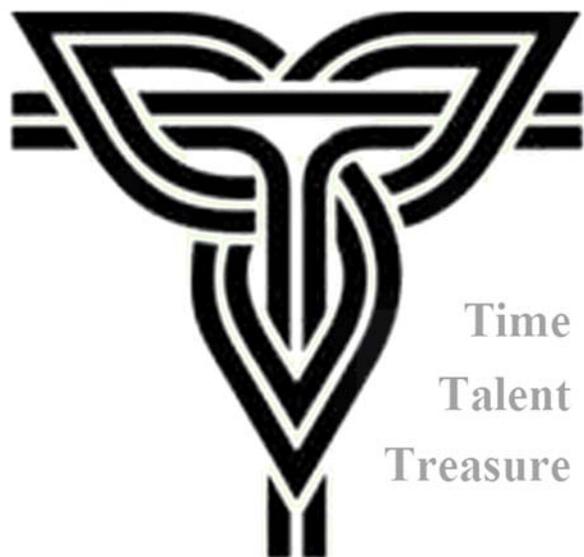


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Resource Book



A Way of Life 2018-2019

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“DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BUILDING HIS CHURCH”

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Wichita defines Stewardship as "A grateful response of a Christian disciple, who recognizes and receives God's gifts, and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor."

When we prayerfully reflect on such a definition, we can see how powerful the idea of Stewardship really is. God has blessed us all in so many different ways, and so each of us is asked to respond gratefully! We are to give a generous share of our time to develop our faith so as to better share it with others; a generous share of our talents to assist in the building up of the Kingdom of God; and a generous share of our treasure to support the many good works and services which are carried out in the Parish, Diocesan, and Universal Church.

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7.

God knows the very core of our hearts, and wants nothing but the very best for us. It is this love that must drive us to put everything that makes us unique and unrepeatable at the service of God and neighbor. Here at Holy Cross Catholic Church, I am amazed at all of the different parish ministries that are offered, and the stewardship that is practiced each day by so many people. Please carefully look through this resource book and prayerfully consider the ways that God is calling your heart to serve Him and His people, it may even be in a way you least expected!

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. ~ Luke 6:38

May God bless and reward you for your continued generosity!

Fr. Aaron D. Spexarth
Pastor of Church of the Holy Cross



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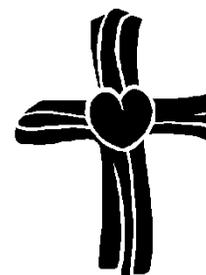
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FORMING GRATEFUL HEARTS

*Dear Lord, we pray
for Your grace and guidance
in the forming of grateful hearts
as we receive, give thanks
and share Your bountiful gifts.*

*We pledge our dedicated response
to our call to discipleship
in praise of You and
in service to all Your children.*



Amen

HOSPITALITY & FELLOWSHIP

“When I was a stranger, you welcomed me.” (Mt. 25:35)
Jesus teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least among us, we welcome Christ Himself.



Hospitality is a gift from God and an expression of a joyful heart. God gives His love to each one of us. As God loves us, He calls us to love one another. When we share God’s love by making all feel welcome and important, that love grows and multiplies. If we share the gift of hospitality, we try to help all in our parish family believe that, “We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.” Sometimes this means a genuine smile during the exchange of peace at Mass. Sometimes it is in helping with coffee and donuts or setting up for various functions. Sometimes it may be inviting others to join a ministry you enjoy. As members of the Church of the Holy Cross, we all need to work to help assure that, “All are welcome in this place.”

Altar Society

The Church of the Holy Cross Altar Society is comprised of all women of the parish 18 years and older. The mission of the Altar Society is to provide the needs and supplies of the altar and sanctuary. The Altar Society is tasked with purchasing the bread, wine, altar linens, vestments, candles, and other necessities for the altar. General Altar Society meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday evening of the month. The Altar Society assists in organizing many areas of fellowship that encourage spiritual growth through faith and socialization.

Under the General Altar Society, there are four Circles, which meet in effort to fulfill specific needs of the church or to fulfill a specific mission. It is also a wonderful way to develop Christian friendships and enjoy religious activities. Circle meetings are held both during the day and/or in the evening to accommodate the Circle member’s schedules.

Contact: Stacy Gasper 316-772-7200 tgasper@sbcglobal.net

Altar Society Circles

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| St. Ann's | This circle meets four times a year to enjoy Christian fellowship: maybe a field trip to a Wichita church for a Christmas bazaar or a social get together. Also this circle is active in the altar society events.
Jenny Fisher 620-664-6578 benandjenny@yahoo.com |
| Holy Family | The Holy Family Circle was organized for young moms with children to enjoy Christian fellowship. They meet either during the day or early evening and child care is always available. These ladies enjoy and participate in the altar society events.
Laura Schawe 620-669-9550 rlschawe@hotmail.com
Kim Griffith 620-899-9453 Kimberlygriffith27@yahoo.com |
| St. Joan of Arc | St. Joan of Arc Circle meets bi-monthly usually the second Monday of the month. We enjoy meeting in member's homes for dessert or at a coffee shop or restaurant. A spiritual topic is usually planned and Christian fellowship is enjoyed. An annual bake sale fundraiser is held in September and the funds raised from it are donated to many Catholic organizations or individuals. Our circle also meets annually to sew baptismal garments for our parish.
Vicki Quick 620-727-1467 quickv@usd308.com
Neita Christoperson 727-7745 neitarae@yahoo.com |

Little Flower Little Flower meets monthly, SEPT – MAY and members enjoy a wide range of events which include spiritual, service and social activities. Some ‘traditions’ include: Lenten Stations for Women, May Crowning and Rosary, annual ‘FUNdraiser, support of local charities, and Christmas gifts to those in religious life. Ladies may choose any level of participation, from a little to a lot. All women of HC Parish are welcome to join us!

LeAnn Knight 620-664-2272 bljmknight@sbcglobal.net

Book Club

Monthly book discussions are open to all men and women who like to read and who enjoy a lively conversation of thoughts, opinions and relevant experiences. Reading a mixture of fiction and nonfiction, the structure is a very casual, friendly discussion. To join, just read the recommended book (see the bulletin or web site for each title and an excerpt) and then come to the scheduled discussion. We usually meet the last Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm in the lower level of Holy Cross.

Contact Catherine Green 669-6882 greenks@sbcglobal.net or
Candace Robl 663-7597 ravensfarm@cox.net Catholic Divorce
Ministry

Coffee and Donuts

A variety of groups are involved in hosting coffee and donuts each week. All parishioners are invited to the lower level of church following the 9:00 AM Mass each Sunday morning for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. Volunteers to serve are organized by the Altar Society.

Contact Position Open, Call parish office if you’re interested in leading.

Communications

Newsletter: Our Parish Newsletter “Crossings” is published bi-monthly. Articles are submitted from ministries within the parish along with articles from Holy Cross School and Trinity Jr/Sr High. Volunteers write, print and publish our newsletter.

Contact Travis Price 620-662-6120 travisp@hotmail.com

Website: The parish website, www.holycross-hutch.com, provides online information about the parish and its



activities, as well as suggested resources for religious study. Check the site for ministry schedules, weekly bulletin and “Crossings”.

Twitter: The parish twitter feed includes upcoming events reminders and photos of current events. Feed often includes retweets of national and international Catholic current events.

Facebook: The parish facebook needs volunteers to post photos, reminders, current events and links to national current events

Contact Stephanie Banning 620-662-2859 sbanning@holycross-hutch.com

Harvest House



Harvest House is an organization whose members are fifty-five years of age or older. Our mission is to provide a social organization for seniors to encourage them to remain active, make new friends and enjoy fun filled activities. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am with Prayer, Flag Salute, a short meeting, program & covered dish luncheon. We also do activities outside of the building including social, religious and community related experiences. Everyone is equal & loved, come have fun with us.

Contact Janet Holland 620-259-7305 jjholland@cox.net

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization dedicated to the Church and Community. Members participate in various activities throughout the year supporting the Church, Catholic Education, Birthright, Respect Life organizations, Seminarians, Mentally Handicapped, local youth, and many other noteworthy projects. Monthly meetings bring members together to conduct business and promote fraternity. For more information or to join online, go to kofc.org/joinus.

Contact Mark Zrubek 620-665-0991 mlzrubek@cox.net

Prodigal Prayer Group

What do you call a loved one who never goes to Mass, only attends Mass at Easter or Christmas or professes they are no longer Catholic? The correct

term is a prodigal. This situation is not hopeless and you are not helpless. Many prayers have been offered and answered in our group which is for anyone who has struggled with the anxiety of loss of family church members. We have discovered the act of praying for them helps us to learn to let God direct them in His own way, which is not always our way. Tri-Parish Prodigal Prayer Groups. Our Lady of Guadalupe (Church) Tuesday 6:00 pm, Holy Cross (lower level) Wednesday 10:15 am and St Teresa (Adoration Chapel) Thursday 5:00 pm. every week. Contacts: Our Lady of Guadalupe: Raphaela Garcia @ 663-2739; Holy Cross: Georgia Darrow@ 665-5139 lpdarrow@sbcglobal.net; St. Teresa: Sandy Galliardt @ 662-0182

Quilters

Large Quilts The mission of this ministry is to present queen-sized quilts to Parish Organizations to use for their fundraising. We ask these organizations to only pay for having this item quilted, which is minimal. The group benefits by enjoying a close bond with fellow quilters. We usually meet once a week to work together in our homes. We need those who can sew, cut, or iron, with all levels of ability welcomed. For the most part, we use fabrics donated to us by parishioners. We welcome any fabric you'd like to pass onto us.



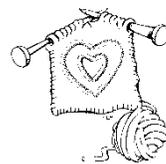
Contact Emily Arpin 669-9901 ejarpin@cox.net

Lap Blankets These quilters work independently in their own homes to make lap blankets for shut-ins in retirement homes as well as those being cared for at home. The Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound deliver these blankets to our parishioners. We also pass them onto Catholic patients at the Hospice House. Two of our parishioners attend to any Catholic coming to the Hospice House. They receive our blessed blankets and a blessed medal and scapular. When the person attended has died, the family has the blanket as a memory of the outreach and care offered by Holy Cross.

The fabric is cut to size and ready for you to sew. The finished product is about 40" x 50". It's fun and easy sewing.

Contact Pat McLain 620-665-7824 ljandpa@cox.net

Shawl Ministry



The mission of the Shawl Ministry is to knit or crochet shawls that can be given for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress, nursing a baby, bridal shower or wedding gift, ordination, there are endless possibilities! We all need a little extra care now and then and know you are being prayed for by the person making the shawls. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Before one begins the knitting or crocheting process, a prayer can be said dedicating the work of your hands and the intentions of the receiver. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayers; the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.

Contact Carolyn Wasinger 620-921-5412 kittymom320@sbcglobal.net

Welcome Committee

Have you ever had to move to a different location? This can be a blessing and a wonderful adventure, or it can be daunting and lonely--especially if you do not feel welcomed by those in a new parish. Hospitality is an important Biblical principle. *Hebrews 13:1-2 Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!* We each need to reach out to those we don't know or recognize each week at Mass. Even if they have been in the parish for 15 years, now you have a new acquaintance. However, if the persons are new, you will have made them feel welcome at Holy Cross, and probably have made their day.

The members of the Welcome Committee make a special effort to make all new to the parish feel a part of their new church family. We make phone calls, visit with newcomers, take a gift (created by the committee), and answer questions. We try to make the move and adjustment easier and a wonderful experience. **Please join us to welcome all.**

Contact Gerri Hilger 620-960-1309 gerrihilger@gmail.com

What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.
Eleanor Powell

"...We have to realize that everything is a gift. Your being, your life, your body, your powers of mind and will and imagination, your accomplishments—all of it is a gift from a gracious God. When we realize this, we know that nothing is owed us; we have no great status to defend. Then we can live in gratitude. " Bishop Robert Barron

"God gives us these gifts not so that we can simply revel in the joy of having them, but, rather, so that we can share them and build the Kingdom of God."
Msgr. Thomas McGread

"Stewardship is not just about one or another aspect of our faith lives; it is about all of it. It is the overarching and foundational spirituality that shapes our entire existence.
Bishop Carl A. Kemme

"For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?"
Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 8

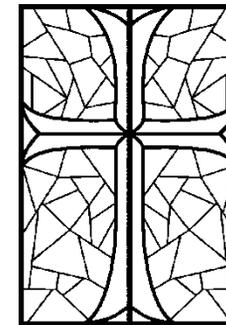
"... Stewardship begins with a conversion of heart. The true steward makes a commitment to the Lord- not merely to the parish. He gives his life to God because he wants to follow him, and everything else, his time, his talents, and his treasure - follows suit. That being said, it is important that some parish members may come to conversion through participation in parish ministries"
Msgr Thomas McGread

"Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be."
USCCB Stewardship A Disciples Response

PRAYER

"Thy will be done"

A stewardship parish strives to nourish the soul through prayer. Prayer and the sacraments dispose a soul to receive God's abundant graces, which are necessary to grow in holiness. There is a deep connection between the Eucharistic celebration, thanksgiving and stewardship—ways to thank God.



"In Christian tradition, liturgy means the participation of the people of God in "the work of God". Through the liturgy, Christ our redeemer and high priest continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through His Church"
(Catechism of the Catholic Church para.1069)

Altar Servers



Boys and girls may be trained as altar servers during their 5th grade year. On occasion, Adult servers are needed for special masses, such as 1st Saturday. If interested, please call the church office to have your name included on the altar server schedule.

Contact Dianne Kelsey 921-1158 mikedianne87@yahoo.com

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is a program that supports children preschool age through the 2nd grade with their understanding of Mass and the Liturgy of the Word. The program takes place every Sunday during the 9 o'clock Mass throughout the school year. Two to three volunteers are needed each week to help with the children. The teaching materials are specific and very little advance preparation is required.

Contact Audrey Haines 620-727-0346 alh.1985@hotmail.com
Ali Towell 620-727-0335

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Parishioners are selected and trained to assist with the distribution of communion during mass. Also, EMHC may be trained to take communion to those unable to come to mass because they are ill, homebound, in a nursing home or in the hospital.

Contact Mandy Zipprich 620-728-9752 mlzipprich@cox.net
Gerri Hilger [EMHC to Shut-Ins] 960-1309 Gerrihilger@gmail.com

Gift Bearers

Gift bearers bring forward the bread and wine at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Contact Bev & Bob Deister 620-543-2212/620-921-5938 deister211@gmail.com
Kathleen Enslinger 620-966-5063 kenslinger@cox.net

Greeters

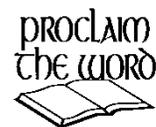
Greeters set the tone for the liturgy by saying "Welcome, we are glad you are here." Greeters extend good will and hospitality to the parishioners and guests as they enter our church.

Contact Cadi Sanchez 913-927-4882 cadisanchez@gmail.com



Lectors

Lectors serve as Christ's voice in proclaiming the Holy Scripture during the Mass. It is the lector's responsibility to prepare for each reading with personal reflection, meditation and sufficient practice to proclaim the Word with piety and decorum.



Contact Isaac Roehm 620-474-9648 isaac@roehmfamily.net

Liturgical Art and Environment

This ministry is responsible for the selection, procurement and care of flowers, plants, banners and seasonal decorations used in the sanctuary and church. Parishioners and/or groups may sign-up to donate weekly floral arrangements.

Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating during Holy Week, Easter and Christmas, as well as, other smaller opportunities throughout the year.



Contact Tammy Burkhardt [Flowers] 620-727-4245 13racing@sbcglobal.net
Maribeth Reimer [Seasonal Decorating] 620-727-7806
reimermb1982@gmail.com

Marian Devotion

If you would like to join with others seeking a deeper devotion to Our Blessed Mother, the Marian Devotion Ministry meets weekly to honor Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary.

Contact Kyle & Tom Philbeck 620-474-2703; 620-560-3635
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Music Ministry

Accompanist/Cantor/Instrumentalist

Lead and assist with music during parish liturgical celebrations.

Contact Tonia Navarro 620-200-3032 ntonia10@gmail.com

Chancel Choir

Membership is open to all parishioners, high school age or older, who enjoy singing. Emphasis is on traditional four-part singing. The chancel choir sings every other Sunday, October through May.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. Special emphasis is placed on Christmas and Easter seasons. Reading music is not a requirement for membership, just a love of singing and enjoying making music with others that have similar interests. Please come and join us.

Contact Keith Temaats 620-899-0316 keithtemaats@sbcglobal.net



Childrens Choir

All Elementary School children (grades 2-6) are invited to share their time and talent by singing with the Childrens Choir. We usually sing at one Mass each month during the school year with a practice/warm-up prior to mass.

Contact Rebecca Oberley 620-408-6486 roberley@holycross-hutch.com

Guitar Group

The Guitar Group was formed to give our parish a means of worshipping God through upbeat instrumental and vocal music. Our members are high school students and adults and we practice one and one-half hours before the Mass we are singing. We sing two to three times a month and on most Holy Days. No formal training is required; however, if your instrument is not in the Key of C, you will need to be able to transpose your own music. We have an upbeat group that tries to bring the entire congregation into the spirit of praise during the celebration of the Mass. New members are always welcome.

Contact Carol Walle 727-3795 carolm616@gmail.com

Teen Choir



All teenagers (grades 7-college) are invited to share their time and talent by singing with the Teen Choir. We usually sing at one Mass each month during the school year with a practice one hour prior to Mass.

Contact Mari Mesh, 620-200-7751

meshclan@sbcglobal.net or

Jessica Shea, 620-899-2470

jshea@holycross-hutch.com

Perpetual Adoration

Perpetual Adoration is a lay apostolate, a stewardship of time and prayer, our Lord's precious gift to us. Perpetual Adoration is a continuous twenty four hour a day, 365 days a year exposition of our Eucharistic Lord. It is continuous prayer offered for the intentions of the parish and the diocese. It is a commitment by at least 168 individuals to spend one hour a week with our Lord in prayer and meditation. It is a positive response to Jesus' outpouring of love and mercy. "Could you not spend one hour with Me?" Callers and Coordinators are also needed.

Contact Vickie Quick 663-8297

Prayer Chain

This ministry is a means of supporting the parish with prayers. We pray for anyone requesting our prayers in times of stress, illness and need and for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Contact Netta Touzel 620-663-2146 hutchprayerchain@yahoo.com

Rosary Leaders

The mission of this ministry is to “instill a love and devotion in families to pray together”. The family that prays together stays together. The rosary is recited twenty-five minutes prior to each weekend Mass. All parishioners may serve as rosary leaders. Leaders are needed at all Mass times.

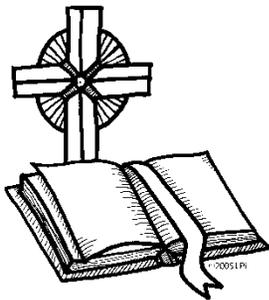


Contact Susie & Dennis Clennan 620-727-7048 (c)/663-3463(h)
susy7074@hotmail.com

Ushers

Ushers assist in seating parishioners, gathering the weekly offerings, facilitating the Communion procession, distributing bulletins, and leaving the church in good order following weekend Masses.

Contact Ron Quick 663-8297 ronaldquick@sbcglobal.net



SERVICE

“I have come, not to be served, but to serve”

Just as the members of a family come together to help one of their own, a stewardship parish family serves those who are hurting or have needs, are doubting or seeking salvation. Parishioners seek the parish family as a primary community to serve and be served—to give and to receive. The members of a stewardship parish recognize that they also have a need to give beyond their own members. They have a need to serve and to give in the diocese, the community and the universal church. Service, by those of all ages, provides the opportunity to practice hospitality, prayer and formation.



*“For I was hungry and you gave Me food;
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;
Naked, and you clothed Me;
I was sick, and you visited Me;
I was in prison, and you came to Me...
... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these
brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”*

Matthew 25: 35-40

Assist with Funeral Dinners

This ministry is open to all men and women in the parish. There are opportunities to assist the Altar Society in food preparation, helping to serve the dinner and helping with set-up and clean-up. Those who cannot attend can bring food for the dinner.



Contact Lora Lobmeyer 620-770-1234 harryandlora@gmail.com

Elaine Meier 620-663-3547

Building/Grounds/Maintenance

Throughout the year the need may arise for the pastor to call on volunteers to advise and/or assist on given projects inside the church or rectory, or outside on the church property. Included in this ministry would be the need of carpenters, electricians, painters, plumbers and helpers.

Help is also needed for **snow removal** from church, school, parking lots and sidewalks before any mass or parish function.

Contact Dianne Kelsey 921-1158 mikedianne87@yahoo.com

Birthright Volunteer

Birthright offers free pregnancy testing, counseling, and maternity and baby clothing. Birthright volunteers offer gentleness, love and understanding to pregnant girls and women. One need not be a professional counselor to volunteer as training is provided. Help is also needed with sorting and sizing clothing. The Birthright house is located at 214 East 3rd and their phone number is 663-5872 birthrighthutch@gmail.com



Holy Cross Contact Shelli Ridder 620-200-8536 birthrighthutch@gmail.com

Food Bank/SVDP Food Pantry



Food collection for the hungry is used first for our parish SVDP to feed those who have a need for food. The pantry is in the lower level in the SVDP office. Food collected is sorted and shelved for selection by volunteers to be added to fresh items purchased by SVDP. The food not selected will then be taken to the food bank by the volunteers for Food Bank. Please be generous in your food donations for the hungry. Jesus commanded us to feed the hungry and SVDP works diligently to do that.

Contact Ron & Netta Touzel 620-663-2146 n2zel@hotmail.com

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is organized and overseen by the Altar Society. Volunteers generously give their time before and after each Mass to assist with the gift shop.

Contact Lora Lobmeyer 620-770-1234 harryandlora@yahoo.com

Little Flower Girls' Club

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS!!

Founded in 1927, Little Flower Girls Club strives to provide young Catholic girls, ages 5 and up, with an opportunity to grow in their Catholic heritage, faith traditions and to strengthen relationships with other Catholic families in our community. By using Saint's biographies, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Sacred Scripture, Mothers and daughters, together will learn the basics of the Catholic faith with an emphasis on virtue in a fun and friendship-filled environment. As a group, Mothers and daughters, (ages 5 and up) will work on a craft focusing on our virtue, a lesson discussion, tea (snack) time and fellowship. We are very excited to begin this journey with our mothers and daughters! There is no greater experience than strengthening your faith journey together as a family and community. Please see Holy Cross's weekly bulletin for meeting dates and times.

Contact Melissa Robinson 620-532-1355 melissaann13@live.com

Meals on Wheels

Our parish delivers Meals on Wheels for the community of Hutchinson each Wednesday. Meals are ready to be picked up at 10:45 AM and it usually takes about one hour. We could use more volunteers to help with deliveries.



Holy Cross Contact Bettie Sauber 662-0082 bettiesauber@att.net

Ministry of Consolation

Holy Cross Ministry of Consolation offers pastoral and spiritual support to those who grieve and strives to help them receive the healing comfort of God.

Contact Diane McCarville 662-3757 joediane_mccarville@hotmail.com

Parish Health

This ministry is designed to encourage parish members to look to the Church for guidance and direction in matters of health and wellness. Having healthy bodies as well as healthy souls is important.

Contact Lovella Kelley 662-1979 lkell4301@gmail.com

Personal Products Ministry.

Contacts: Courtney Clennan 620-322-0031 cclennan@sbcglobal.net

Karin Neal 620-663-8535 karin.neal@live.com

Faith and Light/Persons with Disabilities/

This ministry works with special needs members of the parish to provide them with instruction in the teachings and doctrine in the Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome to share in this ministry.

The Faith and Light service organization meets the spiritual and social needs of the disabled and their families. Faith and Light reveals to people with and intellectual disability their call to share the riches of their heart, their tenderness, their fidelity. Faith and Light gives the parents support, and helps them to better recognize the inner beauty of their child and his/her unique vocation. Faith and Light allows brothers, sisters, and

friends to discover the presence of the risen Jesus in their family member and their friend. Regular monthly meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month in the lower level of Holy Cross at 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

Contact Jalane White 585-6482 jalane@pleasantviewhome.com

Prison Ministry – St. Dismas Volunteers

Volunteers (especially male) are needed in our Prison Ministry. There are five ways you can be involved in prison ministry at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

- Attend Mass at 1:00pm on Thursdays.
- Teach a Thursday class at 7:30pm. (catechism/RCIA, prayer/scriptural studies)
- Sponsor an inmate in RCIA.
- Help with Kairos weekends & periodic Kairos prayer & share meetings.
- Agree to be “matched” with an inmate to visit and write to him.



We will meet with all volunteers for this multi-parish ministry to explain the opportunities in greater detail.

Contact Paul Hilger (620) 200-0921 paulhilger@att.net, or

Jim Schinstock 662-1055 Schinjc@yahoo.com

Kairos - Jim Corwin 727-3677 jimcorwin47@hotmail.com

Provide Food for Ministry Events

This is an opportunity to put your culinary skills to work or your shopping skills. We have three organizations that need some help providing meals or snacks for their weekly/bi-monthly meetings. What a great way to welcome our possible new Catholics, our young college students and high school students. You sign up for this ministry and we will send you a sign-up genius that you can pick the date and when and what you bring.

Contact Betty Rajewski, Parish Secretary 620-665-5163

bettyr@holycross-hutch.com

Respect Life



The Holy Cross Respect Life Ministry lives the Church's teaching in caring for all human life in all stages from preborn to natural death. Activities include participation in the Life Chain, celebration of Respect Life Month with poster contests at Holy Cross Grade School and PSR, baby showers for Birthright, participation in rosaries, novenas, prayer services in the community, and supporting the parish priests in other pro-life efforts. This is a wonderful ministry—all volunteers are welcome and needed.

Contact Teresa Fink 620-474-6464 tfink87@gmail.com



Service Projects

You and your family can help with service projects that meet the needs of the parish and the broader community. These one-time service projects take one to four hours of your time. Projects will be announced through parish communication channels. Members of this ministry will be sent information and be given the opportunity to volunteer their time and talents. You can decide which projects to participate in during the year.

Contact Candace and Richard Robl, 663-7597 ravensfarm@cox.net

Scouts

Cub Scouting is the phase of the program offered by the Boy Scouts of



America for boys in 1st through 5th grades (or ages 7 through 10). The Cub Scout motto "Do Your Best" is emphasized in all activities. Some of the annual events include: camping out, fishing, Pinewood Derby, Aluminum Can Drive, Food Drive, and the Blue and Gold Banquet.

Contact Matt Hogan 620-960-1413 matt@sdklabs.com



The mission of Boy Scouts is to prepare young people (age 11-18) to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law. The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. This is accomplished through weekly Troop meetings and monthly campouts or other

activity. Besides helping young men learn and mature, Boy Scouts is all about fun! Boy Scout Troop #303 is chartered by Knights of Columbus 612 and is the only Catholic troop in the Hutchinson area. Boys are welcome to join any time of year.

Contact Patrick Weathers 620-474-0076 patweathers@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Vincetians are lay volunteers who dedicate themselves to assisting those in need; sometimes that is food, housing and utilities, and sometimes it is an ear to listen; it is always serving our community as best we can. We are called to serve, and in serving become closer to those who need us and reward us in our own spiritual journey. We ask for your help in response to the need around us. We ask for your donations of food, money, and most especially your volunteer time. To better serve, we meet on first and third Wednesdays of the month after 6:30 Mass, Lower Level. We invite you to join us and share in our ministry for assisting all in our community who seek our help.

Contact Lovella Kelley 620-708-1863

Soup Kitchen Ministry

The purpose of this Ministry is to feed the hungry and to help parishioners who are interested have an opportunity to work at the Soup Kitchen at 3rd and Maple. Our Holy Cross Soup Kitchen Day is the second Monday of each month. There are opportunities for individuals and families to prepare the food, serve the food, and/or deliver food to shut-ins.

Contact Kyle Philbeck 620-474-2703 kylephilbeck@gmail.com

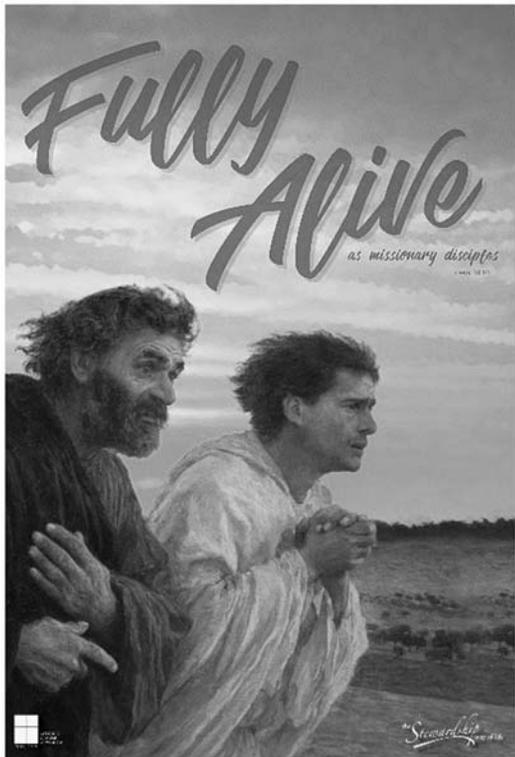
As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

I Peter 4:10

Stewardship

“Help us Lord so that we would hold nothing back, that no sacrifice would be too great, too costly, or too unthinkable. Send us, Lord, heroes and heroines of stewardship, saints on the journey whose walk as disciples inspire us to imitate and pattern our own lives after. Put on our path, Lord, men, women, and children who will model for us – for our diocese – how to live, how to serve, how to love the Lord with all our hearts. Let this be our prayer, let this be our greatest desire and intention.”

Bishop Carl A. Kemme

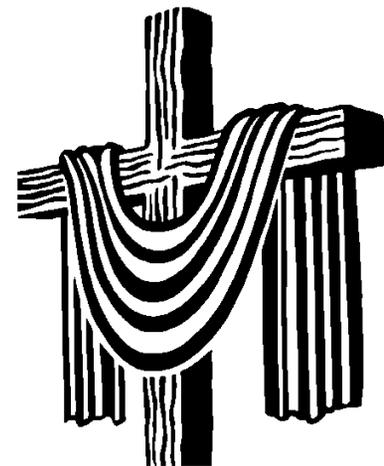


FORMATION

Formation is a life-long discipleship! Formation is a continuing journey with God. Through Formation we can grow into a stewardship life; a deeper life that loves God, as HE loves us. Such formation is a personal challenge as it involves the education of the mind and conversion of the heart. Reflect on what ideas you might have to strengthen your own formation - take the initiative to join a parish ministry that best suits your interests or talents as you develop your personal relationship with God. We are a light for each other!

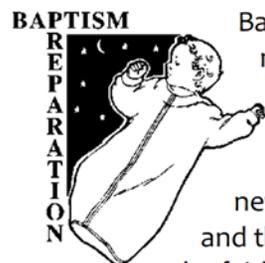
“Then you will lead a life worthy of the Lord and pleasing to Him in every way. You will multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10



We are a light
to each other

Baptism Preparation



Baptism Preparation is a one-hour class exploring the meaning and benefits of this sacrament.

Administration of the sacrament is discussed in detail as well as the symbolic meaning of all the sacred rituals. This required class is meant to help the new parents become more familiar with the sacrament and the commitment involved in raising their children in the faith.

Initial contact and scheduling must be at the parish office 665-5163.

Bible Study and Faith Sharing

Anyone high school age or older is invited to join one of the bible study groups at Holy Cross Parish. We use different bible studies and books to strengthen our faith and increase our knowledge of the Bible. A past bible study has been "Great Adventures" series with question/answer workbooks and DVDs to go along with each study. Studies vary in week length and cost. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Contacts *Barbara Heer* 620-694-9061 bb2heer@yahoo.com
Melba Kelsey 663-9807

College Students Ministry

Hutchinson Community College, McPherson College and Sterling College students are invited to join us on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Lower Level. We share fellowship, food, and a bible or theology discussion. Come to be supported on your journey to independence and moral maturity whether you're living in the dorm or still at home. We help you to continue to practice your faith with the support of your peers in a social and educational environment. We eat, study and pray every Monday during the school year.

Contract *Shelli Ridder* 620-200-8536 sridder1@cox.net

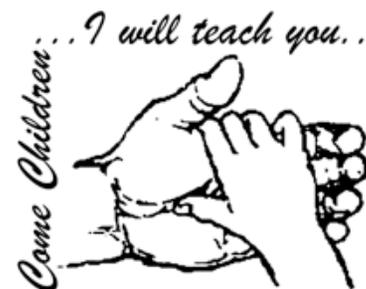
Cursillo

Cursillo in Christianity is an international movement with a large presence in the Wichita Diocese and at Holy Cross. The goal of the Cursillo Movement is to light a fire in the hearts of Catholic Christians to truly live their faith in every aspect of their lives and to be a light to others. The fire is lit in a three-day retreat or "short course" at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. (Cursillo, pronounced kur-see-yo, is the Spanish word meaning "short course".) Two men's weekends and two women's weekends are held each year.

The fire is kept burning through weekly meetings of "friendship groups" and monthly gatherings of "Cursillistas" (those who have made the weekend retreat) from all three Hutchinson parishes.

Contacts *Doris Dreiling* 620-200-1004 dorisdreiling@gmail.com

Holy Cross Grade School and Preschool



Holy Cross Catholic School is successful, first, because we have great families with great children! Providing them with exceptional and caring teachers who love to teach children, together we are "A Catholic Learning Community Forming Disciples of Christ." We are a parish school supported solely by the stewardship gifts from well over 2000 parish families in our

three Catholic parishes: Holy Cross, St. Teresa, and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Registered Catholic families do not pay tuition to enroll their children at Holy Cross Catholic School or Trinity Catholic Jr/Sr. High School. The gifts from all parish families, many of whom have graduated their children from schools, help make stewardship support of our parishes and Catholic schools possible! Their generous gifts to their parishes make it a reality! Each November, our parishes encourage our Catholic families to participate in the annual stewardship renewal as part of their renewed commitment to their parish.

Contact *Principal Amy Wagoner* 620-665-6168
awagoner@holycross-hutch.com

HCCS Volunteers – Your time and talent can be used to help with projects throughout the school year. There are many ways to use your talents, such as working one-on-one with students in reading or math, photocopying for a teacher, working a shift at a school event, or helping with a fundraiser. Holy Cross Grade School is very thankful for every volunteer!

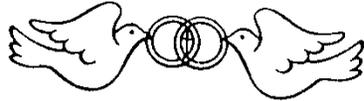
*Contacts Volunteer Coordinator Heather Ediger 620-669-8255
hoganhomeloans@yahoo.com*
*School Council Contact Molly McElgunn 316-250-9008
molly.mcelgunn@gmail.com*

Marriage and Family Life

Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a Catholic Christian marriage preparation program for couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage. It is a weekend program free of the tensions, pressures, and interruptions of daily living. The program is based on Catholic teachings and values and emphasizes the couple relationship in terms of a lifetime commitment, utilizing tools for practical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

*Upcoming Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends at the
Spiritual Life Center (316) 744-0167
<http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/engaged-encounter>*



Marriage Encounter

For couples married five or more years, Marriage Encounter is a weekend retreat designed to help renew a couple's love through communication, intimacy, and a deeper understanding of the sacrament that unites them. An atmosphere is created where the couple can concentrate exclusively on one another in private and confidential environment.

*Contact for registration and application: Clay & Aida Morrow,
(562) 331-4905. <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/marriage-encounter>*

The Choice Wine - Marriage Enrichment

The Choice Wine, 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage, is a new parish marriage enrichment program that places authentic marital happiness within every couple's reach. God is profoundly present in marriage and family life. The Choice Wine enrichment program can help you enjoy that lifetime together even more fully! This interactive, multimedia program consists of nine two-hour sessions held in the fall and spring of the year and is limited to 25 couples. A \$10 donation is requested to offset the cost of materials.

*Contact Mike and Neita Christopherson
Mike 620-727-6094 m.j.christy@hotmail.com
Neita 620-727-7745 neitarae@yahoo.com*

Natural Family Planning



The mission of the Natural Family Planning ministry is to provide education and witness about the Church's extensive teaching on marriage and family life. This is accomplished through NFP classes, presentations at Mass, RCIA or any other parish or community group. Whether you are engaged, in the early part of married life, or longtime supporters of NFP you can share your enthusiasm by providing support to other NFP users, providing refreshments during NFP classes, or by being willing to present NFP talks to various groups. This contact can also be used if interested in learning NFP.

Contact www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org Marriage and Family Life Office

Retrouaille

Retrouaille™ (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a

loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Contact Jake Samour, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, (316) 685-5240 or samourj@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

Parish School of Religion (PSR) for High School

“By His coming among us, Jesus transforms our lives. In Him, we see that God is love, He is fidelity He is life who gives Himself.” Pope Francis Sept 3 Tweet

We invite you to enroll your student(s) in the Parish School of Religion Program (PSR) so that we may come to know Jesus better. Classes for freshmen, and sophomores not enrolled in Catholic school are encouraged to attend. Students meet in the Trinity Catholic High School Junior High Commons, 1400 East 17th on Wednesdays from 7:25 - 9:00 p.m.

To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during sophomore year, students need to be enrolled in the PSR program or enrolled at Trinity Catholic High School, freshmen and sophomore years. All sophomores who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation, this year and all freshmen desiring the Sacrament next year must be enrolled and attending PSR classes. Confirmation for eligible students will take place during spring, 2018.

The PSR program needs your help. We need catechists for 9th through 12th grade from September through April and small group leaders for Confirmation preparation from January through Confirmation. No experience necessary, just a strong desire to share your faith. Training provided.

Contact Holy Cross Parish Office 620-665-5163 rectory@holycross-hutch.com



Parish School of Religion (PSR) for Grade School

The purpose of Holy Cross Parish School of Religion is to serve those students who attend public school throughout Reno County. Classes are offered to grades K-8 at Holy Cross Catholic Grade School on Wednesday evenings September through April. Sessions begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m. with the classroom portion ending at 8:15 p.m. We are blessed to offer classes for students with special needs.

Volunteers are needed as teachers and as aides. A strong faith and a love for children are all that is required to become involved with the Parish School of Religion.

Contact Kim Griffith 620-899-9453 kimberlygriffith27@hotmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA prepares adults to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and fully enter the Catholic Church.



RCIA involves a formation of mind and heart as participants learn about Catholic faith and practice and becoming integrated into our parish community. Participation is open to anyone, baptized or not, who desires to know more about the Catholic Church.

Volunteers are needed to sponsor each person in the program, to lead Gospel reflections with the group on Sunday morning, and to help with Thursday night teaching sessions.

Contact Fr. Michael Kerschen 620-665-5163 frmichael@holycross-hutch.com

Trinity Junior/Senior High School

The mission of Trinity Catholic Jr/Sr High School is to unite parish, home and school into a Catholic Learning Community dedicated to academic excellence and spiritual growth. Our vision is to prepare students to be practicing Christians who use the values, knowledge, and skills needed to live, learn, and work as leaders in their school, church, and community. Trinity Catholic integrates Christian values into all courses of study while treating each student as a unique person with God given gifts. The Trinity community of



students, families, faculty, and staff live our Christian values by giving their time and talent serving others. The unity of Christ, the master teacher; parents, the first teachers of their children; and the school educators, a daily teacher in the lives of students make Trinity Catholic a quality school.

Contact Principal Joe Hammersmith 620- 662-5800
jhammersmith@trinity-hutch.com

TCHS Volunteers – Trinity Catholic High School is always open to volunteers wishing to give of their time and talents assisting TC in its mission. Volunteers have the opportunity to provide aid to teachers with special projects, work with students needing individual resources, help maintenance/janitorial staff, as well as to provide adult assistance with school activities. In addition to the everyday happenings, Trinity Catholic hosts the Annual Benefit Dinner Auction in the spring, the largest annual fundraising event for Trinity Catholic. Volunteers are welcome to share their time and talents for this event as well. Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Trinity Catholic Jr/Sr High School.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve on another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” – 1Peter 4:10

Contact Development Director Shannan Miller 620-665-5800 or 620-694-7394
smiller@trinity-hutch.com

Serra Club



Serra Club of Reno County was established in 1999 as a tri-parish organization of Catholic men and women. Serra is an international organization, whose mission is to pray, invite, encourage and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Since Serra Club began in Reno County we have had three priests ordained. Some of our activities include sixth grade vocations day held for several area parishes, Seminarian basketball game and Altar Server event. St. Junipero Serra, pray for us. For the latest news on upcoming events, follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/RenoCountySerraClub

Contact Renée Goering, 620-665-5226, kgoering2@att.net
Betty Rajewski, 620-474-0290, brajewski4@gmail.com

Theology on Tap

“I started *Theology on Tap* as a way to make new friends in our Catholic community and I did just that! I hope *Theology on Tap* can do the same thing for you!” ~Samantha

Join us on the fourth Monday of the month (January through October) at *Royal Bar and Grill, 1514 E 4th*, Hutchinson. Come for food and fellowship at 7pm, with the presentation starting at 7:30pm.

Contact Shelli Ridder 620-200-8536 sridder1@cox.net

VIRTUS Training



The Diocesan VIRTUS program is mandatory for all adults who have contact with children at Holy Cross or throughout the Wichita Diocese. This awareness program focuses on child sexual abuse and how program participants can provide assistance in keeping our children safe. Trainers and assistants provide for the setup, administration and facilitation of the monthly programs held at Holy Cross Catholic School.

Contact Kim Griffith 620-899-9453 kimberlygriffith27@hotmail.com

Youth Ministries - CYM

CYM is an opportunity for high schoolers to gather together in an intentional Christian community. We build relationships with Christ and with each other through social events, spiritual practice, service projects, and whatever else the Spirit brings our way.

High schoolers are needed to serve as advisory board members and members. Adult volunteers are needed to serve in a variety of ways including leaders, advisors, chaperones, drivers, etc.

Contact Fr. Michael Kerschen 620-665-5163 frmichael@holycross-hutch.com

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Please make frequent use of our web-site:

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- Book Club excerpts
- School links
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- Mass Schedule (check for holidays!)
- Activities Calendar with room assignments
- Much more!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:30

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM
First Saturday 8:00 AM

Daily Masses

Monday 7:00 AM
Tuesday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 6:30 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM
Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturday 8:00 AM

Rosary

Before Saturday evening and Sunday Masses

Perpetual Adoration

Please call the parish office to find an hour each week that will fit your schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-5:00 PM
Weekdays: 30 minutes before each scheduled Mass
Anytime by request

PSR Classes

Wednesdays following 6:30 PM Mass
September-May

Gift Shop

Open 15 minutes before and after
Saturday evening and Sunday Masses

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*O God, I resolve to put You first in my life.
I recognize that You have blessed me
with all that I have and all that I am.*

*I commit to giving back to You
the first portion of my blessings.
Doing so may seem scary at times,
but I hear Your reassurance:
“Do not worry anymore,”
and know that I depend on You.*

*Dear God, I resolve to be generous
with my time, talent and treasure,
giving in proportion to the gifts
I have received.*

*At times I may fail, but I will confidently
live each day serving You from my heart.*

Amen.