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February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL WELCOME!

Please join us for the February Birthdays' Brunch after Sunday Mass **this** weekend! Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Mass, Feb. 26 @ 6:00 p.m.
Fridays during Lent (Feb. 28-Apr. 3), Mass @ 5:00; Adoration @ 5:30; Stations of the Cross @ 6:00; Light Lenten Meal @ 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Retreat & Penitential Service, Tuesday, Mar. 24, @ 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Leo's Theology on Tap

This Tuesday, Feb. 25, @ 6 p.m.

"Catholicism: from Prison to Priesthood A Personal Story of Fr. Don Galoway"

(Due to the nature of the subject matter, intended for an adult audience)

Dinner provided by HC Men's Group

New Weekday Mass/Adoration Schedule

beginning Friday, Feb. 28

Weekday Masses:

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Fridays @ 5:00 p.m.

The new time for **Adoration** will be on Fridays after the 5 p.m. Mass

Collections from Feb 15-16

General Collection	\$1,280.00
Capital Improvements	250.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,530.00</u>

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu

In the gospel of today, Jesus tells us to love our enemies. We know how difficult this can be. However, it reminds me of the words of Jack Hyles, "you will never really love until you love someone who hates you." Along the same line of thought, St. Augustine called us to love even those who hate us "for love is the beauty of the soul." Martin Luther King Jr. agreed with St. Augustine when he said, "another reason we must love our enemies is that hate scars the soul and distorts the personality." Hate corrodes the soul, said Nelson Mandela. If we want to preserve our soul, we must love everyone, because the Christ who loved and prayed for those who crucified Him knows that love brings the reign of God into our hearts for a better relationship with God. This relationship is more important than the hate that invites the devil to rule our hearts and destroys us. Apart from spiritual purposes, I agree with the author, Maya Angelou, that hate does not solve any problem; it instead causes more problems.

We cannot confuse the love of enemies with the condemnation of wrong to root out evil in the world. Instead, let us condemn with love and not have hatred in our hearts. This is why the first reading said, "though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him." Certain people are wicked. Should we be crooked like them and lose God? There is a famous expression that, often, people are wicked to you because you've got something they lack. It could be great faith and a fabulous personality. Would you like to lose them because of somebody's wickedness? We need to be grateful to God for what we have and His love of us by loving God and everyone, with a hope that the goodness of God in us would soften the wicked hearts. Christians are called to extend the generosity of Christ's love to everyone.

Fr. Leo

Roof Renovation

The church building will receive a much-needed major roof renovation in March. Thank you for your support of the Capital Improvement Fund that makes this possible.

The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. To complete:

- Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com or
- Go to www.holycross-wagoner.com to follow the link or
- A link will be sent via e-mail for those on the church e-mail list or
- A paper copy will be available in the vestibule, if you can't complete online

The survey will only be **available from Feb. 22—March 23** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

2019 Contribution Reports Available

Signup sheet is located in the vestibule for those wanting a 2019 donation summary for tax purposes.

Feb 22	Feb 23		Feb 29	Mar 1
Mary Harris Earlyne Hutchens	Bill Scrimsher Mike Hickman Kinney Herndon	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Mary Harris Mary Feichtinger	Mike Cucchiara Larry Schottel Carlos Sorell
	Max Herndon Parker Sullivan Kinley Herndon Elizabeth Sullivan	ALTAR SERVERS		Max Herndon Parker Sullivan Kinley Herndon Elizabeth Sullivan
Elsa Kuehn Kendra Kuehn-Smith	Vicky Schottel Larry Schottel	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Linda Steinheil Richard Steinheil	Theresa Fosburg Earlyne Hutchens
Karol Watson	Paul Stuart	READERS	Charlie Moe	Chris Holland



TODAY'S READINGS

Breaking Bread Book

Pages 74-76



Daily Mass Readings—Feb 23-29*

Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

www.holycross-wagoner.org

Happy Birthday!



Kathy Gordon 2/2
Walt Mazil 2/7
Traci Sorell 2/7
Lucille Dickinson 2/10
Kay Rodriguez 2/16
Paul Rodriguez 2/24
John Watson 2/24
Marie Herndon 2/27

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Richard Hickman	Phyllis Thurman
Janale Harding	Charles Hahn
Rilla Sanco Beudin	Tama Wilson
Walt Mazil	Bertha Ashwood
Joe Rafferty	Mercy Mundadkal
Christine Peake	Vonnie Cullen
Jan Martin	Jean Podeyn
Sam Sanco	Trish Becher
Donna Senner	Ezra Ferguson
Harold Hutchens	



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

Ministers for Mass

Contact Mary Feichtinger by phone or text @ 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.

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 with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family
Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,
Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events
www.holycross-wagoner.org &
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Rosary—One-half hour before each Mass
Weddings—Please contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to your anticipated date
Baptisms—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

BIBLE STUDY is held each Thursday after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Join us for wonderful fellowship and sharing of our Faith as well as learning and understanding the Bible.

JOIN US

Cookies & Coffee are served after Sunday Mass each weekend and a potluck brunch on the last Sunday of the month. Visitors Welcome!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Feb</i>	Phyllis Hosey	Phyllis Hosey
<i>Mar</i>	Vicky Schottel	Theresa Fosburg Earlyne Hutchens

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 8:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:00 pm

Thursday & Friday — 8:30 am

First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday following 5:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 to 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 to 8:20 am
 or by appointment/request

Bulletin Deadline

TUESDAY 8pm

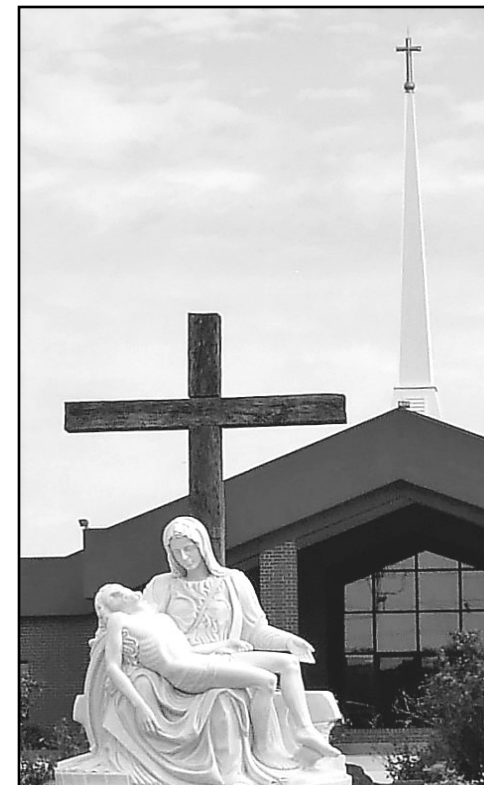
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