Robbins**  
8:30 a.m. +Wayne Neltner

**Fr. Hennigen**  
10:30 a.m. +John Kohne  
12:00 noon No Mass

**Sunday — Christmas Eve Masses**  
**Fr. Hennigen**  
4:30 p.m. Holy Cross Parish  
10:00 p.m. Rev. Thomas C. Barnes  
12:00 a.m. +Melvin & Charmain Smith



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

### MINISTRIES

#### LECTORS — December 23/24, 2023

**Saturday**  
4:30 p.m. Brian Hiser

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Sr. Helen  
10:30 a.m. Mary Ann Arnold

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS — December 23/24, 2023

**Saturday**  
4:30 p.m. Lisa & John Kramer, Andrew Munson, Nina Bullock, Sherrie Riddell, Joe Reinersman

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Steve & Missy Mullen, Denny Lusby, Bob & Linda Goetz  
10:30 a.m. David Arnold, Laura Hoppius, Ronald Fehr, Fawn Braden, Jan Reis

### 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.**



We would like to welcome Louise Mader, Benny Babhelier 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.

### Our Offering to the Lord

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| Sunday Offering for 12-3-2023 | \$11,521.00 |
| Actual Budget needed weekly   | \$12,000.00 |

### 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.

### 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.

### Happy Holidays to Everyone!

It was very exciting to see everyone taking a stocking to purchase gifts for the residents of Rosedale Green. Everyone will be excited to open their gifts at Christmas. Please remember to return your Christmas gifts for the **Giving Tree**. Be sure to attach gift tag. All gifts must be returned December 17th., if you missed the deadline please drop off gift at church office. If you have any questions, please contact Sherrie 859-431-5259. Thank you for your generosity in helping make the residents of Rosedale Green have a Merry Christmas.

### Patronize Our Advertisers





## **Advent Wreath Prayers**

### **{3rd Week of Advent}**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! (Zephaniah 3:14)

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles and the third (pink) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

### 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/>



### 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.

### Marriage Preparation Program

Information regarding the marriage preparation programs offered by the Diocese of Covington is available at <https://covdio.org/oce/engaged/>. Marriage preparation programs are offered regularly, however, it is crucial that engaged couples register for these programs at least 2 to 3 months prior to the program dates (generally 9-12 months before the wedding date). Couples should attend the marriage preparation program before attending the Natural Family Planning (NFP) course.

### 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.