

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

- hc.music.dir@holycrosscov.org -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**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing****#313****Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God heavenly King, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading I**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14**

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

R. Thanks be to God.**Responsorial****Ps 128:1-2. 3, 4-5****R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**Reading II****Col 3:12-21**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

R. Thanks be to God.**Gospel****Lk 2:22, 39-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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.

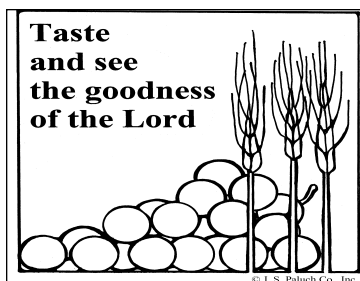
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Reflection

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****Away in a Manger****#324****Holy****#227****We Proclaim Your Death****#228****Amen****#156****Lamb of God****#232****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**What Child is This****#330*****The Light of Christmas Morn******Sarah Hart***

1. The winds of chill December sound the farewell of the year, and evening shadows gather round and cloud the soul with fear. But rest you well, good Christian men, nor be of heart forlorn; December's darkness brings again the light of Christmas morn.

2. 'Twas when the world was waxing old and night on Beth'lem lay, the shepherds saw the heav'ns unfold a light beyond the day. Such glory ne'er had visited a world with sin outworn; but yet more glorious Light is shed on happy Christmas morn.

3. The welcome snow at Christmastide falls shining from the skies; on village paths and uplands wide all holy-white it lies. It crowns with pearl the oaks and pines and glitters on the thorn; but purer still the Light that shines on gladsome Christmas morn.

4. Those shepherds poor, how blest were they the angel song to hear, in manger cradle as he lay to greet their Savior dear. The Lord of heav'n's eternal height for us a babe was born; and he, the very Light of Light, shone forth that Christmas morn.

5. The chapel lights above the snow do warm the coldest chill, and manger scene by candle glow inclines us to goodwill. Ablaze in wonder and in awe as every heart adores; but brighter still the light that falls on gladsome Christmas morn.

6. And o'er the child a guiding star shall lead us into peace; and still, in souls that childlike are, his guardian love shall be. O then rejoice, good Christian men, nor be of heart forlorn; for unto you in Bethlehem the Son of God is born.

December's darkness brings again
the light of Christmas morn.

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Closing**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice****#314****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 humble 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.

Glance of the Week from Fr. Hennigen

- On Saturday the 30th, we welcome Monsignor Reinersman who will be celebrating the 4:30pm Mass. Monsignor is a son of the parish who grew up at Holy Cross. Also today is his birthday, so we wish him a Happy Birthday!
- I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed New Year. On Monday the 1st, we celebrate The Holy Mary Mother of God. It is a holy day but not of obligation. So there is no vigil Mass for the Holy Day on the 31st. We will have Mass on the Holy Day, the 1st, at 6:00pm with adoration at 5:00pm.
- On the weekend of the 6th and 7th is the Epiphany and we will hand out the blessed chalk and prayer for the Epiphany Blessing for your homes.



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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS — January 1/7, 2024

Monday — Fr. Cooney
9 a.m. +Loretta Feldman
+Ted & Alma Zerhusen

Tuesday — Fr. Larry Schaeper
9:00 a.m. +Julietta Francisco

Wednesday — Fr. Hennigen
9:00 a.m. +Austin Griffin
6:00 p.m. +John Baptist Tri & Ann Huong

Thursday — Fr. Hennigen
9:00 a.m. +Steve Oldiges

Friday — Fr. Hennigen
9:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Bob Spencer
+Austin Griffin

Saturday - Fr. Hennigen
8:00 a.m. +Remon Claros
4:30 p.m. +Hammons Family

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

MINISTRIES

LECTORS — January 6/7, 2024

Saturday
4:30 p.m. Paula Seiter

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Dan Buerger
10:30 a.m. Mary Ann Arnold
12:00 noon Kevin Dallas

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS — January 6/7, 2024

Saturday
4:30 p.m. Cathy Carlson, Nina Bullock,
Andrew Munson, John & Lisa Kramer,
Joe Schwartz

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Kathy Bonta, Michelle McCarthy,
Jackie Dabbelt, Missy & Steve Mullen
10:30 a.m. David Arnold, Ann Krumpelman,
Jill Hamlin, Kenneth & Amy Dye

End-of-Year Statements

We are truly grateful for everyone's generous responses to all of the financial needs of the parish during 2023. Statements will be mailed in mid January. Statement will be mailed to all who donated over \$250 in their envelopes. If you do not receive a statement but wish to receive it, call the rectory at 431-0636.

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We would like to welcome Mason Marshall, Lilah Marshall, Eliana Marshall 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.

Holy Cross Pro-Life Ministry prolife@holycrosscov.org

During this holy season of Advent, as we await the coming of Jesus, let us remember and pray for all babies soon to be born: Heavenly Father, from the moment these children were conceived, You knew their names. In the silent first hours of their lives, as cells divided and their living flesh quickened, Your love breathed deep within and they began to grow in Your image and likeness. May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of angels as we await their births. We ask this through Your child who was formed in the Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us, Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Kentucky March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 23, in Frankfort Kentucky. The Diocese of Covington is organizing buses to travel to Frankfort. We will attend Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Parish, followed by a Rally at the State Capitol and a Walk to the Cemetery of the Innocents.

National March for Life Washington DC will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024. The Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office will organize a group trip to Washington DC if there are enough people interested. For more information on these events, please contact Peggy Piccola 859-392-1546 (or ppiccola@covdio.org) for more information.

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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.

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 or call 859-466-1222.

St. Vincent dePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on January 8th at 6:00pm in Parish Meeting Room. Please email for more information to holycrossstvd@gmail.com or call Barry Hamlin at 859-414-9814

CCD NEWS

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.

We Need Your Help!!

If you know of anyone that cannot make it to church due to illness, or homebound and would like someone to bring Holy Communion, Sr. Helen is available to bring Communion to their home. We are in need of help from time to time to drive parishioners to church on Sundays. Please call the rectory at 431-0636.

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.



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

*“Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be
revealed.” Lk 2: 34-35*

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 or call 513-471-2000.

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. 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 (NFO) course.

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/>

Save the Date Diocesan Youth Ministry Events. Contact Angie Poat for information, apat@covdio.org or visit covdio.org/youth/

Jan. 18, 2024 – **High School Mass & Social** – Location: Holy Cross Parish, Latonia, 7 – 9pm. Learn more about the Mass and worship with your peers in a vibrant faith community. All are welcome.

Feb. 8, 2024 – **THRIVE Peer Ministry Leadership Training** – for High School and College Leaders. 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Curia. Attend as an individual peer leader or with your parish, school, music, or retreat team. Newcomer's welcome. RSVP by Feb. 1. Together we THRIVE!

Feb. 10, 2024 – **JUNIOR HIGH CONNECT** Retreat. Calling all 6th, 7th, 8 graders to a high impact day of connecting with self, others, and God. CONNECT retreat includes: Music. Games. Witness Talks. Adoration. Food. Fun. Led by a team of dynamic college students. RSVP by Feb 1. Location: TMU 9:30am-5pm.

Covington Youth Missionary Team Forming – Seeking high school peer leaders from every high school and parish in the diocese. Team formation begins in February

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.