

# HOLY CROSS

## Catholic Church

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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 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm	Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 12:15 pm	Adoration Mondays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	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:

Scheduled as needed. Please call the office to register for a 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

Gary & Aquina Beck	Amelia
Roger Hentges	Gayle
Broden Frolek	James Lindemann
Angie Hawkins	Tom Sauvageau
Lars Dyr Dahl	Mary Jo Bergman
Carolyn Peterson	David & Charlotte Peterson
Patty & Clif Nelson	Rosi Odegard
Linda Malo	Roni Smart
Mary Hansen	Judy Elless
Joni	Rita Wentz
Matt Petersen	Richard Elless
Kristy Delorme	Darren Hodny
Jackie Reuter	Bill Harbeke
Crystal Allard	
Pat Plemel	
Jared & Judy Zins	

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.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

*Remember in prayer:*

Major Diann Olson, Captain Dixie Klein Aune, Stefani Nistler, Major Liea Misialek, SSGT 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, Patrick Eldridge, Brian Richter, Lieutenant Commander Kevin Furst, Jacob Haring.

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

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
TUESDAY	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
WEDNESDAY	Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66
THURSDAY	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/ Lk 1:67-79
FRIDAY	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/ Mt 1:1-25
SATURDAY	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
SUNDAY	Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Col 3:12-31/ Lk 2:22-40

## EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 21st  
 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Adoration (Chapel)  
 11:45 am Confessions  
 11:50 am Rosary  
 12:15 pm Mass  
 6:15 pm Baptism Class (Multipurpose Room)

TUESDAY, December 22nd  
 11:45 am Confessions  
 11:50 am Rosary  
 12:15 pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd  
 Holy Cross Offices close at Noon  
 No Trinity School  
 11:30 am Cray baptism (Church)  
 11:45 am Confessions  
 11:50 am Rosary  
 12:15 pm Mass  
 7:00 pm That Man is You (Rectory)

THURSDAY, December 24th - Christmas Eve  
 Holy Cross Offices closed  
 No Trinity School  
 2:00 pm Mass  
 4:00 pm Mass  
 6:00 pm Mass  
 11:00 pm Christmas Carols  
 11:30 pm Mass

FRIDAY, December 25th - Christmas Day  
 Holy Cross Offices closed  
 No Trinity School  
 9:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, December 26th - St. Stephen  
 3:30 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Rosary  
 4:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, December 27th - The Holy Family of Jesus,  
 Mary and Joseph  
 7:00 am Confessions  
 7:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Barber & McGregor baptism after  
 Mass  
 11:00 am Mass  
 12:15 pm RCIA (Multipurpose Room)  
 6:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, December 21st  
 12:15 pm + Thomas Norberg

TUESDAY, December 22nd  
 12:15 pm The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd  
 12:15 pm + Msgr. Jeff Wald

THURSDAY, December 24th  
 2:00 pm + Msgr. Joseph Senger  
 4:00 pm + Tari Heller by the Elless family  
 6:00 pm + Margaret & Adolph Stockstad by  
 Barb Stockstad  
 11:30 pm + Msgr. Val Gross

FRIDAY, December 25th  
 9:00 am + Dee & Hazel Gregor by Toot  
 Gregor  
 11:00 am + Michael Misialek Sr by Froemke,  
 Misialek, Omann & Gunville families

SATURDAY, December 26th  
 4:30 pm + Don & Brent Bartsch by Linda  
 Bartsch

SUNDAY, December 27th  
 7:30 am Holy Cross Catholic Community  
 9:00 am + Michael Schnepf by the Schnepf  
 family  
 11:00 am Bernadette Engelhard by Kathy  
 Hoosestol & family  
 6:00 pm + Msgr. Jeff Wald

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 Mondays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 in the Chapel

Adorers Needed:  
 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Please call Arlene Schneider at 701- 541-7834  
 or email [aschneider@far.midco.net](mailto:aschneider@far.midco.net) to sign up  
 for a time.

### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Leo Blotsky  
 Husband of Donna Blotsky  
 Father of Teresa Blotsky

Alice Roshau  
 Grandmother of Luke (Bailey) Steckler

Mary Kay Michels  
 Grandmother of Dana (Brian) Kingsley

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER



“Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God!”

The Gospel passage for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent is so inspiring. The **Angel Gabriel descends to visit Mary. Wouldn't she have been frightened?** Imagine an angel coming to visit you in your home! What would be your first reaction? **Fear.** The Angel Gabriel says to Mary, “Do not be afraid...”

Let us meditate on this Gospel passage from Luke 1:26-38. St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) developed “**The Spiritual Exercises.**” He turned away from a life of sin after a profound conversion. He developed three steps for meditation on the Scriptures. 1) to imagine what the world was like at that time; 2) to imagine the Angel Gabriel descending from Heaven to announce to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus; 3) imagine ourselves being there and to listen to the conversation. How would we respond?

I have often wondered how long the visit of the Angel Gabriel was. How long did it take for Mary to respond to the request of Gabriel? Did they discuss other things? What was she doing when the Angel appeared?

The Lord became present in the world, born of Mary. God is present to us in different ways. First, God is present to us in creation. Secondly, God is present to us in the Scriptures. Finally, God is present to us in Jesus Christ, especially in the Eucharist.

In such a busy season, it is good to take some quiet time to reflect on the Scriptures step-by-step. To imagine ourselves in that time and place. What would be our reaction to what was going on? What is God telling us?

Advent is a time of anticipation, hope and joy. The Gospel passage concludes by saying “... for nothing will be impossible for God.” Our faith is truly a blessing!

Fr Phil

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[hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com](mailto:hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com)



# Merry Christmas

from Father Phil, Father Riley, Father Prabhakar and the staff at Holy Cross!



## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

*Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th*

*Vigil Mass: 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm*

*Christmas Carols: 11:00 pm - 11:30 pm*

*Midnight Mass: 11:30 pm*

*Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th*

*The Nativity of the Lord  
9:00 am, 11:00 am*

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December Knight of the Month: Dave Janssen

December Family of the Month: Paul & Mary Dosch

*Check out our website: [www.kofc9642.org](http://www.kofc9642.org) for activities and more information!*

The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council #9642 meets on the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 7pm. Watch the bulletin for location.

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### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020

According to IRS regulations, if a donor wants to claim a contribution as charitable deduction for income tax purposes, it must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2020. If you have questions, please call Penne in the church office at 282-7217.

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### ANGELIC LETTERS BOOK SALE

Looking for a great Christmas gift? The Catholic Daughters are offering a Christmas special on the Angelic Letters series of books. If you purchase the entire set of seven books, you will get the 7th book for free! Instead of \$140, it will be \$120! What a great way to pass the time with COVID!

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### COMMUNAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

*All services are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.*

Other Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Sunday, December 20 - **St. Mary's Cathedral** - 4 pm

Monday, December 21 - **St. Leo's (Casselton)**



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Next Meeting: January 28th at 7:00 pm

Want more information? Call Lisa at 701-799-2397

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### WILD GAME FEED

Last year the Wild Game Feed raised \$10,000 for the Alpha Christian Children's Orphanage in Perry KS. The money will be used for helping fund a building addition. Thank you for your support of the Wild Game Feed and having an impact on lives of children at the orphanage. This year the Wild Game Feed takes on a different look due to COVID restrictions. The event will not have a meal with wild game fare, but will have a raffle, chance baskets and silent auction. The raffle will include the following prizes; shotgun, rifle, bow, golf clubs and pistol. The chance baskets will include the following themes; fishing, hunting, camping, golf and hiking.

We are seeking donation towards the raffle prizes, chance baskets and silent auction. Prizes can be dropped off at the church office starting in January. Or if you have questions please contact Jonathan Aal 701.552.0961 or Willie Gartner 701.799.601. Tickets will go on sale in January.

Thanks for your continued support.  
Wild Game Feed planning committee

### **Piano Lessons**

Colleen Hathaway is offering piano lessons in West Fargo for those ages 7 and up. Please contact her at (701) 213-1093 or [colleenshathaway@gmail.com](mailto:colleenshathaway@gmail.com) for more information.

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### **PT Accounting Clerk**

Diocese of Fargo is accepting applications for a part-time (10-20 hours per week) accounting clerk in the Parish Service Department. This position provides bookkeeping and payroll services to parishes within our diocese. Duties will include accounts payable, bank deposits, payroll, records management and other financial needs and priorities that the parishes may have. The successful candidate will have an accounting degree and two plus years of experience. Email cover letter, resume and three references

to: [barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org](mailto:barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org).

Application deadline is Friday, January 8, 2021.

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### **REDEEMED *Trusted Sisters Women's* Conference:**

The REDEEMED Women's Conference has been rescheduled for February 19-20, 2021 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. Featured speakers will include Dr. Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, Marcie Stockman (foundress of Well Read Mom), and Andrea Thomas of the Vigil Project. The event will also include performances and worship led by the Vigil Project. This conference will be available to attend both in person as well as via livestream. More information is available at [fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen](http://fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen).

### **Assistant Cook – Shanley High School/ Sullivan Middle School (.88 FTE)**

Candidate must be able to assist the head cook in all areas of the school hot lunch program including breakfast. The Assistant Cook is also responsible in maintaining the salad bar and a la carte items. Other duties are outlined in the job description. Hours are 6:30am – 2:30pm. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. Submit cover letter, resume, completed general application and three letters of recommendation.

### **Resource Teacher – JP II Elementary/Middle School (Full or Part-Time)**

Candidate must be qualified to teach Elementary students (grades K- 8). Candidate will serve as coordinator for the Student Resource Team & Response to Intervention. Candidate must have knowledge of curriculum development and be able to effectively communicate with students, staff and parents. We are looking for someone with a passion for Catholic education and strengths in literacy and math instruction. Candidates must hold or be able to obtain current ND Educator's Professional License. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. Submit cover letter, resume, completed certified application, three letters of recommendation and transcripts.

Application materials can be sent to Human Resources, JP II Catholic Schools, 5600 25<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo, ND 58104 or email to [Human.Resources@jp2schools.org](mailto:Human.Resources@jp2schools.org).

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### **JP II Catholic Schools SCRIP Gift cards:**

Save yourself some time this Christmas and do one stop shopping with JP II SCRIP gift cards. Gift cards are available for purchase at Hurley's Religious Goods, Monday through Friday 9 to 5 and Saturdays 9 to 1.

You may contact Janelle Pederson at [janelle.pederson@jp2schools.org](mailto:janelle.pederson@jp2schools.org) or 701-371-0512 for more information.



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