

# The Catholic Parishes of Crawford County

## January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### THE FIRST MIRACLE

# THE LORD

JANUARY 19, 2025



Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding. Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

#### Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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#### Holy Cross School Office:

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 Website: www.hcschoolcuba.org  
 Principal, Melinda Osentoski:  
 holycross.osentoski@gmail.com

#### School Advisory Members:

Aminta Abdinova	Mike Kempf
Alan Collins	Christy Moreland
	Kathy Royal

#### Parish Council Members:

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

#### Finance Council Members:

Larry Howdeshell	Donna Conduitt
Teresa Leicht	Christina Barton

#### Mass Schedules:

##### Holy Cross

Saturday 6:00 p.m.      **Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday 8:30 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 8:30 a.m.~~

#### Bishop McKnight's Monthly Prayer Intention:

"For hope to find a home in our hearts as we embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Amid the jubilation, may we also find time in prayer to experience the calm and peace of God's presence in our lives."



- Jan. 20** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 21** – The Feast of St. Agnes
- Jan. 24** – The Feast of St. Francis De Sales
- Jan. 25** – Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle
- Jan. 26** – Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26 – Feb. 1)
- Jan. 28** – The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Jan. 28** – Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28 – Feb. 3)
- Jan. 29** – Adult Catholic Education (ACE) meeting 1 p.m.
- Jan. 31** – The Feast of St. John Bosco
- Feb. 2** – World Day for Consecrated Life
- Feb. 2** – The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas
- Feb. 3** – The Feast of St. Blaise

#### 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](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/HolyCrossCuba)

### Mass Intentions for 1/20– 1/26, 2024

- 21 H.C. Tues. 8:30 p.m. - No intention requested
- 22 H.C. Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Loretta Holtsmann †
- 23 St.F. Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Mildred Wigge †
- 24 H.C. Fri. 8:00 a.m. - Mary Ann Tennyson †
- 20 **ERRH** Fri. 10:00 a.m. - No intention requested
- 25 St.F. Sat. 4:00 p.m. - No intention requested
- 25 H.C. Sat. 6:00 p.m. - Holy Cross School
- 26 H.C. Sun. 8:00 a.m. - People of the parish †
- 26 H.C. Sun. 10:00 a.m. - Marlene Karns †

### Mass at the Equilibrium Ranch Retirement Home (ERRH):



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month Father Tony will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. at the Equilibrium Ranch Retirement Home (ERRH) located at 81 Pilkenton Ln, Cuba, MO 65453. All are Welcome.

### Parish Collections: January 11 & 12, 2025

Parish	Envelopes		Loose		Total
Holy Cross	\$2,786.00	+	\$381.00	=	\$3,167.00
St. Michael	\$885.00	+	\$47.00	=	\$932.00
St. Francis	\$295.00	+	\$2,125.00	=	\$2,420.00



### Prayer Request

Joann Mullen, Eugene Kempf, Charlotte Vavra, Helen Mattox, Suzy Hutchins, Lona Pogue, Janet Lyons, Catherine DeClue, Julie Coster, Donna Lott, Joyce, Joe Kuenz, Cayden Richards, Mariana Weber, Don and Kaye Robertson, Dustin Drennan, Yazmin Viramontes, Carolyn Horsefield, James Happle Sr., Sandy Mowry, Aiden Leos, Jerry Welter, John Breeden, Rob Herzberg

### Adoration: Every Wednesday



Adoration is every Wednesday after Mass to 3 p.m. There are weekly sign-up sheets at Holy Cross. You can sign up online at Ministry Scheduler Pro. *What hour can you be before the Blessed Sacrament?*

### Faith Formation:



Classes are Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The next class is January 22

**NO Class January 29**

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):



The next session is: **February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** Please keep them in your prayers as they deepen their relationship with Christ and discern their call to join the Church.

### Preparing for the Jubilee Year of Hope

The Universal Church prepares to celebrate the **Jubilee Year 2025**, marking the 2025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord. The theme for the **2025 Jubilee Year** is "**Pilgrims of Hope.**" It invites us to deepen our relationships with God, with one another, and with creation, while sharing the hope of the Christian faith with the world. This holy year, celebrated every 25 years, will provide opportunities to experience God's grace through Jubilee Masses, pilgrimages, and other spiritual events. The **Diocese of Jefferson City** is actively preparing to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. To learn more about upcoming events and how you can participate, visit the Diocese's Jubilee webpage: [diojeffcity.org/jubilee-year](http://diojeffcity.org/jubilee-year) Let us embrace this holy year with open hearts and journey together as **Pilgrims of Hope!**



### 2024 – End of the Year Statements:



End of the year statements for 2024 greater than \$2,000 have been mailed out. Those less than \$2,000 will be available upon request. This is to help reduce cost spending on mailing.

### World Day for Consecrated Life



will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. **Sister Karen** professed her vows in the Congregation of School Sisters of Notre Dame. Be sure to thank Sister Karen and all those in consecrated life on their special day! May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### From I Corinthians 12:4-11 Reading:

*To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.*

### Reflection:

We need a variety of gifts in the Church. How boring it would be if we all had the same gift or gifts. And how deprived we would be! Paul is reminding us of our God who sees our needs and addresses them through the gifts of the different members of the Christian community.



### So, we ask ourselves:

- What gift has God given me?
- How do I use that gift to serve others?
- How am I a sign of God's active presence in the world?



**Breaking The Silence of Abuse** - As a diocese, we are

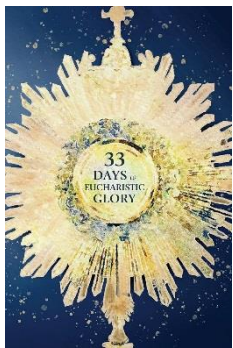


committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is

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 to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at [reportabuse@diojeffcity.org](mailto:reportabuse@diojeffcity.org).

**2nd Quarter Financial Review:**

Please note that the 2nd Quarter Financial Reports are ready and are posted at the back of each church. There are copies for you to take if you wish. If more copies are needed, please call the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Financial Council members or speak with Father Tony.



**Don't forget** to continue to read the book that was handed out during Christmas, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory". On February 2nd, Fr Tony and all those who would like to join him, will make a Consecration to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. May God continue to strengthen us with His grace on this journey!

**Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association:**

Join Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption



Association for a free lunch as they discuss their programs and how we can serve the

Crawford County Community. The lunch is on Friday, January 24th at 11 a.m. held at the Cuba Lakes Golf Club.

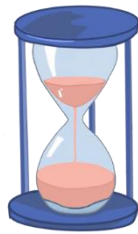
**Altar Society:**



The Altar Society WILL **NOT** have a meeting in the month of February.

**St. Michael and St. Francis Fundraisers End Soon!**

As a reminder, the special fundraisers for St. Michael and St. Francis parishes will come to an end at the close of January. These fundraisers are for critical repairs and future unexpected expenses. The money given to these fundraisers are not tithed upon to the Dioceses. If you would like to contribute, place your donation in a marked envelope labeled *St. Michael Building Maintenance Fundraiser* or *St. Francis Building Maintenance Fundraiser*. Make sure to include your name. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes. Together, we can ensure that St. Michael and St. Francis remain vibrant and well-maintained for years to come!



**Holy Cross School Matching Donation Update:**



Thanks to everyone that gave to the matching donation fund We surpassed the amount that was needed by making \$11,920 amount with the Matching donation up to \$5,000 Total amount received was \$16,920.

**Seminarian/Infirm Priest Assessment:**

The Seminarian/Infirm Priest collection will help educate diocesan seminarians and provide for the needs of diocesan infirm priests. If you would like to contribute, place your donation in a marked envelope labeled "Seminarian Education and Infirm Priests" This is ONE of the assessed collections that the Dioceses holds. Meaning the amount each parish is assessed is the amount the parish will pay to the Diocese, regardless how much is collected.

	Amount Assessed	Amount Donated
Holy Cross	\$2,584	\$493
St. Francis	\$367	\$450
St. Michael	\$360	\$150

**Employment Opportunity to Make a Difference:**

The Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Cuba is seeking an Executive Director. At a minimum, this person must be a



strong, faithful, prolife Christian that has a heart for the moms, dads, and unborn babies

that are their clients. That's why Lifeline PCC is seeking our help! They feel that the best place to find this person is in one of our local churches. This person must be highly motivated and be able to work well with staff, volunteers, and clients. If you or someone you know is interest in this position, please reach out to Don Martin, Lifeline PCC Board Chairman, at 573-259-1566 or contact the parish office for a copy of the job description and application.

## 2nd Quarter Review July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Holy Cross	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	
Offertory Collections	\$ 185,574.22
Donations & Bequests	\$ 950.00
Collections and Other Devotions	\$ 3,127.00
School Collections & Donations	\$ 57,399.00
School Special Fundraisers	\$ 97,360.00
<b>Extra Ordinary Income</b>	
Special Collections	\$ 17,143.92
Reimb. from St. Michael & St. Francis	\$ 33,000.00
Investment Income	\$ 272.54
Diocesan Collections	\$ 1,534.00
School Tuition & Book Fees	\$ 47,492.88
School Main Fundraiser-Fall Festival	\$ 18,095.91
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 461,949.47</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Parish Salaries & Benefits	\$ 67,800.05
Utilities, Insurance, Repair, & Maint.	\$ 31,529.52
Liturgy, Bulletins, Church Supplies, Etc.	\$ 11,696.59
Parish Ministries & Other Expenses	\$ 35,040.13
Parish Tithe Submitted to Diocese, CSR	\$ 30,484.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 3,645.00
School Salaries & Benefits	\$ 111,782.98
School Expenses	\$ 19,107.89
Main School Fundraiser-Fall Festival	\$ 6,735.24
School Special Fundraisers Expenses	\$ 448.38
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 318,269.78</b>
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 143,679.69</b>

St. Michael	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	
Offertory Collections	\$ 29,873.00
Collections and Other Devotions	\$ 100.00
<b>Extra Ordinary Income</b>	
Special Collections	\$ 445.00
Investment Income	\$ 557.87
Diocesan Collections	\$ 310.00
Parish Fundraiser-Building Maint.	\$ 61,651.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 92,936.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Parish Administration	\$ 18,000.00
Utilities	\$ 3,054.34
Insurance	\$ 2,687.87
Repair and Improvements	\$ 3,325.00
Liturgy, Bulletins, Church Supplies, Etc.	\$ 1,042.58
Parish Tithe Submitted to Diocese, CSR	\$ 3,020.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 520.00
Parish Fundraiser-Building Main.	\$ 21,227.23
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 52,877.02</b>
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40,059.85</b>

St. Francis	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	
Offertory Collections	\$ 19,242.06
Collections and Other Devotions	\$ -
Parish Property Rental	\$ 5,650.00
<b>Extra Ordinary Income</b>	
Special Collections	\$ 490.00
Insurance Refund	\$ 8,171.00
Cemeteries Income	\$ 2,595.47
Diocesan Collections	\$ 600.00
Parish Fundraiser-Building Main,	\$ 6,106.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 42,854.53</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Parish Administration	\$ 15,000.00
Utilities	\$ 889.40
Insurance	\$ 2,792.63
Repair and Improvements	\$ 11,012.00
Liturgy, Bulletins, Church Supplies, Etc.	\$ 1,452.29
Cemeteries Expenses	\$ 4,680.00
Parish Tithe Submitted to Diocese, CSR	\$ 2,254.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 600.00
Parish Fundraiser Expenses-Building Main.	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 41,180.32</b>
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,674.21</b>

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

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

**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, or Christina Barton.



**January is Poverty Awareness Month!**



During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor!

To learn more go to: [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org)

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:**

We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. January 22nd is designated as a day of prayer and penance in all the Dioceses of the United States of America. We are called to observe this day through prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.



Sunday, January 19, 2025

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:**



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a response to Christ's prayer "that they all may be one". It is an eight-day period of prayer in which

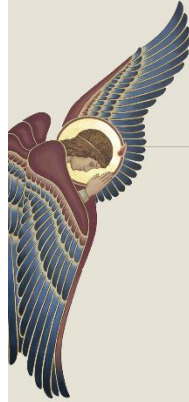
all Christians are invited to participate. The week is celebrated internationally each year from January 18 - 25, concluding on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

**9 Days for Life:**



Pray to Protect Human Life, January 16 - 24, 2025. "9 Days for Life" is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. To find out more go to: [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

PRAYER. SILENCE. LECTIO DIVINA.



**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST RETREATS**

On these silent retreats you can expect:

- Silence and a technology "fast"
- Four conferences given by a monk, intended to lead the retreatant to encounter Christ
- Participation in the Divine Office and Mass with the monastic community
- Specific times for personal prayer and *lectio divina*
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**MEN'S RETREATS**

Jan. 24-26, 2025  
 Feb. 21-23, 2025 (full)  
 May 16-18, 2025  
 May 30-June 1, 2025  
 June 27-29, 2025

**WOMEN'S RETREATS**

July 18-20, 2025  
 Aug. 29-31, 2025  
 Oct. 17-19, 2025  
 Nov. 21-23, 2025  
 Dec. 19-21, 2025

Pricing: \$250 per person.  
 Retreat costs includes all the meals, a private room, linen and towels, and retreat director fee.

We are located in northwest Missouri:  
 37174 State Hwy V V | Conception, MO 64433

Scan the code to visit our website for more information!



**CONCEPTION**  
 Living the Benedictine Tradition  
 ABBEY GUEST CENTER

Join Musicians and Composers

Kathleen Basi and Katie Wills

For an Evening of Music & Reflection

Women of God: Uniquely Gifted, Uniquely Called

Ministry on the Move!



SCAN TO SIGN UP

Feb 3- St Patrick Parish Parish Center  
 1601 N Bishop Ave  
 Rolla MO  
 doors open at 5:30

Women's Ministry of St Patrick's Parish will provide a light box dinner. Must register by Jan 29th



full details and registration at: [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events)



Central Missouri Foster Care  
& Adoption Association

# FREE

## Crawford County Lunch & Learn

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 24

**WHERE:** Cuba Lakes Golf Club  
241 State Hwy O, Cuba, MO 65453

**WHY:** Join Central Missouri Foster Care  
& Adoption Association for a **free** lunch  
as we discuss our programs and how we  
can serve the Crawford community!



CMFCAA provides a robust continuum of services to foster, adoptive, and kinship families and supports young adults who have aged out of foster care.

## Menu

Catering provided by Cuba Lakes:

- Stuffed chicken parmesan
- Braised beef brisket
- Roasted red potatoes
- Maple-glazed carrots
- French green beans

Contact Courtney Beyer at **573-691-9012**  
or at **CourtneyBeyer@CMFCAA.com** with questions.

### 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:

It is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital, when you are sick, or nearing death. Contact the office or Father for to schedule a time for the sacrament.



**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 Tony. 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**

**JANUARY**

**For the Right to an Education**

“Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.”



## 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](mailto:louisraineri8920@gmail.com) or Grand Wayne Kuethe.



## JANUARY 2025 BINGO NEWS

**Thursday Nights @ 6:15 p.m. (doors open at 4)**  
**PROGRESSIVES** ~ Coverall Progressive is at a big \$5,500.00 with 3 hot balls and a consolation prize of \$300.00. The Second Progressive will play out and pay \$500.00, \$750.00 or \$1,000.00.  
**QUEEN OF HEARTS** ~ Will be over \$6,000.  
**RAFFLE** ~ A 36" Blackstone Grill will be raffled and awarded on December 12<sup>th</sup>. (\$500.00 value)  
**CANNED FOOD DRIVE** ~ Until February.  
**MATCH ONE OF THESE** ~ Bring your tally sheet from the previous week. Win a free gas card.  
 Numbers are: 183608, 183620, 183638 & 183680.



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: Preschool (3 years old) – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

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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](mailto: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](http://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  
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### **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](mailto:reportabuse@diojeffcity.org).



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](http://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](http://ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/counseling)



# QUILTING GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY

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

AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Starting Tuesday, January 7th,  
from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.,  
the group will gather at the  
**Golden Echoes Center**  
(401 N. Spring St., Steelville).

They will continue meeting there every Tuesday until St. Michael's Church renovations are complete.

All are welcome to join and help make quilts for those in need!

### **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**



3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Always looking for  
volunteers!  
Call today to help!**

### **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.



## Civilize it!

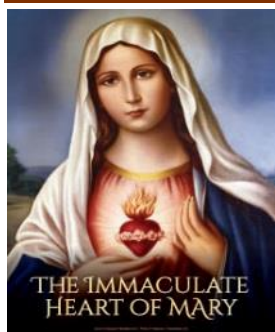
Our political discourse has become increasingly rancorous and bitter. The U.S. bishops began a campaign leading into the 2020 election to restore civility to our public and political discourse



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](http://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.



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



The God Minute is a short, daily Christian prayer that includes peaceful music, scripture and a reflection to bless your day with the Lord. It's only 10 minutes. Take a few God Minutes each morning and see how your day rises in abundance. A Catholic devotional by the Congregation of the Mission - the Vincentians.

<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 [bpsasad@diojeffcity.org](mailto:bpsasad@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.

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## Please Listen to the Diocese of Jefferson City Podcast.



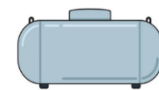
Prayer is how we orientate ourselves as stewards of God's gifts. In this month's podcast, we continue our discussion with Fr. Stephen



Jones about the Four Pillars of Stewardship. 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.

## Propane Offer:

Boland Energy Boland is willing to offer employees and parishioners the **fixed rate of \$1.69**. This fixed rate will expire May 31, 2025. The only stipulations are: the delivery must be a minimum of 250 gallons delivered at a time and customers must own their tank. If you would like to partake in this offer, please call Boland Energy at: 636-239-9400 and tell them the code word "Holy Cross".





# 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.

## **Engaged? Congratulations!**

Our Marriage Ministries have programs just for you, scheduled throughout 2024. Learn more and register for a Pre-Cana Conference or Engaged Encounter at [diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation](http://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation).



## Marriage Resources:

**Marriage preparation – USCCB –**  
[www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/marriage-preparation](http://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/marriage-preparation)

**Marriage & Family Life –**  
[www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life/resources/sexuality](http://www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life/resources/sexuality)

**Natural Family Planning –** [www.diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning-2/](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration/)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### MARRIAGE RETREAT

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