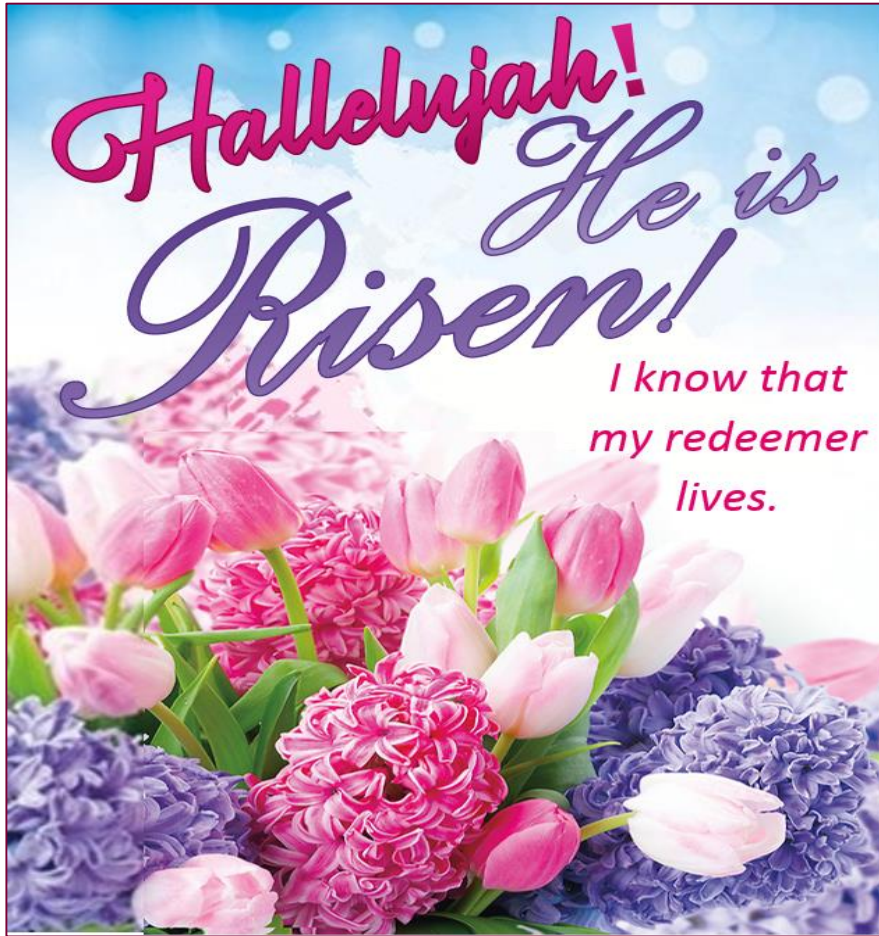


The Catholic Parishes of Crawford County

March 30th & 31st, 2024



Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Phone: (573) 885-3520
 Address: 415 W. School Ave., Cuba, MO 65453
 Fax: (573) 885-3501
 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

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 those preparing for reception of the Easter sacraments this year; may our whole Church be renewed and invigorated by the celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.”



March 23 - April 1 – H.C. School Spring break (School resumes April 2)

- April 8** – The Annunciation
- April 9** – Finance Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 11** – Altar Society Meeting 1:00 p.m. in school library
- April 15** – Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 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 4/1 – 4/7, 2024

- 2 St.M. Tues. 8:30 a.m. - **No Mass**
- 3 H.C. Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Richard Brasket ☩
- 4 St.F. Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Joseph Betz ☩
- 5 H.C. Fri. 8:00 a.m. - Father Dan Lueckenotte
- 6 St.F. Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Cheryl Hart "Healing"
- 6 H.C. Sat. 6:00 p.m. - Kathy Welty ☩
- 7 St.M. Sun. 8:00 a.m. - People of the parish
- 7 H.C. Sun. 10:00 a.m. - Angelina Thompson ☩
- 7 H.C. Sun. 11:30 a.m. - **No Mass** (Mass in Spanish)

Parish Collections: March 23 & 24, 2024

Parish	Envelopes		Loose		Total
Holy Cross	\$5,282.00	+	\$1,835.00	=	\$7,117.00
St. Michael	\$375.00	+	\$77.00	=	\$452.00
St. Francis	\$395.00	+	\$91.00	=	\$486.00



Nikki & Al 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.

From the Gospel Reading of John 20:1-9:

"Then the other disciple also went into the tomb, the one who arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

Reflection:

The disciple who believed was, we are told, the one Jesus loved. It is the awareness of being loved by Christ that puts fire into our prayer and zeal in our service, for we know the One who loves us will never let us down. Jesus' life, especially his passion and death, were signs of that love. He wanted his love to live in us so that we, like him, would also reflect God's love to others.

So, we ask ourselves:

- When have I experienced new life spring up in a person or situation I thought was hopeless?
- Where in my life do I feel dead and need to experience the risen Christ?



Faith Formation:



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

Upcoming Dates for Faith Formation:

April 3 April 10 April 17 No Class April 24

First Eucharist:



First Communion is April 21st, Good Shepherd Sunday, at the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross! Please notice the pictures of the children in each of the parishes.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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>

Holy Cross Parish Hall/ School Door Access:



If you have **not** received a pin code and need access to the hall, please contact Melinda Osentoski or someone in the parish/school office to request a code.

THE KEYS NO LONGER WORK.

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.

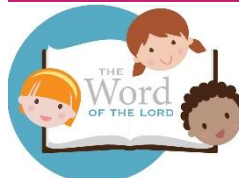
Save the Date:

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

(Next Altar Society meeting is April 11th at 1:00 p.m.)



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.

Fish Fry Results / Appreciation:



We are thrilled to announce that the Fish Fry was a tremendous success, with an overwhelming turnout from our community! Last week, March 22nd 516 were served. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us and contributed to the hospitable atmosphere. Thank you to all who participated and helped make the Fish Fry a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved! The total forecasted profit is \$24,130.79!

Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowls:

When you give to the CRS Rice Bowls, 75% of your donation supports work around the world, 25% of your donation stays within the parish for our local food pantries. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more. You can also put your donation in a zip lock bag or envelope marked 'Rice Bowl'. **Turn in 'Rice Bowl' donations by Sunday, April 7th** (the Sunday after Easter).



Phone & Fire Alarm System:

The Phone and Fire Alarm system needs to be updated at the Parish Hall/School at Holy Cross. Anyone who has experience with alarm/phone systems and would like to help form a committee to look at options can contact Michelle or call the school office. Those on the committee will contact companies and get/review bids. Then the bids/information can be presented to the councils. (Anyone can help, not just parishioners, so if you know of someone, please reach out to them and ask them to consider helping!)



Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Now enrolling
Preschool- 2nd grade!

**WE ARE
NOW
ACCEPTING
3 YEAR
OLDS!**

APPLY TODAY!

holycross.osentoski@gmail.com. To preregister go to: hcschoolcuba.org/admissions/parent-inquiry-form

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**



Remember in Prayer:



Our prayers and sympathy for the Lott family. William "Bill" Lott (brother of Tom Lott) passed away on March 20th. His funeral Mass is Thursday, April 4th at Holy Cross at 10 a.m. May he rest in peace.

The parish office is closed
EASTER Monday, April 1

?! EASTER FACTS YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN! ?!

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection. After we experienced the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), we now sing "Alleluia" because Christ has risen from the dead.
BUT DID YOU KNOW?

- Easter is an entire season!
- The liturgical season of Easter lasts for 50 days!
- Each year, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon or after the spring equinox.
- It is the second-longest season on the Church calendar.
- Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, May 19st this year.
- Divine Mercy Sunday is always the next Sunday after Easter. This year it is April 7th.
- The Easter candle is lit from the new flame and given new numbers for the year on Holy Saturday.
- The Easter candle is kept lit during the Easter Season to remind us that Jesus is present, and then after the Easter Season it is lit for baptisms and funerals.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Wishing you Christ's many blessings throughout this Easter season.

May the Lord lift up your heart, this Easter and always, with the miracle of the season, may you have perfect peace and always feel His love shining in your life.



Thanks to all who made contributions for the decoration of the altars this Easter.
These contributions were made "In honor of" or "In Memory of" the following loved ones:

Requested by:

Randy & Rita Baker
JoAnn Bayless
Betty Bopp
John & Connie Breeden
Jo Ann Brewer
Christine Campbell
Michael & Anna Catlett
Donna Conduitt
Charles & Julia Coster
Vicky Dunakey
Pat Elders
Balandia Enke
Mark & Karen Havard
Don & Becky Hudson
Greg & Joyce Kimberlin
Lisa Kreamalmeyer
Wayne & Ruth Kuethe
Francisco & Michelle Leos
Paul & Pat Maerli
Tom & Gerry Martin
Patrick O'Fallon
Jon & Marcia Paton

In Memory/Honor of:

Oellermann & Baker Families
Marilyn Diebold & Ralph Bayless
Bopp Family & Vuylsteke Family
Terry Kammerer
Eugene Brewer
Newton Henson, Johana M. Campbell & Marvin Henson
William Catlett Family
Conduitt Family
Mitch & Molly Miskovck, Charles & Martha Coster, Dean Myint, Tim Howard, & John Dempsey
Mike Dunakey, Finn & Schumer Families
Mary Elders Pounds & Dennis Meiser
Baby Enke, Gavina Salvador, Rafael Zafe, Eustaquio Salvador, Modesta, Jesus Zafe
Havard & Miller Families
Donald & Barb Hudson, Bernard & Kate Coleman, & Jeremy Williams
Elizabeth Kimberlin
Frances Smith
Pat McCleary, Ron Wilkins
Leos, Potratz, Stewart, Sederburg, Nowland, & Hulsey Families
Maerli & Rutz Families
Father Richard Boever
Kate Mason
Paton Family, Kitty Rolens, Mary B. Miller, & Donna Kenagy





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Requested by:

Gary Ramori

Cathleen Schroyer

Linda Seitz

Larry & Pat Shearrer

Joe & Juanita Skyles

Mary Smith

Steven & Gina Todd

Charles & Norma Walls

Ruth Woodson

In Memory/Honor of:

Ramori, Vitali, Engle & Kingston Families

Leo & Millie Bogue

Seitz & Juden Families

Jeremy Brutcher & Bob Shearrer

Robert & Frances Skyles, Oscar & Jennie Graham, Joe & Hazel Griggs, Paul Graham

Charles J. Smith

Howard & Colleen Ray, David Ray, Traci Ray, Jack & Lorene Todd

Laney, Menke, & Walls Families

Don Woodson, Robert Radcliff, Robin Barklage

Monetary Donations:

Carmella Baker

Raymond Baumann

Mary Happle

Larry & Amy Howdeshell

Jim & Sandra Mowry

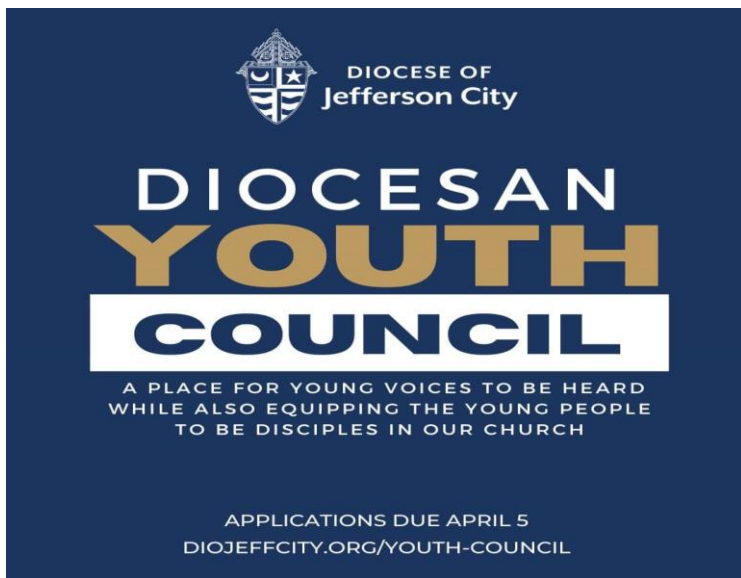
Daniel & Carolyn Sanazaro

Ernie & Nancy Skiles

*May the resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of
His love and promise of eternal life.*

Easter Blessings





The Dioceses is excited to introduce a Diocesan Youth Council which was established by Bishop McKnight on Friday, February 16, 2024.

The vision for the Diocesan Youth Council is based off Christus Vivit, allowing for a place for young voices to be heard while also equipping the young people to be disciples in our Church.

Qualifications to Serve on the Council

A person must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Catholic in full communion with the Catholic Church
- Received all the sacraments of initiation and be an active steward of the parish
- Must be outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence
- High school student at the time of their application and can commit to at least 1 term (2 years)
- (preferred) Active or previous leadership experience in their parish and/or institution

Expectations of Members

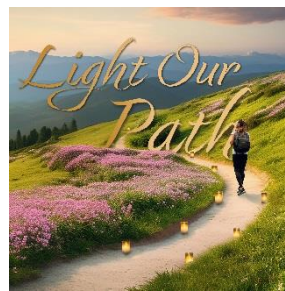
A member of the council is required to commit to the following:

- Attend quarterly meetings in person at the chancery building in Jefferson City. Meetings are always on Saturdays.
 - The first Diocesan Youth Council meeting will be May 11 from 9am-2:30pm. This will include a morning of recollection.
- Attend a yearly leadership retreat with the Diocesan Youth Council.
- Participate in leadership opportunities at a minimum of one diocesan youth gathering (i.e. diocesan youth rally, NCYC, summer camps, Totus Tuus, Confirmation Retreat).

Deadline for Application is April 5 and will be announced by April 19, 2024.

Application can be accessed on the website: <https://diojeffcity.org/youth-council/>.

The [March Women's Ministry Walking Together](#)



[Newsletter is out.](#) Don't miss this month's edition. Our Spring book club titles are revealed along with additional information on our upcoming Spring Pilgrimage on April 6th.

<https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-newsletter-march-2024/>

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.

Finance Council Meeting:



The Finance Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the HC school library.



St. Brendan
Catholic Parish

Eucharistic Revival

*Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist:
Becoming the Very Mystery We Receive*

April

7th & 8th

6 pm

Night One: Eucharistic Faith as the Pathway to
Spiritual Transformation

Night Two: The Eucharistic call to Spiritual
Healing and Discipleship

**Presentation starts at 6pm in the Church
followed by meal at our Parish Hall each night.**

Please email parishoffice@saintbrendans.org to RSVP



Dr. Mary Amore

Conference Presenter

Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. Dr. Amore is the author of three books: *Primary Symbols of Worship and the Call to Participation*, *Every day with Mary*, and *Every Day with Joseph*, as well as the creator of two DVD Series: *Eucharist: Pathway of Transformation, Healing and Discipleship*, and *From Mary's Heart to Yours*, published by Pauline Media.

A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Mary has been a presenter at the LA Congress, University of Dallas Ministry Conference, Diocese of New Hampshire Ministry Conference, as well as conducting parish missions, retreats, and adult faith formation programs.

Dr. Amore is also the creator and host of two cable television shows, *Soul Snackin with Dr. Mary Amore* and *A Willing Spirit*, and has hosted a radio show on Radio Maria. Dr. Amore serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.





DIOCESE OF
Jefferson City

SAVE THE DATE

Stewardship Conference

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Cathedral of St. Joseph - Cana Hall



Stewardship
GROWING OUR FAITH

Register Here



Please register by
April 9
Cost is \$20 and
includes
breakfast & lunch

SCAN ME



- 8:00 a.m. **Mass**
- 8:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:15 a.m. **Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.**
Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. **Msgr. Thomas McGread (Video Presentation)**
The Story of St. Francis: How Stewardship Became a Way of Life
- 10:15 a.m. **Very Rev. John Lanzrath**
The Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship
- 11:15 a.m. **Lisa McArdle**
Stewardship in the Family
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **Eric McArdle**
Best Practices in Parish Stewardship
- 1:30 p.m. **Fr. Stephen Jones**
The Spirituality of Stewardship
- 2:15 p.m. **Trish Lutz**
Catholic Stewardship Renewal 2024

***There will be a short break after each presentation*

**DECLINE
TO
Sign**



Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

This petition goes too far for Missouri!

This extreme initiative petition could:

- **Legalize abortion as a method of birth control** and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow abortion clinics in your neighborhood – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and **the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.**
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

Don't be fooled! Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe" —or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice" —or say ***anything*** to get you to sign. ***Don't believe them!***

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to **DECLINE TO SIGN.**

The future of Missouri is counting on you!

For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at mostandswithwomen.org



Missouri Stands with Women

The Church loves you and cares about you. Pregnant? Help is available. Contact **Optionline.org** or call or text 800-712-4327. Experienced abortion? (for women and men) **Supportafterabortion.com**. Call or text 844-289-HOPE (4673).

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

HEART OF A HERO

MEN'S CONFERENCE

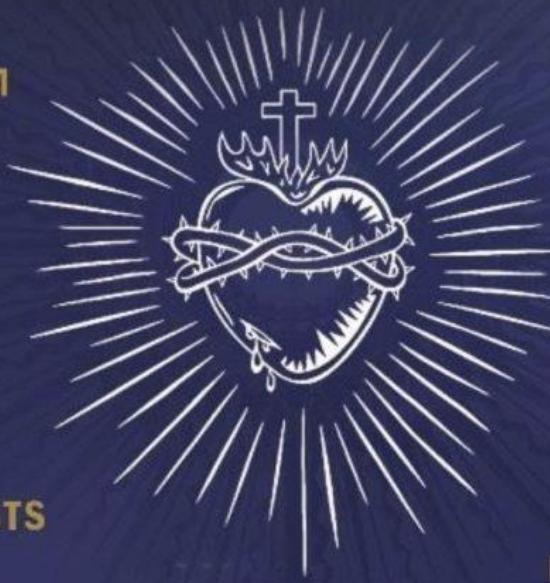
CANA ROOM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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.MENOSIGNUMCRUCIS.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**

Walk With Us

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



Worship With Us

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

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

Get Involved . . .



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage



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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

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.




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.

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



Pope Francis Prayer Intention

MARCH

For the New Martyrs

"We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."

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.



MARCH 2024 BINGO NEWS

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

PROGRESSIVES ~ The Coverall Progressive is at a big \$5,250.00 with 11 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 ~ Our Queen of Hearts game for Bingo players should be over \$10,600.

MATCH ONE OF THESE ~ Bring your tally sheet from the previous week. Check the four numbers posted. Win a free gas card. Numbers are: **175099, 175137, 175175** and **175200**.

WEBSITE ~ Check out the KofC website cubakofc.org.

FOOD DRIVE~ is still on. Free 3 on with every can or box of food. Help us help the Food Pantries.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ Blood Drive at the KofC hall on March 18th from 3 – 7 p.m. Walk ins welcome!

MACE'S RECEIPTS ~ Collecting Mace's Supermarket Receipts, please save them and drop them in the jar on the table by the caller.



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.



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Earn Cash for Our School!

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- 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.



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 Tuesday of each month
Begins at 10:30 a.m. at the
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Local Food Pantry Hours:

Cuba: (573-885-6703)

Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 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.

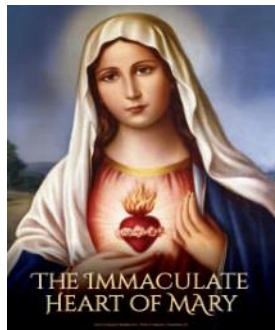


Civilize it!

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 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.

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

www.diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/engaged-encounter

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