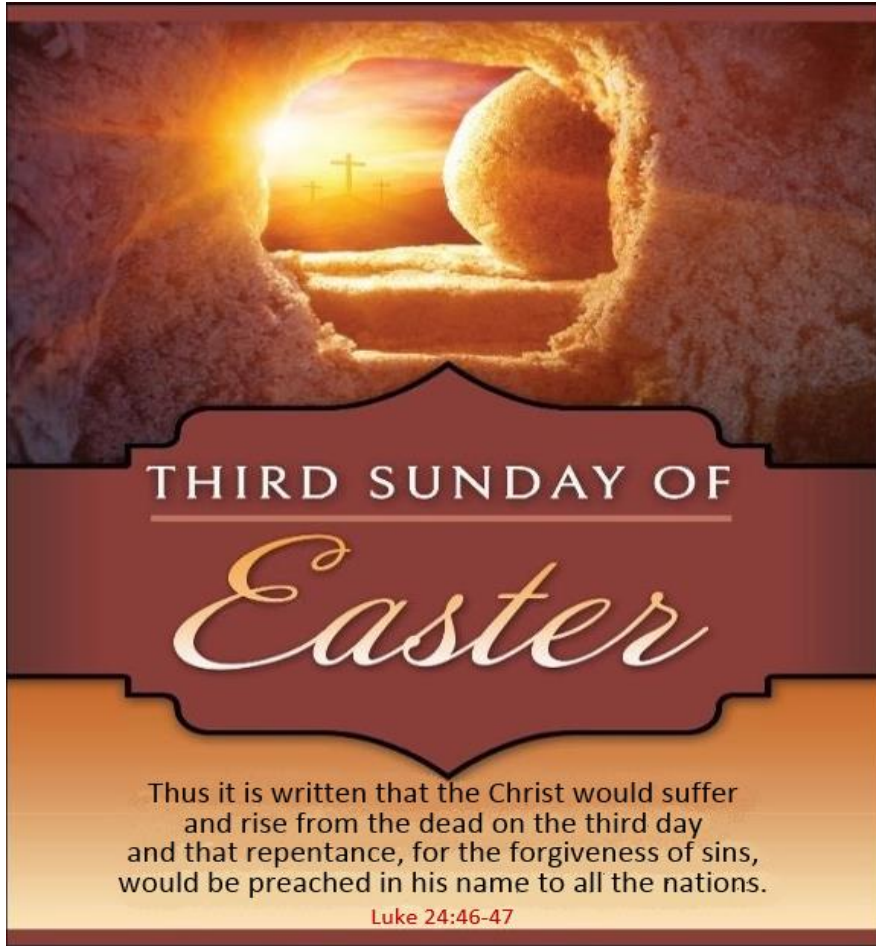


The Catholic Parishes of Crawford County

April 13th & 14th, 2024



Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Phone: (573) 885-3520 Fax: (573) 885-3501
 Address: 415 W. School Ave., Cuba, MO 65453
 Email: hcccuba@gmail.com
 Web: holycrosscubamo.org

Holy Cross School Office:

Phone: (573) 885-4727
 Email: holycrossschoolcuba@gmail.com
 Principal, Melinda Osentoski:
 holycross.osentoski@gmail.com

Fr. Anthony (Tony) Onyeihe:

(573) 462-6522 aonyeihe@diojeffcity.org

S. Karen Thein SSND:

(507) 514-3226

Parish Council Members:

Jim Bathe	Mike Kempf
Jerry Dubbelde	RuthAnn Kuethe
Alice Engelbrecht	Esli Navarro
Joe Howdeshell	Diane McCameron
Don Hudson	Ruth Woodson

Finance Council Members:

Larry Howdeshell	Donna Conduitt
Teresa Leicht	Randy Baker
Marcia Paton	

School Advisory Council Members:

Aminta Abdinova	Mike Kempf
Alan Collins	Christy Moreland
Deborah Dicus	Kathy Royal

Mass Schedules:

Holy Cross

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Mass in Spanish: (every 1st & 3rd Sunday) at 11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Caracciolo

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m.

St. Michael

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Bishop McKnight's Monthly Prayer Intention:

“For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.”



April 15 – Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 17 – Faith Formation 5:30 p.m.

April 21 – First Holy Communion - Good Shepherd Sunday

April 22 – Earth day

May 10 – Dia de las Madres (Mother's Day in the Latino Community)

May 12 – The Ascension of the Lord

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

May 26 – Holy Trinity

Mission Statement:

We, the Catholic parishes of Holy Cross, St. Francis, and St. Michael, aware of the intergenerational communities and the various cultures living in our communities, welcome all – no matter where they are on the journey of Faith. We strive to strengthen the communities of Faith by working together through prayer, works of Justice and concern for our neighbors.



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Go to this link to see the schedule:

www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/HolyCrossCuba

Mass Intentions for 4/15 – 4/21, 2024

- 16 St.M. Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Father Dan Lueckenotte
- 17 H.C. Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Mary Kage ☩
- 18 St.F. Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Mason Thompson
- 19 H.C. Fri. 8:00 a.m. - Ben Sommo ☩
- 20 St.F. Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Marilyn Fingerhut
- 20 H.C. Sat. 6:00 p.m. - Kathy Welty ☩
- 21 St.M. Sun. 8:00 a.m. - People of the parish
- 21 H.C. Sun. 10:00 a.m. - Sister Karen Thein SSND
- 21 H.C. Sun. 11:30 a.m. - Micaela Santa Cruz Enriquez ☩
(Mass in Spanish)

Parish Collections: April 6 & 7, 2024

Parish	Envelopes		Loose		Total
Holy Cross	\$4,170.00	+	\$1,207.00	=	\$5,377.00
St. Michael	\$2,215.00	+	\$292.00	=	\$2,507.00
St. Francis	\$582.00	+	\$89.00	=	\$671.00



Nikki Smith, Mary Happle, Sandy Mowry, Earl Vincent, Joann Mullen, Charlie & Julie Coster, Stanley Griggs, Kathryn Phillips, Carolyn Horsefield, Joann Brewer, Helen Crombie, Joe Kuenz, Lois Stubberfield, Helen Mansfield, Eugene Kempf, Joe Southard, Joe Skyles, John Moriarity, Charlotte Vavra, Brian Enke.

From a Reading Taken from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter said to the people....
The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead;
of this we are witnesses.

Reflection:

After curing a crippled beggar, Peter announces what the first generation of Christians and we believe: Christ is raised from the dead and a new age has dawned. The old order of death is passing away. Jesus is alive and his followers are showing in their words and actions bold signs of his healing presence working with them.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Can I name some ways I witness to my faith in the risen Christ?
- How am I a sign to others of Jesus' healing presence in the world?



FAITH FORMATION:



As we near the end of another fruitful year of Faith Formation, we want to remind everyone that the final classes will take place from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. on **April 17, May 1, May 8,**

and May 15 (NO classes on April 24).

On May 15, we have a special celebration planned to mark the end of the year. This year, we have the unique opportunity to also celebrate Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, which falls on May 19.

On May 15 we come together not only to conclude our year of learning and growth but also to celebrate the vibrant spirit of Pentecost.

Thank you to all: students, parents, catechists, and leaders for your dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. Let's make these final classes and the concluding celebration memorable and uplifting! – Sister Karen



First Eucharist:



First Holy Communion is April 21st, Good Shepherd Sunday, at the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross! Practice for the first communicants is Saturday, April 20th at 10 a.m. at Holy

Cross Church. Please notice the pictures of the children in each of the parishes.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process in which the Church invites adults (18 and older) who have not been baptized or baptized in another Faith Tradition or who have not completed the sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation), to come together to learn more about the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please contact the office, or register on line. You can also speak with Sister Karen.

If there are parishioners that know of someone who would be interested in this process (RCIA), please speak with them and encourage them to contact the office.

Thank you. Sister Karen Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/231804591212146>



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is ongoing and will take place at Holy Cross EVERY Wednesday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass - 3 p.m. All are welcome anytime to visit with Jesus!

Father Tony will be away:

Father Tony will be traveling to his home country, Nigeria. He will be away for 6 weeks. This will be his first trip home since he came to the USA 3 years ago. More information about Mass coverages/ schedule changes will be posted at a later time.



Save the Date:

The Altar Society Rummage Sale at Holy Cross is set for Saturday, June 1st! Start saving your “stuff” to donate. More information to follow.

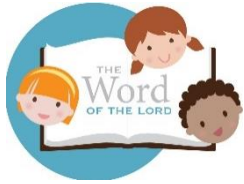


Cuba Knights of Columbus Scholarships



The Knights of Columbus Scholarships are available. Applications are at the entrance ways of the churches. Applications MUST be returned by **April 15th**. Mail the finished application to the Knights of Columbus or bring to the parish office.

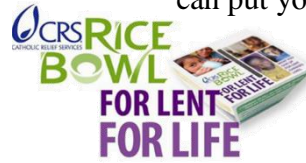
Children’s Liturgy:



Holy Cross would like to begin a Children’s Liturgy during the 10 a.m. Mass. Volunteers are needed! If you are interested, please contact Father Tony or the parish office.

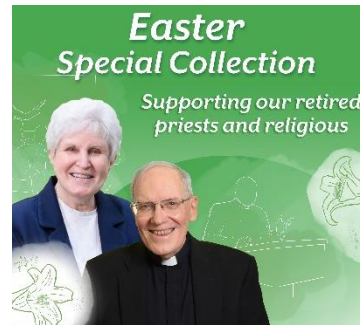
Rice Bowl Collections - CRS (Catholic Relief Services):

Every year during Lent Rice Bowl boxes are available. You can put your “loose change” to help those that are in need. The money is collected, 25% stays with the parishes and is sent to support our local communities, such as the food pantries! The other 75% is sent to the Diocese. The Diocese sends the money collected to the CRS (*Catholic Relief Services*) organization to help provide a better life to those around the world! If you plan to still give to this collection, please send in your donation **now!** The money collected will be sent to the Diocese by the end of the month.



Retired Priests and Religious Special “Easter” Collection:

Over the past few weeks, parishioners have sent in their envelopes or gave at the second collection during Mass on Easter Sunday in efforts to raise money for the for the benefit of retired priests and religious. This special “Easter” collection is being conducted across the Diocese of Jefferson City. Parishioners are asked to give their donations to their own parish. Subsequently, each parish will send the Diocese a check for all the donations given. If you still plan to give to this special collection, the parish must receive it by April 28th in order to send to the Diocese in time.



<p>Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p>If you are interested in enrolling your child, please get in touch with the school office or speak with the principal, Melinda Osentoski. 573-885-4727</p> <p>holycross.osentoski@gmail.com. To preregister go to: hcschoolcuba.org/admissions/parent-inquiry-form</p>	<p>Now enrolling Preschool- 2nd grade!</p> <p>WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING 3 YEAR OLDS!</p> <p>APPLY TODAY!</p>
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Holy Cross School is searching for a Preschool teacher and 2 part-time Aides. If you are interested in an opportunity to join a dedicated team and make a positive impact on children's lives, contact Melinda Osentoski, OR apply at: recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2222527

WE ARE HIRING
Preschool Teacher
2 Preschool Aides

Did you see the Solar Eclipse?

After the total solar eclipse that happened on April 8, 2024, the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044! During past eclipses, people have reported changes in wind direction and dropping air temperatures, as well as visual and acoustic changes in animal and insects. Did you witness any of these?



St. Francis Cemetery Board:



St. Francis is looking for volunteers to serve on the St Francis Cemetery board. There is minimal involvement for the board members. The only qualification is: members must be a member of St. Francis Church or be a relative of someone buried in either cemetery. If interested or have questions, call Ken Schroeder, 314-378-1373.

Parish Council Meeting:

The Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the HC school library.



3rd Quarter Review July 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Holy Cross	
Income	
Ordinary Income	
Offertory Collections	\$ 232,821.51
Donations & Bequests	\$ 2,750.00
Collections and Other Devotions	\$ 7,009.26
Parish School Collections & Donations	\$ 9,591.00
Extra Ordinary Income	
Special Collections	\$ 20,723.56
Reimbursements from St. M & St. F	\$ 49,500.00
Investment Income	\$ 1,979.62
Diocesan Collections	\$ 2,016.00
Parish School Tuition & Book Fees	\$ 84,701.99
Main Parish Fundraiser-Fish Fries	\$ 42,722.97
School Main Fundraiser-Fall Festival	\$ 15,903.15
Total Income	\$ 469,719.06
Expenses	
Parish Salaries & Benefits	\$ 88,000.69
Utilities, Insurance, Repairs, & Maint.	\$ 49,296.81
Liturgy, Bulletins, Church Supplies, Etc.	\$ 17,029.67
Parish Ministries & Other Expenses	\$ 50,045.34
Parish Tithe Submitted to Diocese	\$ 22,237.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 2,929.00
Parish School Salaries & Benefits	\$ 191,641.88
Parish School Expenses	\$ 92,154.19
Main Parish Festival-Fish Fries	\$ 18,368.73
Main School Fundraiser-Fall Festival	\$ 5,236.67
Total Expenses	\$ 536,939.98
Income less Expenses	\$ (67,220.92)

St. Michael	
Income	
Ordinary Income	
Offertory Collections	\$ 41,359.46
Donations & Bequests	\$ -
Collections and Other Devotions	\$ 200.00
Extra Ordinary Income	
Special Collections	\$ 381.90
Investment Income	\$ 810.30
Diocesan Collections	\$ 130.00
HC Parish School Collections	\$ 592.00
Total Income	\$ 43,473.66
Expenses	
Parish Administration	\$ 27,000.00
Utilities	\$ 4,176.94
Insurance	\$ 2,423.06
Repair and Improvements	\$ 4,492.16
Liturgy & Worship	\$ 1,782.53
Parish Tithe Submitted to Diocese	\$ 3,519.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 365.00
Subsidy to Holy Cross School	\$ 5,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 48,758.69
Income less Expenses	\$ (5,285.03)

St. Francis	
Income	
Ordinary Income	
Offertory Collections	\$ 25,732.65
Donations & Bequests	\$ -
Collections and Other Devotions	\$ 30.00
Parish Property Rental	\$ 7,800.00
Extra Ordinary Income	
Special Collections	\$ 440.00
Cemeteries Income	\$ 1,214.04
Diocesan Collections	\$ 505.00
Holy Cross Parish School Collections	\$ 5.00
Total Income	\$ 35,726.69
Expenses	
Parish Administration	\$ 22,500.00
Utilities	\$ 2,286.87
Insurance	\$ 2,516.18
Repair and Improvements	\$ 11,042.45
Liturgy & Worship	\$ 1,353.25
Cemeteries Expenses	\$ 2,138.97
Tithe Submitted	\$ 3,049.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 422.00
Subsidy to Holy Cross Parish School	\$ 5.00
Total Expenses	\$ 45,313.72
Income less Expenses	\$ (9,587.03)

These are summary reports of the finances for the 3 parishes. Thank you to all who have continued to tithe/contribute.

This is the 3rd Quarter of the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

Our Fiscal Year begins July first of each year per the Diocese recommendations.

If you have any questions, please see Father Tony, or contact one of the Finance Committee members:

Larry Howdeshell, Teresa Leicht, Donna Conduitt, Randy Baker, or Marcia Paton.

THIS MEN'S CONFERENCE IS HOSTED BY THE MEN OF SIGNUM CRUCIS

HEART OF A HERO MEN'S CONFERENCE

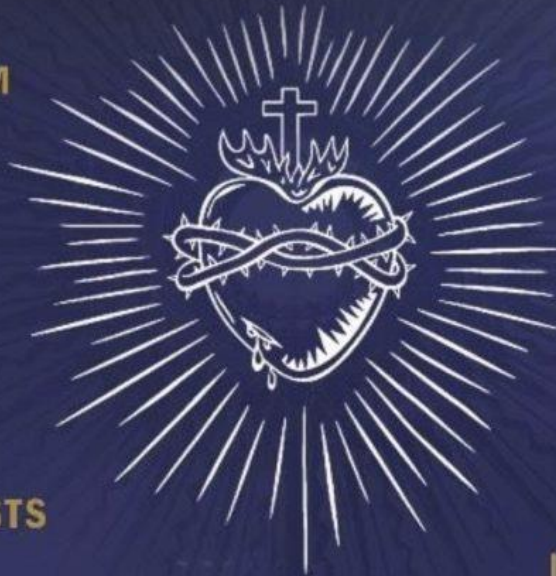
CANA ROOM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

APRIL 19

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

APRIL 20

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



**\$30 FOR EITHER DAY
\$40 FOR BOTH DAYS
\$20 FOR STUDENTS
NO CHARGE FOR PRIESTS
AND SEMINARIANS**

**INCLUDES MIDDAY
MASS, AND ADORATION
AND CONFESSIONS
DURING THE LUNCH
BREAK**

**SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER!!**



**HEAR FROM OUR
AMAZING PRESENTERS:**

WWW.MENOFSIGNUMCRUCIS.COM/MENS-CONFERENCE



LAMAR HUNT JR.
FRIDAY, 6:30 PM



FATHER BILL PECKMAN
SATURDAY, 9:00 AM



ADAM WRIGHT
SATURDAY, 10:00 AM



DR. ANDREW SWAFFORD
SATURDAY, 1:15 PM



BRIAN MILLER
SATURDAY, 2:15 PM

**"FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF COWARDICE BUT
RATHER OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL"
2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

Life In The Spirit Seminar

May 18th | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



St. Thomas More Newman Center | 602 Turner Ave.
Scan QR code for more information or to register! Please register by May 10th!



Walk With Us



Worship With Us

*The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
will be traveling through the diocese
from July 1-5*

Get Involved...

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE IN OUR DIOCESE
AND SIGN UP FOR UPDATES AT

[diojeffcity.org/
eucharisticrevival](http://diojeffcity.org/eucharisticrevival)



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage



DIOCESE OF
Jefferson City



Joyful
community & faith



Camp Lolek
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Co-ed: June 9-14
Boys: June 16-21
Girls: July 7-11

Adventure
Sisterhood | Brotherhood
Leadership



Camp Maccabee
FOR YOUNG MEN

July 14-19



Camp Siena
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

July 21-26

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15

<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-camps/>



<https://diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek/>



<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee/>



<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-siena/>

Are you new to the Parish?

If you are new to the parish, please call the office at 573-885-3520 to register or stop by so we can meet you!

Has your information changed?

If you have moved, disconnected your home phone and only use a cell, or have any other household changes, please let us know so we can update our records.

Remember – if you don't tell us – we won't know!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

If you would like to have a Mass said, the suggested amount for the stipend is \$10. Call the office to schedule a Mass Intention, or put your stipend in an envelope with the following Information:


- Your name & phone number
- Who the Mass is for
- If they are deceased
- Specific date (if any) please specify if the intention can be on a weekday or not.

Anointing of the Sick:

Due to hospitals' strict protocols, it is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital. Most hospitals only allow a priest to provide the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick if the patient has been placed on comfort care (hospice) or is nearing death. Please pray for the many who are ill or are home bound.

Homebound: If you would like to minister to the homebound by visiting them and bringing them Communion, please contact S. Karen 507-514-3226.

Yoga Class on Tuesdays Offered at Holy Cross:

 For a small fee, Yoga Class offered on Tuesdays at HC from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Diane 314-578-1132 or Donna 573-259-6957.

"Heavenly Cleaner" Volunteers – Please Help:

Holy Cross has a group of volunteers called "Heavenly Cleaners" that clean the church each week. They are divided into teams of 2. Each team cleans the church once a month. The team is asked to freshen up the bathrooms, vacuum the floor, dust, take out trash, and sanitize. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry of the church, please call the parish office.

FlockNote 
 Keep in touch with us
 VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE
 Text: **crawfordcounty**
 To: **84576**
 OR online at: **HCross.flocknote.com**



Cemetery/ Columbarium:

Many people feel it can be a great help to their grieving family members if the desires of the deceased were planned by him/herself before the time of death. Whether cremation or burial is chosen, consider Holy Cross as yours or your loved one's final resting place. Many people are not aware that the proper practice for cremation is to place the cremains in the columbarium or bury them in the cemetery. If members of our community have the cremains of a loved one in their home, or another place other than the cemetery, they should make arrangements to give their loved ones a place to rest in the columbarium or cemetery with the proper prayers of interment.




Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery plots/niches are available whether burial or cremation is your choice. Contact Louis Raineri 573-259-8920 or the parish office for more information. Sacred Heart in Leasburg and Mount Calvary in Bourbon.

Baptisms & Weddings:


 If you are planning a Baptism, there is a preparation class. Please speak with Sister Karen to schedule. If you are planning a wedding, please contact Father Dan. There is a preparation that needs to be done 6 months prior to the wedding. 

Funeral Dinners:

 If you are interested in helping with the funeral dinners, please call the office. You will be called upon when a funeral dinner is requested. Help with bringing food, set up, or clean up! Please consider this ministry of the church so we can provide for our grieving families.

 **Misa en español**
CADA 1º Y 3º DOMINGO DEL MES.
MASS IN SPANISH IS EVERY 1ST & 3RD
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS AVAILABLE  Remove from charging station.
 The On button is on the top
 Volume Control is on the front.
 After Mass, wipe off unit and return to charging station.

 **Pope Francis Prayer Intention**
APRIL
For the Role of Women
 "We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

CubaKofC Membership Invite:



The Cuba Knights of Columbus covers all of Crawford County. CubaKofC is in search of new members to help our order grow and maintain its position as the strong right hand of the Church and service to the community of Crawford County.

CubaKofC consists of the men and women volunteers. The Knights of Columbus Chapter 8920 and the Ladies Auxiliary 8920. These men and women's service helps many local organizations and individuals in need. CubaKofC helps the parishes of Crawford County and community organizations such as the food pantries, Special Olympics, and prolife organizations, as well provides community wide events such as the Kids Christmas Party.

This is a personal invitation to all men and women of our parish to come and join our CubaKofC service community. In our busy lives many people do not think they have time to add another activity. However, your commitment is to do what you can. Maybe it is helping with just one event, attending our monthly dinner social and business meeting, or helping with our Bingo fundraiser. The choice is yours, but many hands will make light work.

Help us Help Others in our parishes, school and community by inquiring into Cuba Knights of Columbus, please join us. You won't regret it. For Further information on how to join please contact District Deputy Louis Raineri at 573-259-8920 or louisraineri8920@gmail.com or Grand Rockie Radcliff at 573-885-4225.



APRIL 2024 BINGO NEWS

Thursday Nights @ 6:15 p.m. (doors open at 4)

PROGRESSIVES ~ The **Coverall Progressive** is at a big \$6,250.00 with 15 hot balls. The **Second Progressive** will play out and pay \$500.00, \$750.00 or \$1,000.00.

QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ Our Queen of Hearts game for Bingo players should be over \$13,500.

MATCH ONE OF THESE ~ Bring your tally sheet from the previous week. Check the four numbers posted. Win a free gas card. Numbers are: **175760, 175786, 175888** and **175901**.

WEBSITE ~ Check out the KofC website cubakofc.org.



Altar Society meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. This organization coordinates and works on fundraising events that support our parish, school and youth group. They also help supply the liturgical needs of the parishes. All are welcome to attend and join! Please contact Christy Moreland for more information.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Grades: PreK – 3rd grade.

HC School is an accredited school with Missouri certified teachers. It offers a Diocesan-developed curriculum in a Christian private school setting. HC School offers Title 1 tutoring for qualifying students. HC school has small class sizes and spacious classrooms. Please contact Mrs. Osentoski for a tour or to register your child.



Check out our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/cubamoschools>

facebook **Holy Cross School**

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Earn Cash for Our School!

Support Holy Cross without spending anything extra!

- Turn in your **Mace Supermarket Receipts**. The school receives 1 point for each \$1 on the receipt. (September – March)
- Turn in used **ink cartridges**. Given to Staples to recycle, the school receives \$2 for each cartridge, up to \$40 a month!
- Turn in **Best Choice UPC codes** found on the labels. Each UPC code is redeemable for 3¢ cents each.

Please deposit your Mace's receipts, Best Choice UPC codes, and ink cartridges in the collection box in the church entrance or bring to the parish office.



Are you VIRTUS certified?

Do you have your background check completed?

Have you signed the Code of Conduct?

If you are not sure, or answered “no” to any of these questions, let us know!

Call or email Michelle in the office to find out if you are VIRTUS compliant! 573-885-3520 or hcccuba@gmail.com

All volunteers and all school parents (both parents) must to be VIRTUS compliant prior to volunteering or your child starting school.

Please help us, keep our children safe. The training provides us the knowledge on how to recognize signs of abuse and what to do if we suspect abuse happening. If we ALL are certified and have the training, the likelihood of a child being harmed is greatly reduced.

Call the office if you would like to have an in-person VIRTUS class, or go to www.virtusonline.org to register and take the 2-hour class online.

If you or a family member have experienced abused in the past, please contact our victim assistance coordinator through the Diocese, Jacqueline Baldwin at 573-694-3199.

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



Breaking the Silence of Abuse:

As a diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must

acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the [Attorney General's clergy abuse online form](#). All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information, or want you to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.



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Need Support Now? If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org.

Online Counseling Services:

Catholic Charities Counseling services is now providing professional in-person and online therapy across the Diocese of Jefferson City. To learn more simply visit ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/counseling



QUILTING GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

AT ST. MICHAEL'S

The Crawford County Parishes quilting group meets at St. Michael in Steelville every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Currently they are working on a quilt in a frame which they are hand quilting. They also are tying lap size quilts to be given to nursing homes, shelters, and veterans. Some of the members are also crocheting blankets. Please come join them, as many hands make light work and they will be able to serve many more people with your help! Contact Lil Collins at 314-779-4541 for more information or just come down and join them! No experience is necessary!

Service Opportunity in Our Community:

Drivers are needed to drive veterans to the VA hospital in Columbia MO. The local DAV (Disabled American Veterans) have the vehicles. Drivers do not have to be veterans. This is unpaid. You do get free meals! Call 885-1390 or 885-3680 to volunteer or for more info. Veterans needing a ride, call 885-1390 to schedule.



Ministerial Alliances and the Food Pantries:

In Cuba, the Cuba Ministerial Alliance (CMA) “runs” the food bank and cooperates with the Life Line Pregnancy Center.



Holy Cross has a St. Martin De Porres envelope to help the poor. The monies collected from this fund help support the Cuba Food pantry.

Crawford Country Mobile Food Market



3rd Thursday of each month
Begins at 10:30 a.m. at the
Cuba Food Pantry

Local Food Pantry Hours:

Cuba: (573-885-6703)

Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Steelville: (573-775-4827)

Last 2 Tuesdays of the month hours: 2-4 p.m.

Bourbon: (573-732-4888)

Saturday 9-12pm.

Thrift shop: Mon. Tues. & Thur. 9-4p.m. and Sat. 9-12p.m.

Feed the Hungry:

Our Local food banks are in need of food. The cost of food has gone up! To help, there is a “food basket” in the entryways of our churches. Please bring nonperishable food items and place them in the baskets. The food items will be sent to the 3 food pantries in our three towns.



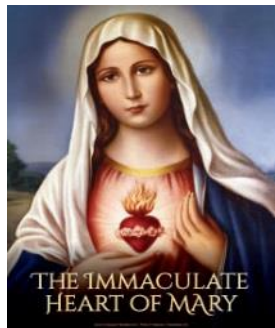
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Civilize it!

Our political discourse has become increasingly rancorous and bitter. The U.S. bishops began a campaign leading into the 2020 election to restore civility to our public and political discourse called Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate. The Missouri Catholic Conference highlighted the campaign last year with a special episode of MCC from the Capitol with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski. This year, the U.S. bishops are again challenging the faithful to answer Pope Francis' call to seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good." Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics encourages people to commit to seeking the truth, building bridges, and finding solutions together that promote the common good. Individuals can sign the pledge, and sign up to receive additional materials, by visiting the USCCB Civilize It webpage. www.usccb.org/civilizeit



Prayer to the Immaculate heart of Mary:



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need. We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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<https://www.thegodminute.org/wix-podcast-player>

Jefferson City Diocesan Women's Ministry:

The Women's Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys.



<https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/>

For opportunities to get involved in the ministry, please contact Barb Prasad, Director of Women's Ministry at bprasad@diojeffcity.org or (573) 635-9127 ext. 222 "Like" the Women's Ministry page on Facebook to keep up with events and news, and to get to know women in your parish and deanery.

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070216385915

Please Listen to the Diocese of Jefferson City Podcast.

Prayer is how we orientate ourselves as stewards of God's gifts. In this month's podcast, we continue our discussion with Fr. Stephen Jones about the Four Pillars of Stewardship.



Podcast Topic Schedule:

- Hospitality - July
- Prayer - August
- Formation - September
- Service – October



These series are designed to help us deepen our understanding of the Spirituality of Stewardship as we approach the Catholic Stewardship Renewal in **October**. Listen to the podcast at <https://diojeffcity.org/podcast/> or use the QR code above.

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"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." Philippians 4:6

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Preparing for a Great Marriage:

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a covenant, a contract and a bond between a man and a woman that forms a partnership for life. The marriage bond is a unique and exclusive relationship between husband and wife for the sanctification of the couple and for the procreation and Christ-centered nurturing of children in a family.

The family, with its foundation in marriage, is a fundamental unit of the Church. Marriage is also a basic social institution of human society. Marital love is at the service of the couple, the children, the community, and of the world. Because of its timeless importance, the Church teaches that marriage between two baptized Christians is a sacrament, a source of grace and a sign of God's love for the world.

Every sacrament needs preparation for its fruitful celebration. The Church wants to ensure that those entering the life-long commitment of marriage are adequately prepared for the riches and the responsibilities that are intrinsic to it. This is why the Diocese of Jefferson City has a policy for marriage preparation. It is not to make the couple "check the boxes" or "jump through hoops." In her efforts of remote, proximate and immediate preparation, the Church is not trying to make it more difficult to get married, but rather provide the best opportunity for equipping the couple to live a shared life of love, compassion and nurturing grace.



Marriage Resources:

Marriage preparation – USCCB –
www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/marriage-preparation

Sexuality –
www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life/resources/sexuality

Natural Family Planning - www.diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning-2/

Pre-Marriage Inventory © is a comprehensive, user-friendly tool for lay individuals, couples or professionals who are helping couples prepare for marriage, and who become trained as FOCCUS Facilitators.
www.foccusinc.com/foccus-inventory.aspx

Prepare/Enrich provides training for premarital counseling, coaching, and education, investments in your couples' futures. www.prepare-enrich.com

Pre-Cana is one component of the marriage preparation options available to couples that are considering marriage within the Catholic Church. The conference itself consists of presentations by couples and individuals on topics that are a practical as well as a spiritual nature.
www.diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration/

Engaged Encounter: is a weekend with other engaged couples where each couple can concentrate exclusively on one another, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of the world. It is designed to give engaged couples the opportunity to discuss honestly their future

lives together — their strengths and weaknesses, desires, goals, ambitions, their attitudes about money, sex, family, children, their role in the church and society — in a face-to-face way. Engaged Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich your relationship with each other. All engaged couples are welcome, including interfaith couples and those entering a second marriage. For a list of available weekends, to register, or for more information, visit
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