September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sat., Sept. 11, 4:00pm: For the Parish (Bishop McGovern present for 150 Anniversary Mass).
Sun., Sept. 12, 10:00am: Sharon Correll +

Thurs., Sept. 16, 6:30pm: Jack & Lavera Bryan +
Sat., Sept. 18, 4:00pm: Ray Iffert and Leo & Mary Iffert +
Sun., Sept. 19, 10:00am: Ivan & Mary Weber and Linda Blank +

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun., Sept. 5, 2021
Loose 108..00 (41) Sun. Env. 3,012.00; (22) Building 1,408.00; (3) Religious Education 60.00
TOTAL: $4,588.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK
**Franklin Hinterscher; **Seth Weber (son of Ted & Kara Weber); *Evelyn McCreery *Mrs. Deana (Mark) Schafer; *Elizabeth Weidner; *Brenda Watkins

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION CLASS:
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall Wednesday, Sept. 15. A look at the Roman Catholic Mass and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist contrasted with other Christian denominations who also gather on Sundays for Praise and Worship Services and may even have Communion Sundays.

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email! Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected.**

PSR REGISTRATION:
The 2021-2022 PSR Registration is open on the Parish website. Our Opening PSR Mass will be on **Wednesday, September 29** at 6:30pm at Holy Cross. More information to come through Flocknote. –Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:
Sisters in Christ Group resumes on Wednesday, **September 15th at 5:30pm**, at Holy Cross. Our group will be using Walking with Purpose, the Catholic Women's Bible study program, Keeping in Balance. This will be our fall and winter program and if you would like to join, contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, for more details.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

A powerful verse from the Gospel of Mark, and one that is challenging. We all desire to follow Jesus and want to spend eternity with Him in heaven. However, there are choices and decisions we must make and live out to truly be one of his followers. This is where it becomes uncomfortable-for we must die to self and carry our own cross! You might be thinking – really – I am supposed to deny myself – you mean give up things – likes – desires – wants – and dare one say - even suffer – possibly even be asked to make a stand for one's religious convictions! Then, take all of that – and pick up my cross with any other concerns –worry – hurts – problems- and carry it? You mean, like Jesus did when he walked the Via Dolorosa – the way of the Cross – to Calvary? That is a lot to ask…that is a lot for me to do…Yes- It is…but Jesus did it first and shows us the way! We do not carry it alone – suffer alone – our Lord carries – walks – encourages us along the way. This day – Begin Again – die to self – offer it up – and give that time – energy – to Jesus! Pick up and carry your cross with a joyful heart and then you will be following Jesus – this is our path. Remember this world is not our Home – we are just passing through. So, journey onward and Live a Life of Love – it is the only path that leads to God and will bring us to eternal happiness!

St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! **Keep to the J.O.Y.S.**

HOLY CROSS PARISH EVENTS
Holy Cross Feast Day is September 11, this Satursday evening--with 4:00pm Mass with Bishop McGovern. Meal following and music.

150th SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
RELIGIOUS FROM WENDELIN
We will honor all past deceased priests and sisters from Holy Cross parish. The 17-week schedule includes:
**May 8 & 9-Rev. Urban O. Iffert, C.PP.S.
**May 15 & 16-Rev. Frederick L. Fehrenbacher C.PP.S.
**May 22 & 23-Rev. William A. Volk, C.PP.S.
**May 29 & 30-Rev. Henry W. Nix
**June 5 & 6 – Rev. Wilbert J. Iffert
**June 12 & 13-Rev. Joseph M. Feldmann
**June 19 & 20-Sister M. Celesta (Josephine) Nix
**June 26 & 27- Sister M. Josephine Iffert P.H.J.C.
**July 4 – Sister M. Loretta Volk, P.H.J.C.
**July 11-Right Reverend Monsignor Charles S. Nix, V.F.
**July 18-Sister Liberata Kuhl, ASC
**July 25-Sister Adelheid Bangert, ASC
**Aug. 8—Sister M. Kate Kuenstler, P.H.J.C.
**Aug. 15-Sister M. Marca Nix, P.H.J.C.
**Aug. 22-Sister Hermina Hausner, ASC
**Aug. 29-Sister M. Hermana Weber, P.H.J.C.
****Sept. 5-Sister Glemata Geier**
Fliers for each priest/sister available each Sunday.

"DVD's HAVE ARRIVED": Holy Cross Parish Series DVD's have arrived. DVD's are located in back of church (east side/choir steps) for anyone who placed an order. Please pick up pre-orders and sign the sheet with the name (whoever placed the pre-order) and quantity you picked up. A limited quantity of DVD's will be available for sale ($10 each). Will also be available at church rectory (office hours), Kuhl's Trailer Sales.

WINE BOTTLE TOPPERS- Holy Cross 150th Sesquicentennial Souvenir –on display on table back of church. $15.00 each. If interested – contact Jeannie Nix 618-562-6591, Tammy Rudolphi 618-843-5377 or Missy Buerster 618-843-1003. Promoted by Family Life

****COOKBOOKS**** **800 some recipes--$20.00 for each book. Another order will be placed soon.** Hopefully will be printed and back for sale by Thanksgiving or Christmas for sure!!

SMALLER CONTAINERS NEEDED at Holy Cross Parish Center: We have a nice supply that came in. Good for now—unless you have some you really need to get rid of. "Thanks" to everyone!!

AROUND & ABOUT:
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH PICNIC, Teutopolis - Saturday, September 18, 2:00pm to 11:30pm. Outdoor picnic style dinner – 2:00pm to 6:30pm. Also – Golf Ball Drop, Pickleball Tourney (forms on Facebook), Live Auction, Crafts, Cake Walk, Raffles, etc.

SACRED HEART PICNIC – Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3. Saturday , 5:00pm to Midnight. Sunday, 11:00am to 7:00pm - Chicken & Ham Dinner, (Parish Center). Big Raffle, Junior Raffle. Grand Prize (choice 2021 Harley-Davidson FLSL, 2021 Chevy Spark LT, or $15,000 Cash).

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL– OLNEY - NEWS:
St. Joseph School will sell mums again this year. Our order forms will go home with students. If you would like to purchase mums, ask any student or call the office.
No-Cost Ways to Support the School. We will recycle your plastic bags! Bring in your bags, and

we will exchange them for wal-Mart gift cards, which we use to purchase classroom supplies. **Thanks** to the many families, parishioners, businesses, and friends who supported the Father Jerry 5K!

ST. THOMAS GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE:
Thurs., Sept. 23, 8:00am – 6:00pm
Fri., Sept. 24, 8:00am – 6:00pm
Sat., Sept. 25, 8:00am – 11:00am
Drop off donations Mon., Sept. 20, 8:00am – 6:00pm and Tues., Sept. 21, 8:00am – 6:00pm.
St. Thomas Parish Center. All proceeds go to St. Thomas School.

LADIES QUIET RETREAT at the King's House is coming up – October 8-10 or October 15-17. Please call Lynn Weidner @ 618-843-0361 by **(Due to the increase of Covid cases, Lynn will not be going to the Ladies Retreat at the King's House in Belleville in October. If anyone still wishes to go, she can get you the information needed.)**

MEN QUIET RETREAT, at King's House coming up November 5-7. As of now the retreats are maximum of 36 people. Call Hank Weidner at 618-843-4864**. (Also, Hank has decided he will not be going to the Men's Retreat in November).**
Questions—email at weidner)61@hotmail.com or call Lynn at 618-843-0361 or Hank at 618-843-4864.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thurs., Sept. 16 - 4th Degree Meeting – 7:30pm
***Kudos* to all the volunteers** for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Days this past weekend at IGA! Thank you members, and family, and Special Olympic Coaches, parents and athletes!

LIFE CHAIN 2021 – Sunday, October 3
Respect Life Sunday. 1:30pm Prayer Service at the Effingham Event Center (Formerly Effingham KC Hall). 2:00-3:00pm Life Chain.

PRAYER CARDS – Find "Holy Cross Church 1871-2021" **prayer cards** on the card table as you come in church. Please take one.

****FUNERAL DINNER DISHES**–** from the Lavera Bryan funeral dinner – please pick up in back of church – (East choir steps).

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE at Holy Cross:
The next Blood Drive at Holy Cross Center will be **Sunday, October 10**, from 7:00am to 11:00am. . Please make an appointment early by downloading the American Red Cross App, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyCrossWendelin.

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON MASKS
DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Based on the new State of Illinois mask mandate taking effect Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, age two and older, are required to wear a mask while indoors. This includes weekday and weekend Masses, Eucharistic adoration, children's liturgy of the Word, PSR, nursery, etc. Masking is also required at all indoor parish social events. The safety protocols for Mass and Liturgy sent in June 2021 remain in effect, which include:
***All communicants should sanitize hands prior to the reception of Communion. This should occur as people approach the priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.**
***It is a good practice to continue to offer hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church.**
***Parishes should continue to clean and disinfect pews and other high touch surfaces after every celebration and/or event.**

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS
Saturday, September 11
Feast Day Mass
4:00pm

Celebrant
Bishop Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

***Priests, Deacons and servers should sanitize their hands frequently.**
Parishes with upcoming outdoor festivals may also want to consider wearing masks in crowded outdoor settings with activities that involve close contact.
Layered mitigation approaches have proven to be most successful in minimizing Covid transmission in our churches. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to keep out people safe and our churches open. Again, Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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