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Mission Statement; *Holy Cross Catholic Church is a faith community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive for holiness and growth in our faith as we serve those around us.*
Adopted 2013

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the Information desk in the hallway. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, first Eucharist, confirmation and marriage.

Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the parish office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

MARRIAGE:

Couples intending to marry should contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

BAPTISM CLASS:

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please call the office to register for the upcoming date and time.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesday by 5:00 pm in writing or email
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RCIA:

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are interested in learning more about the teachings of the faith, please call the parish office at 282-7217.

HOLY CROSS MOBILE APP:

The Holy Cross mobile app is available to download. Find us in the app store. Search My Parish App. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, and an easy-to-access event calendar. Enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or confession, and much more.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Betty Heick	Kimberly Shelton
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Rodney Reith	Mandy Hoyt
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Emanuel Volk	Leo Gregoire
Michael Schnepf	Mary Ann Paluck
Kari Kolstoe	Judy Elless
Tim Pollock	Ryan & Sarah Sanborn
	Maggie Krumm

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name. If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 282-7217.

PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Remember in prayer:

Major Diann Olson, Captain Dixie Klein Aune, Stefani Nistler, Major Liea Misialek, Daniel Lee Cariveau, Specialist E4 Brandon Clifton, Nick Allred & Chandler Haut, SSG Stephanie Burdick Thielges, SFC William Burdick, SGT Jakob Burdick, SFC Fielding Olson, Anthony Heise, David Morse, Technical Sgt E6 Andres Gonzalez, Technical Sgt E6 Leah Gonzalez, Tech Sergeant **Chris Harris., E4 Brandon Smith, E4 Te'ler Smith**, Patrick Eldridge, Brian Richter, Lieutenant Commander Kevin Furst.

If any family has people in the Armed Services that they would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15
TUESDAY	Acts 2:36-42; Jn 20:11-18
WEDNESDAY	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
THURSDAY	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
FRIDAY	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
SATURDAY	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
SUNDAY	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions

All Mass Intentions are currently said off-site

MONDAY, April 13th

Mary Newman by Bev & Tom Kelsch

TUESDAY, April 14th

Matthew Tharaldson by Bev & Tom Kelsch

WEDNESDAY, April 15th

For the residents of the Cooperative Living Center

Tara Newman by Bev & Tom Kelsch

THURSDAY, April 16th

+LeRoy Rheault by Betty Rheault

FRIDAY, April 17th

+Magdalena & Valentine Wald by Rita Wald

SATURDAY, April 18th

Toot & +Dee Gregor by Toot Gregor

SUNDAY, April 19th

+Ella Richard by the Richard family

+Charlotte Lacher by David Lacher

+Roger Posterick by the Pick family

Holy Cross Catholic Community

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Adoration until further notice.

WEDDING BANNS

God grant you many joyful years together and bless your home with health and happiness!

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Matthew Schneider & Kayla Haaland

April 24, 2020

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Beth & Lana Erickson and Cabrini Leno for sewing and donating face masks for our workers to wear for the Easter dinner! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!

SUNDAY MASS

Join us for Mass Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at www.holycrosswestfargo.com!

CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had some questions about offering. If you so wish, you can drop off your envelope at the church. The little house is stationed behind the gate at the front desk that you can slip it into. Contributions can also be mailed. Thank you for your generosity during this time.

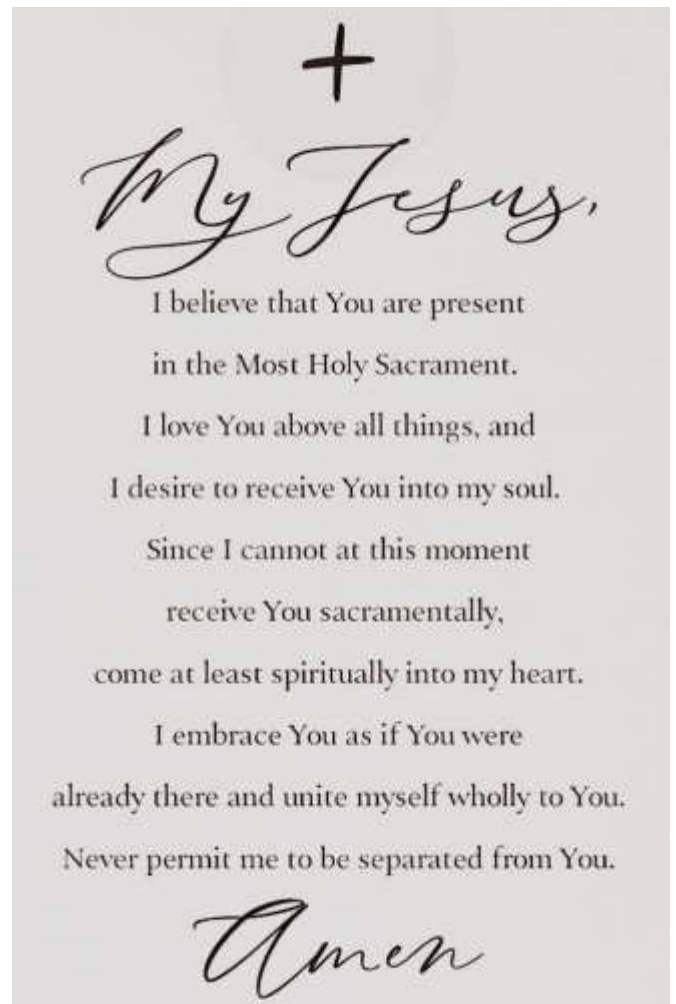
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy service will be live-streamed on our website and Facebook page on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 pm. Please join us.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER



Happy Easter!!,

Today we consider the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. It is simple but extraordinary and powerful. It was so mind-blowing that even the **disciples and the apostles who Jesus told it would happen didn't believe it until they saw him.** It shattered all their concepts of life. In the whole history of humanity death was the greatest fear, the curse to wish or inflict on your worst **enemies. It was conquered. "Christ is Risen!," says it all. We can no longer live the same way now that death has been defeated in Christ.**

St. Peter reminds us that the Risen Christ only revealed himself to those who believed in him.

Only those who believed in him were then blessed by meeting and eating and drinking with the Risen Lord. **He reminds us that "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name": on the day of our Baptism we had an encounter with the Risen Lord that transformed us into children pleasing to Our Heavenly Father, and he continues to reveal himself to those who believe in him.** An encounter with the Risen Christ in faith is always a salvific and transforming experience.

Then St. Paul reminds us that an outlook of faith keeps our eyes fixed on the things of above. When we gaze above in faith, we know the Risen Christ stands at the right hand of His Father and intercedes for us.

If we don't see him it is because our faith is not strong enough and we need to beg for more. Pope Francis describes a certain class of Christians in *Evangelii Gaudium* who seem to live a permanent Lent: they have not had an experience of the Lord and his love, and, therefore, the Gospel brings them no joy. Last Sunday I became a little emotional because I want everyone to see the Christ for all the love, He, desires to share with us. Additionally, these eyes of ours need to be fixed on the Heavenly journey and how Christ is central in that respect. The Resurrection banishes vanity from our lives and changes our perspective, i.e. what and how we see.

In today's Gospel, we see that the Resurrection didn't sink in for the disciples until they witnessed the results themselves. It leaves us in hopeful suspense because death no longer had the last word.

The disciples had all the facts. Christ could raise the dead. Martha saw his brother Lazarus **raised after three days in the tomb. The mourners of the dead little girl's daughter mocked Jesus when he said she was sleeping, and then he "woke" her up. Even Mary thought today that the body had been stolen.** The disciples walking to Emmaus had all the facts. After the Transfiguration, he told Peter not to tell anyone until he was raised from the dead and kept repeating that he would be raised from the dead on the third day.

The disciples were clueless. We can't blame them. Even today there are a lot of disciples of Christ who are clueless. All the facts are at hand, but they lack faith, and so they live as if eternal life is a fairy tale.

We have many more signs that they did: the Church has testified to the Resurrection for over two thousand years, and many of her children have gone to the grave believing that someday they would rise, just as Our Lord did.

Like John in today's Gospel let's look at the signs of Jesus' resurrection—an empty tomb, a suspiciously well-folded head wrapping—and simply believe.

Happy and Blessed Easter everyone!!
Fr Jim

When the day comes to rejoice with new life, we will decorate the church with new flowers.
Thank you to those who have donated.

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COVID-19: An Opportunity for Grace

On March 19, 2020, Pope Francis authorized, during this time of a global epidemic, special graces (“indulgences”) to be made available to the faithful suffering or dying from COVID-19, to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including prayer, care for them.



The usual conditions: As an expression of the abundance of God’s mercy, gaining an indulgence requires us to turn away from sin and be converted to God. The conditions are:

- Sacramental Confession,
- Reception of Eucharistic Communion,
- Pray for the Holy Father’s intentions.

“As soon as possible”: During this time of “social distancing”, the Vatican, recognizing that it may not be possible to fulfill the first two conditions immediately, permits them to be delayed, simply stating they be completed “as soon as possible.” This removes the requirement to complete them within a specific period of time, allowing people to receive grace while remaining physically safe.

The special *Plenary Indulgences* in the current pandemic can be gained in one of four ways:

1. The faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes:

In addition to satisfying the usual conditions (see above), they are to have a spirit detached from any sin, offer this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, and complete one of the following:

- Unite themselves spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass,
- or recite the Holy Rosary,
- or complete the Way of the Cross,
- or another form of devotion (such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet),
- or at least recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (for example, a Hail Mary, the Memorare, or a Hail Holy Queen)

2. Health care workers, family members and all those who care for the sick of Coronavirus, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion:

Satisfy the conditions listed in #1.

3. The faithful who implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself:

They are to satisfy the usual conditions (see above), and complete one of the following:

- Visit the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic adoration, or read Holy Scriptures for at least one half an hour,
- or recite the Holy Rosary,
- or complete the Way of the Cross,
- or recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

4. Those at the point of death, who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum:

The official Decree states: “The Church prays for [them], ... entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a *Plenary Indulgence* on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (the Church makes up for the three usual conditions). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or cross is recommended.”

Indulgences

"The starting-point for understanding indulgences is the abundance of God's mercy revealed in the Cross of Christ. The crucified Jesus is the great "indulgence" that the Father has offered humanity through the forgiveness of sins and the possibility of living as children (cf. Jn 1: 12-13) in the Holy Spirit."

- St. John Paul II, General Audience of September 29, 1999.

An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins which have been forgiven. Sin has both eternal and temporal consequences. In confession, the eternal consequences are forgiven, but the damage we have done to ourselves and to others here on earth remains, and God asks us to assist him in making amends. When we cooperate with God in doing good works and offering up our sufferings we are purified from the residue of sin. If we die without being completely purified, God, in his mercy, allows us to complete our purification in purgatory.

An indulgence is exactly what its name implies: God the Father, through Christ's spouse, the Church, being indulgent with his children. It is like the mother who, knowing that her child will not be able to clean up the mess he has made, simply asks him to pick up a couple of toys by himself.

The indulgences which the Church offers us during the COVID pandemic are plenary indulgences.

That means that if we are completely detached from sin, the Lord grants the full remission of the temporal punishment due our sins. If there is not yet complete detachment from sin, however, we still receive a partial indulgence.

We may receive a plenary indulgence once a day. We may always apply it to oneself or to the soul of someone who has died, but cannot apply to another living person. A single sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences, but Holy Communion must be received and prayer for the Holy Father's intention must be said for each plenary indulgence. However, the Decree "Special Indulgences in the Current Pandemic" notes that we simply need to have "the will to fulfill the usual conditions as soon as possible." If there is the danger of contracting Coronavirus by receiving Reconciliation or Holy Communion, we are to satisfy those conditions later. The Church is a loving mother who wants us to receive indulgences without the danger of getting COVID.

Additional Reading:

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic, March 20, 2020 (press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html).

St. John Paul II, General Audience of September 29, 1999 (a catechesis on indulgences, www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/audiences/1999/documents/hf_jp-ii_aud_29091999.html).

"Indulgences" in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph numbers 1471–1479.



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