As we embark on our Lenten journey this year, I want you to think about our parish’s Lenten theme, “From Dust to Glory.” Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. To deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. The past year has been difficult for each one of us in some way or another. Let’s take time this Lent to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience the sorrow for what we have done or what we have failed to do & be generous to those in need. Let us grow from dust to glory and see what amazing things become when we put our faith in God and become ONE with the Risen Christ.

Blessings to you and your family,

[Signature]

Chicken Dinner $10.00
includes a Mediterranean chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, green bean amandine, roll & butter, and a slice of fruit pie

Save time! Order ahead online & choose your pick up time!

www.holycrossSC.org

Don’t want to order & pay ahead of time online. Fill out the form below & send cash/check to the parish office in the enclosed envelope.

Name_________________________________________ Email Address________________________

Phone Number_________________________ Number of Dinners ($10/dinner)____________________

Donation Amount $________________________

Please select a dinner pick-up time (Circle One)

11:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM 12:45 PM
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Updated parish signs
New fencing around cooling units
Security Cameras at both churches
New Bridal room at Blessed Sacrament
Additional cameras for live-streaming
Square credit card reader for parish dinners

Holy Cross Parish contributed $98,371 to the Together as One campaign. We exceeded our goal! That means the Diocese is giving our parishWay To Go!
$67,157
But Wait...Wouldn't it be great to get back $100,000?

What can we do with $30,000 at Holy Cross?
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YEAR-END FINANCE OVERVIEW

HOLY CROSS PARISH JUNE 2019 to JUNE 2020

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HOLY CROSS PARISH JUNE 2020 to DECEMBER 2020

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| Net Operating Expenses        | ($571,298) | -35.52%            | ($641,618) |

February 2021
- We Care Organization: Blessing Bags
- 15th: Mondays in Lent at 7:00 PM (BS)
- 17th: Ash Wednesday
  - Mass Times: 6:45 AM (BS) I 7:00 PM (SM)
  - Lenten Companion Begins
- 19th: Famous Fish Fry Drive-Thru 4:00-6:30 PM
- 20-21st: Special Collection: Aid to Global Churches
- 22nd: Mondays in Lent at 7:00 PM (BS)
- 26th: Famous Fish Fry Drive-Thru 4:00-6:30 PM

March 2021
- We Care Organization: Blessing Bags
- 1st: Mondays in Lent at 7:00 PM (BS)
- 5th: Famous Fish Fry Drive-Thru 4:00-6:30 PM
- 8th: Mondays in Lent at 7:00 PM (BS)
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April 2021
- We Care Organization: Boys & Girls Home & Family Services, Inc.
- 1st: Holy Thursday
- 2nd: Good Friday
  - Special Collection: Aid to the Holy Land
- 4th: Easter Sunday
  - Special Collection: Infirm & Retired Priests

Holy Week Schedule
- Palm Sunday: March 27th: Vigil Mass 4:30 PM (SM)
  - March 28AM (BS)
    - 7:30 AM (BS)
    - 9:00 AM (SM) (Live-streamed)
    - 10:00 AM (BS)
    - 11:00 AM (SM)
- Palms will be available to pick up after each Mass and Monday.

Holy Thursday
- April 1st
  - 7:00 PM (SM) (Live-streamed)

Good Friday
- April 2nd:
  - 12PM PM (SM)
  - 5:30 PM (BS) (Live-streamed)

Easter Sunday
- 7:30 AM (BS)
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- 11:00 AM (SM)

How to register for Easter Mass:
Sign-up on our parish website beginning Monday, March 29th at 10:00 am. No seating restrictions. Masks required to attend.

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Some exciting things are going to happen...

2021 DISCIPLESHIP

During these uniquely challenging times, our mission at Holy Cross remains the same - deepen our love for Christ by seeking life-long faith formation, praying, celebrating the Sacraments, and reaching out to others with works of mercy.

This year we are going to do something different. Be on the lookout for a letter from our parish in the next few weeks. We want you to help us continue to strengthen our mission and grow as a parish in 2021.

Your support means everything to us!
We made it! 2020 was the year that made us all take a look at what is important in our lives. I believe for many of us family took a front seat!

As we begin our journey through Lent this year, take a moment to consider how are you taking care of your family in your estate plans. Are your plans up to date? Have you talked with your loved ones about your wishes? While these seem like BIG questions, your family wants to follow your wishes in your death. 2020 has made us cherish our family memories, make sure that those memories continue long after you are in Heaven.

Father David is working hard to make sure we get there.

For questions about gift planning, call the parish office at 712-277-2949 ext. 102 or visit our parish website: https://holycrosssc.org/planned-giving

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**Mondays in Lent**

Ever since Adam & Eve were forced from the Garden of Eden because of their sin of disobedience, we have lived in times of difficulty. As problems continually pop up they cause us to doubt God’s love. We must seek Faith’s assurance!

Join our Holy Cross Deacons each Monday in Lent, beginning February 15th at 7:00 pm to reflect on the book ‘A Father Who Keeps His Promises.’ By Scott Hahn.

For more information on this fantastic series visit our parish website.

Mondays in Lent will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church. Masks required. Books provided.

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**GIFT PLANNING CORNER**

Help us fill our barrels with personal hygiene items so we can create Blessing Bags! Holy Cross Parish will be collecting items for Simple Life, Heartland Counseling, and Safe Place beginning February 13th - March 28th.

**Items Needed:**
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Size 5 diapers, Hairbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar soap, Body wash, Deodorant, Hand Soap, Children & adult Tylenol, ibuprofen, cold/flu medicine, Tampons, pads, panty liners

**NEW* ALMS AT HOME PROGRAM**

Each Lent, our Holy Cross Catholic families unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Through our alms at home program, families can learn about how our community overcomes hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make our community a better place for all.

Create your own Alms box and on Palm Sunday donate your alms in the special baskets at each church. Then we will donate our parish’s gifts to The BackPack Program!

**WARM THEIR SOLES DURING HOLY WEEK**

Beginning during Holy Week, Holy Cross Parish wants to fill our barrels with NEW socks! Socks are one of the most valuable pieces of clothing for people without permanent housing. Feet work overtime when there is not a home to go to and these valued items are not often donated.

Put yourself in someone else’s socks, and you can see how clean, warm socks are a true treasure! To help our parish make a difference donate your NEW socks (men, women, & children) from March 29th - April 4th in the barrels located at both churches or at the parish office. Socks will be donated to local Siouxland shelters.