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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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,	Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 12:15 pm	Adoration No Adoration until further notice	Reconciliation Monday - Friday 11:45 am - 12:15 pm Sat 3:30 pm, Sun 7:00 am
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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
hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

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

Marlene Tschosik	Carol Widman Kennedy
Janelle Kulish	Kimberly Shelton
Louis	Leo Blotsky
Betty Heick	Anthony Thompson
Daniel Mears	Wayne Ward
Vickie Bittner	Elaine & Cy Byrd
Gabby Dahl	Tryee & Decklin Byrd
David Skow	Janice Richter
Eugene Braun	Fr Tony Welle
Ken Gustin	Tim Eider
Jack Olinger	Richard Elless
Dorothy Beaudoin	Mandy Hoyt
Carol Berg	Dorothy Stegmiller
Rodney Reith	Leo Gregoire
Lee Knudsvig	Mary Ann Paluck
Michael Schnepf	Judy Elless
Kari Kolstoe	

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 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
TUESDAY	Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
WEDNESDAY	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
THURSDAY	Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Jn 15:9-17
FRIDAY	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
SATURDAY	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
SUNDAY	Acts 8:5-8,17-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 11th
12:15 pm +LeRoy Rheault by Betty Rheault

TUESDAY, May 12th
12:15 pm +Margaret Stockstad by Barb Stockstad

WEDNESDAY, May 13th
12:15 pm +Rodney Weidner by Mary Kay Weidner & family

THURSDAY, May 14th
12:15 pm +Enez Jensen by Rita Wald

FRIDAY, May 15th
12:15 pm Carol & LeRoy Holub by the Elless family

SATURDAY, May 16th
4:30 pm +Violet Bren by Carol & LeRoy Holub

SUNDAY, May 17th
7:30 am +Michael Bosch
9:00 am +Jim Cameron by Patty Cameron
11:00 am Ella Hargiss by Kathy Melaas

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Adoration until further notice.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Don Elliott
Brother of Al (Betty) Elliott
Brother of Jenice (Larry) Boulger

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$184,833

Amount Pledged: \$95,457.34, which is 52% of the goal.

Parish Participation:

Families: 1747 Donors: 394 Participation: 18%

VBS CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, VBS for this summer has been cancelled. Those who have already registered and paid will be contacted by Brenda.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers that work at the Dorothy Day Daily Bread West! They continue to volunteer to help those in our community who are in need of food.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR WITH CHANTED VESPERS

Join our parish this afternoon (May 10th) in adoring the Lord in a Eucharistic Holy Hour as we raise our voices in praise of Him with chanted vespers. There will also be time for silent prayer in adoration. This is a great way to end one week and begin another, It begins at 5:00 pm in the Church.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER



Greetings everyone,

This weekend Our Lord reminds that that we are called to continue his work and to achieve even greater things than he accomplished during his earthly ministry. He built his Church with growth in mind, generation after generation, founded on him and the Apostles. The Twelve are faced with more work than they can handle, and people are starting to complain. The Twelve cannot take care of everyone and this is no surprise. **Our Lord didn't just appoint one person to carry on his work; he appointed Twelve,** and, soon after, the Twelve needed helpers, and other apostles, like Paul and Barnabas, **to continue the work in the face of the Church's explosive growth. The Twelve asked for candidates, but they were also clear that those who would help them in the ministry needed to be "filled with the Spirit and wisdom."** These men would become known as the Seven, and, according to tradition, may have been the first deacons in the Church.

Additionally, the Church's mission is not just for the clergy, and thus the faithful come into play in an incredibly significant way. Everyone is called to help according to their possibilities and state of life. As needs increase, each member of the Church must be dedicated to doing his or her part: bishops shepherding their dioceses, helped by priests and deacons; consecrated persons contributing according to their charism; **and laity, ordering the world's affairs in accordance with the Gospel and helping the Church in matters** where they may have more expertise. The Holy Spirit kept the apostles faithful to the work Christ wanted them to do, and the Spirit continues to do so for all of us.

St. Peter reminds us that through Baptism we have been incorporated into the Church, and are now living stones in an edifice constructed with a spiritual and priestly purpose. Our Lord described himself to the Pharisees and scribes as the stone rejected by the builders that would become the corner. They had rejected him, but the Father build the Church on him, and he made the Apostles the foundation for his Church. The Lord continues to build the Church through us, on the solid foundations of those living stones who have preceded us and our own efforts at holiness. A living stone is not just edified, but edifying. We are inserted into this spiritual and social structure and helped to support it and to remain solid. If our works are edifying, it will attract even those who don't know Our Lord to see where that special something we have comes from and to seek it out as well.

In today's Gospel Our Lord, at the Last Supper, prepares his disciples for the moment when he'll be separated from them on earth, and they'll be expected to carry on his mission. He reminds them that they have a place waiting for them in Heaven, just as they have a place in his Church. He tells them today that they know where he is going. They know the way to the Father's House too and don't need him to show them. When the moment was right, Our Lord returned and led every one of them to the Father's House, just as he will lead us one day. In the meanwhile, we have to stay the course he has taught us, and, if we get turned around, ask for directions to get back on track. **Helping people get back on track to the Father's House is what we're all called to do as Christians, but to do that we must know how to get to the Father's House.**

Christ describes himself as the "way": we show others the way to the degree that we imitate him. Our Lord became flesh and put some believers on the right track, and those believers have helped him guide us ever since. He sent apostles to the four corners of the world, and they still carry out their mission through us. This is the work he said would be even greater than his ministry on earth. It spread to the entire Roman empire, then beyond its borders to the whole world. **We're called to continue these "greater works" that he encouraged his first disciples to do.** The key is having faith in Him, with Him, and through Him.

Enjoy the week to come, celebrate your priestly ministry by sharing His Love, Fr Jim

Greetings to you all,

It has been roughly 12 great years since I arrived at Holy Cross, at the old site. Welcomed by so many upon my arrival and finding our way through the years, I have never felt so much love. The parish has **grown considerably during this time and it is a great reflection on the generous spirit of it's people.**

However, as things evolve things change, and we as priests are relocated to other duties to continue to grow and spiritually work with people across the diocese. It is with a heavy heart I must let you all know that I will be reassigned to Holy Family in Grand Forks effective at the end of June 2020. Honestly, I have struggled with leaving what has become my family for several weeks now but have come to realize we are **not far, and I will never lose our friendship. Fr's Miller and Konka will also be leaving the parish and have a short note following mine to share with you where they will be going.**

Your new pastor will be Fr Phil Ackerman, my second cousin, whom is a great guy filled with love and a generous spirit. I could not have picked a better person to continue to lead you all to the gift of heaven as I have been working on these past 12 years. Please be open and generous in your respect for him and your love as your new shepherd.

Dates for the new moves will be at the end of June and those details will be given soon from the Diocese. Again, all of us priests are very thankful for the generous love you have given and will never forget you.

Blessings, Fr Jim

Dear Friends,

I received a call from Bishop Folda, and he asked if I would be willing to take on a new assignment. He has assigned me to be his secretary, and to work in the diocesan chancery. So, I will be leaving Holy Cross. I want to thank you for your welcome to me this year, and especially for your prayers. I hope that together, we grew closer to our Lord Jesus, even though it certainly has been a strange ending to this year! Please continue to pray for me in my new work and be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Miller

Beloved Holy Cross parishioners,

It has been a blessing to me (Fr Chinnaiiah Konka) to be at Holy Cross Parish. It is a vibrant, young, and growing parish. For the last five years I enjoyed my stay in this parish with you all. I was given permission by my home diocese bishop to minister in Fargo Diocese for five years. The bishop of Fargo Most. Rev. John T. Folda was kind enough to invite me to this diocese. Providentially the full term of my stay is only in this our parish. As I complete almost five years of my term here, I have to return to my home diocese of Nalgonda in India. Every arrival has a departure. I have a mixture of feelings about my return to home diocese. Throughout my stay here, you are all a blessing for me. I enjoyed doing pastoral and spiritual ministry in this parish. I am strengthened in my faith journey here with you. I experienced great love from you all along with Fr. Jim Meyer the Pastor, and Fr. William Slattery, Fr. Jayson Miller the co-associates and Holy Cross Parish staff. We are all extended family members of Holy Cross Parish. I gained a lot of experience here through you all. Though I am supposed to leave in June but due to the present Pandemic situation I am not sure of exact date of my travel to India. God takes care. I thank you all sincerely for your love and support throughout my stay here. If I have offended anyone in anyway kindly forgive me. If you received any blessings through my ministry give glory to God and offer a prayer for me. India is a good place to visit. You are welcome to visit India and I am there to receive you. If God wills may come again. I assure you all my prayers and request you to keep me in your prayers. My email id is chinnaiahkonka@yahoo.co.in

Thanks to each one of you.

Fr. Chinnaiiah Konka

Attention High School Seniors and Parents!



We would like to honor our graduating seniors from Holy Cross. Please send an electronic copy of a Senior Picture to hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com and let us know what school your senior is graduating from.

We will have their pictures in upcoming bulletins and on the tv screens in the church hallway.

On Sunday, May 17th, Graduating Seniors are welcome to come to 9:00 am Mass in their gown (no hats) and sit with their families. They will be recognized and asked to stand during Mass.

WANT TO GET TO KNOW OTHER MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH?



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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL

St. 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 do 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.



FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION

There are registration forms on our website (www.holycrosswestfargo.com) and by the information table in the church for the 2020-2021 school year.

St. Paul's Newman Center at NDSU has an opening for a FT Campus Minister Position. The Campus Minister is a member of the pastoral staff whose responsibilities encompass the spiritual, educational and social needs of the Newman Center. The Campus Minister is accountable to the Pastor of St. Paul's Newman Center and collaborates with all the staff at weekly staff meetings and all other Newman Center related activity. Duties include oversight of the Peer Ministry program and Student Advisory Board, coordinating Liturgical planning, Event planning, Religious Education and execution of a media plan. Preferable candidate will be proficient in MS Office, Graphic design and Web design, and have the ability to be part of a team. Compensation dependent on experience. Send cover letter, resume and a list of three references to frcheney@bisonCatholic.org – for more information call 701-235-0142 or visit www.bisonCatholic.org. Apply immediately; position open until filled.

Real Presence Radio is holding their annual Spring Feed My Sheep fundraising event on May 12 - 15. Tune in to hear amazing stories of renewal of faith, returning to and growing your faith. We will also be sharing wonderful stories about some of the incredible priests and parishes in our dioceses, hear from some of our supporters about how Real Presence Radio has made a difference in their lives and.....daily contests!

St. John's Academy – Classroom Teacher

St. John's Academy is seeking a qualified elementary classroom teacher for the 2020-21 school year. This is a full-time position that begins in August 2020. Applicants should possess the desire to positively contribute to an educational environment that is focused on the development of the whole child in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Additionally, applicants should possess knowledge of child growth and development, prescribed curriculum, current educational research and educational technology trends. Email Jeff Trumbauer, Principal, at jeff.trumbauer@k12.nd.us with a letter of interest, resume, two letters of professional recommendation and unofficial transcript. Must have a valid ND teaching license. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Established in 1890, St. John's Academy in Jamestown, North Dakota offers a Catholic education to over 200 Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and K-6 students in the Jamestown area.

St. John's Academy – Resource Teacher

St. John's Academy is seeking a qualified elementary resource teacher for the 2020-21 school year. This is a half-time position that begins in August 2020. Applicants should possess the desire to positively contribute to an educational environment that is focused on the development of the whole child in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Additionally, applicants should possess knowledge of child growth and development, prescribed curriculum, current educational research and educational technology trends. Email Jeff Trumbauer, Principal, at jeff.trumbauer@k12.nd.us with a letter of interest, resume, two letters of professional recommendation and unofficial transcript. Must have a valid ND teaching license. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Established in 1890, St. John's Academy in Jamestown, North Dakota offers a Catholic education to over 200 Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and K-6 students in the Jamestown area.

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