

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

January 28, 2018

WELCOME

HONOR

EMPOWER

BELONGING

PARTICIPATING
SERVICE

REGISTERING

YES



INITIATIVE

PRAYING

DREAMING

BECOMING

ENCOURAGING



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to Awaken, Enrich and Enliven the Sacred Within.

Holy Cross Core Values

We joyfully, prayerfully and lovingly:

Embrace all we encounter.

Honor the journey of others.

Empower all to discover the sacred within.

Through this discipleship of Christ we serve others.

BAPTISMS: Are celebrated after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. Parents must be registered, practicing Catholics and attend a Baptismal Workshop. Godparents must be at least 18 years of age, confirmed, practicing Catholics and attend a Baptismal Workshop.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Weekdays 30 minutes before mass

Saturdays 2:15—3:45 pm

And by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Held the 1st Friday of each month after the

9:00 am Mass— 12 Noon

WEDDINGS: Please call the church office 9 to 12 months in advance.

RCIA Would you like to become Catholic?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and if you would like to enroll in the RCIA program, please call the church office 337-984-9636, Ext 1202 or Adult Faith Formation Office at 337-654-9671.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight-Gus Gallo

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday 9:00 am
Thursday, Friday 5:30 pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



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Ext 1000

Monday, 1/29

9:00 AM:

Tuesday, 1/30

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza, Jeanette Boudreaux.

Wednesday, 1/31

9:00 AM: Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels.

Thursday, 2/01

9:00 AM: Marvin Howze.

Friday, 2/02

9:00 AM: Remic Meaux, Pauline Meaux, Marion Meaux, Rocky Scelfo, Graham Smith, Frances Crist.

Saturday, 2/03

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Rene & Miles Arceneaux, Dolores Derouen, Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Ladies Altar Sodality, Bruce Arceneuax.

Sunday, 2/04

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Marie May Morvant, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Rita B. Keller, Thomas Mhire, Curney Joseph Dronet, Donald Usie, Matthew Simon, Ted Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Pere, Ronnie Ardoin.

5:00 PM: Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon, Alcide Clement Family, Paul S. Martin Sr., Family, Mr. and Mrs. John Domingue.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

415 Robley Dr Lafayette LA 70503 984-9636

Simply fill out the form below and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection.

Name _____

In Memory, in Honor, or in Thanksgiving of _____

Amount Enclosed \$100.00

Phone # and or e-mail contact info: _____

Date: _____
 1st Preference _____
 2nd Preference _____



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

January 21 2018 — \$15,793.00

Church in Latin America — \$ 3,353.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

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YES INITIATIVE

The journey of the Yes Initiative is a Conscious Awakening to the power the Holy Spirit has given to each of us to actively engage in the Mission of Jesus. For so long we have not been informed nor empowered to reach the potential for which we have all been created by our wonderful God. This Initiative is to stir each of our pots to see and then to Belong to our parish. And in our belonging to move from taking what the church has to offer, to giving of who we are to build the Kingdom of the Father. Our YES is our challenge for all to Step up to the Plate and take our rightful place in becoming a Disciple and inviting others to walk with us. So in the word of the Jedi of Star Wars, may the Force be with Us!!

A NEW LANGUAGE FOR A NEW DIRECTION

This YES Initiative requires a new language that the Church has given us since Vatican II. First, as a people we are called the Laity, that is those not ordained or in the religious state. By our Baptism all have a part to play by directing every day affairs according to the will of God. The Laity must bring God's enlightenment and order to society. A big undertaking to say the least, but one that is essential to Discipleship and the building of unity through the Holy Spirit.

Pope Pius XII said the Laity are on the front lines and must have a clear consciousness of actually being Church. Notice the emphasis on being Church and not going to Church. This has been the direction of our Catholic Church since Vatican II, just never acted upon. Again, the challenge is to move from simply doing or going to Church to accepting the gift of the Spirit we received at Baptism to become a people creating a sense of belonging Welcoming those we meet, Honoring their journey and Empowering all to awaken to the gift they are for the Body of Christ.

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YES INITIATIVE

YES

There are two parts to this important yet simple phrase. The first part or word is **YES**. Three letters that can determine the direction of your journey and the journey of the parish. The **YES** comes from our Blessed Mother who said **YES** to the invitation of the Father to be the mother of His Son. With doubt and struggle, Mary surrendered and the dream of the Father became flesh in our world! It was her time. But NOW it is YOUR TIME for **YES!** It is most challenging and somewhat fearful as it brings us across the threshold to encounter the person of Jesus, the Sacred Within. **INITIATIVE**

The next part of the phrase is **INITIATIVE**. Now what, pray tell, does that mean? This is a word not often applied to Church, Parish, Journey, or Spiritual Path. Yet, without **INITIATIVE** there is NO movement, No growth, and NO becoming.

The word means Creativity, Spirit, Energy, Vision, Self-Motivation, or Resourcefulness. Now which one of these descriptions applies to you, where you are in relation to God, His Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Community, and Parish?? For many of us, this is new. The world in which we grew up as Catholics was never spoken of in these terms. After all, the parish was simply a place where the Church was located; it was a place where one attended mass or sent children to CCD: a place for baptisms, weddings, or funerals. It was NOT, usually spoken of in terms of **A COMMUNITY TO BELONG TO AND TO GROW WITH AND TO BE INVESTED IN.**

HOLY CROSS DESIRES AND IS HUNGERING FOR THE GIFT OF WHO YOU ARE AND THE GIFTS YOU BRING TO WELCOME, HONOR, AND EMPOWER THE SELF AND THE PARISH. WE INVITE YOU TO DANCE AND TO PRAY WITH THIS NEW YET OLD IDEA OF BECOMING CHURCH.

Centennial News — Sunday, January 28, 2018

The Diocese of Lake Charles - On January 29, 1980, Pope St. John Paul II created the Diocese of Lake Charles. The western portion of the Diocese of Lafayette was now a diocese of its own. Fr. Jude Speyrer, a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette and a native of Leonville, was chosen to be the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles. He was consecrated a bishop by Bishop Frey (Bishop of Lafayette), Bishop Schexnayder (Bishop Emeritus of Lafayette), and Bishop Perry (Auxiliary Bishop in New Orleans and native of Lake Charles). Bishop Speyrer served as Bishop of Lake Charles for twenty years.

Centennial Indulgence – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11th or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Eucharist will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9:45 am and we will conclude with Benediction at 12 noon.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT WILL YOU SAY **YES** TO IN **January/February?**

- New adventures
- Allowing older children to live their journey
- Attending an ACTS Retreat
- Praying with family once a week
- Forgiving yourself
- Leaving your comfort zone
- Seeing a spiritual director to help with your journey
- Becoming a person of true integrity
- Enjoying without complaint
- Being non-judgmental of self
- Forgiving without punishment
- Staying for all the mass and not leaving early
- Visiting someone in prison

January 28 –
February 3, 2018



Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

Schools observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation.

*This year's theme is Catholic Schools:
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*



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HOLY CROSS GUIDE FOR OBSERVING LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th

Masses at: 9am, 12:10 noon & 6pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 pm, Fridays of Lent

We pray the Way of the Cross in church.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. We are to have only one full meal on those days and to refrain from eating meat. The other Fridays in Lent, we are called to refrain from eating meat.

PILLARS OF LENT

Prayer, Fasting/Abstinence,
Almsgiving/Service

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Edmond Ladies Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection will be on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th**, from 8:00am-3:00pm (the day after Ash Wednesday). The retreat master will be **Fr. Scott Chemino** (Pastor of St. Anthony Church in Bunkie and Vicar-General of the Diocese of Alexandria). Coffee and donuts in the Atrium at 8:00am; Rosary at 9:00am; then Fr. Chemino gives conference. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm and confessions will be heard prior to Mass. Way of the Cross and Benediction in the afternoon!

Tickets are \$12.00 and include lunch and must be purchased in advance. To purchase, please send check (No later than February 8th) to: RaNelle Simon; 116 Delmar Drive; Lafayette, LA 70506. Phone: 337-232-2849 or 337-258-6372 (Betty Robinson). Tickets can also be purchased at the St. Edmond Church Office during office hours!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS 2017

IN MEMORY OF:

Jeanne Leblanc Bridges
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Dr. Clayton Arceneaux, Sr.
Lawrence Trahan, Sr.
Mr & Mrs. Willis Labbe
Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Arceneaux
Vergie & Bobbie Webre
All Moms and Dads who passed away

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

10 Healthy Grandchildren

We also received many Donations in Thanksgiving for Graces received and a Fruitful 2018!



Some of our third and fourth graders and their families will be participating in the mass on Sunday, January 28th at 9:00 A.M. They will be greeters, commentators, lectors and gift bearers.

Fifty-nine second graders are currently in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday February 8, 2018 at 6 PM

Please be in prayer for our children as they get ready for this grace-filled step of their journey!

First Reconciliation



Together in Jesus

LIFE NIGHT SUNDAY

Final Session for the Fake News Series

Confirmation Session Next Week Only Junior Class

Teens 1/28/18



The Fake News Series : Like, Follow, Share

Parish Life

LITTLE SHEPHERDS OPEN HOUSE

Little Shepherds is our Catholic preschool here at Holy Cross. We have classes available for children ages 18 months — PreK-4. We invite you to our Open House in Building S on Sunday, January 28th from 10 AM (after the 9AM Mass) -12:30PM. Stop by and tour, ask questions and learn more about all we have to offer your family. Spread the word to friends and neighbors. We look forward to meeting you at Open House!

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for February will be **Rev. Hampton Davis**. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**, at River Oaks Catering and Event Center Lafayette, 520 East Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional buffet is available for purchase. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed" – **please bring a friend!** Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval (232-1322).

Priests	Mon, Jan. 29 Msgr. Louis Melancon	Tues, Jan. 30 Rev. Mark Melancon	Wed, Jan. 31 Rev. Andre Metrejean	Thurs, Feb. 1 Pope Francis	Fri, Feb. 2 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Sat, Feb. 3 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel	Sun, Feb. 4 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Seminarians	Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations	Parents, Benefactors and Seminary Faculty of Seminarians	Reed Bellingham	Donald Bernard	Brother John Joseph, CJC (Payton Bourque)	Joseph Boustany	Alex Cormier
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15—3:45 PM	

HOLY CROSS ACTS RETREATS

Acadian Baptist Center — Eunice

Women's April 5 - 8, 2018

Men's April 19 - 22, 2018

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually and to build strong, lasting friendships. The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholic women, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/companion or clergy.

For more information on the Women's Retreat, please contact Lisa Draughon at 337-207-6543.

For more information on the Men's Retreat, please contact Joe Simon at 337-258-0650 or joesimon@bellesouth.net.

Please find registration forms in church, the church office and online on the Holy Cross website at ww.holycrosslafayette.com or our ACTS website www.holycrossacts.org.

KC GUMBO Fundraiser

SUNDAY, January 28th

At the KC Hall

Gumbo sales from
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
or till we sell out

\$ 8.00/1 quart



Chicken and Sausage Gumbo with rice

NEW MEMBER DRIVE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are seeking new members.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Gus Gallo
984-6159 or
A.gallo@cox.net

2017 HOLY CROSS CHURCH BAPTISMS

OCTOBER 2017

Ezra John Schmidt
Katherine Mae Duhon

NOVEMBER 2017

Caroline Louise King
Annalise Wimberly Bernhard

DECEMBER 2017

Everly Marie Gillion
Emma Rose Hamlin
Scarlett Joy McGuire
Blake Jeanne Robertson

**NOTICE
DATE CHANGE**

SENIOR CITIZENS' BINGO & LUNCHEON

**Wednesday
February 7, 2018**

Games begin @ 10:30AM
Luncheon provided following the games

Cards \$1 each

