

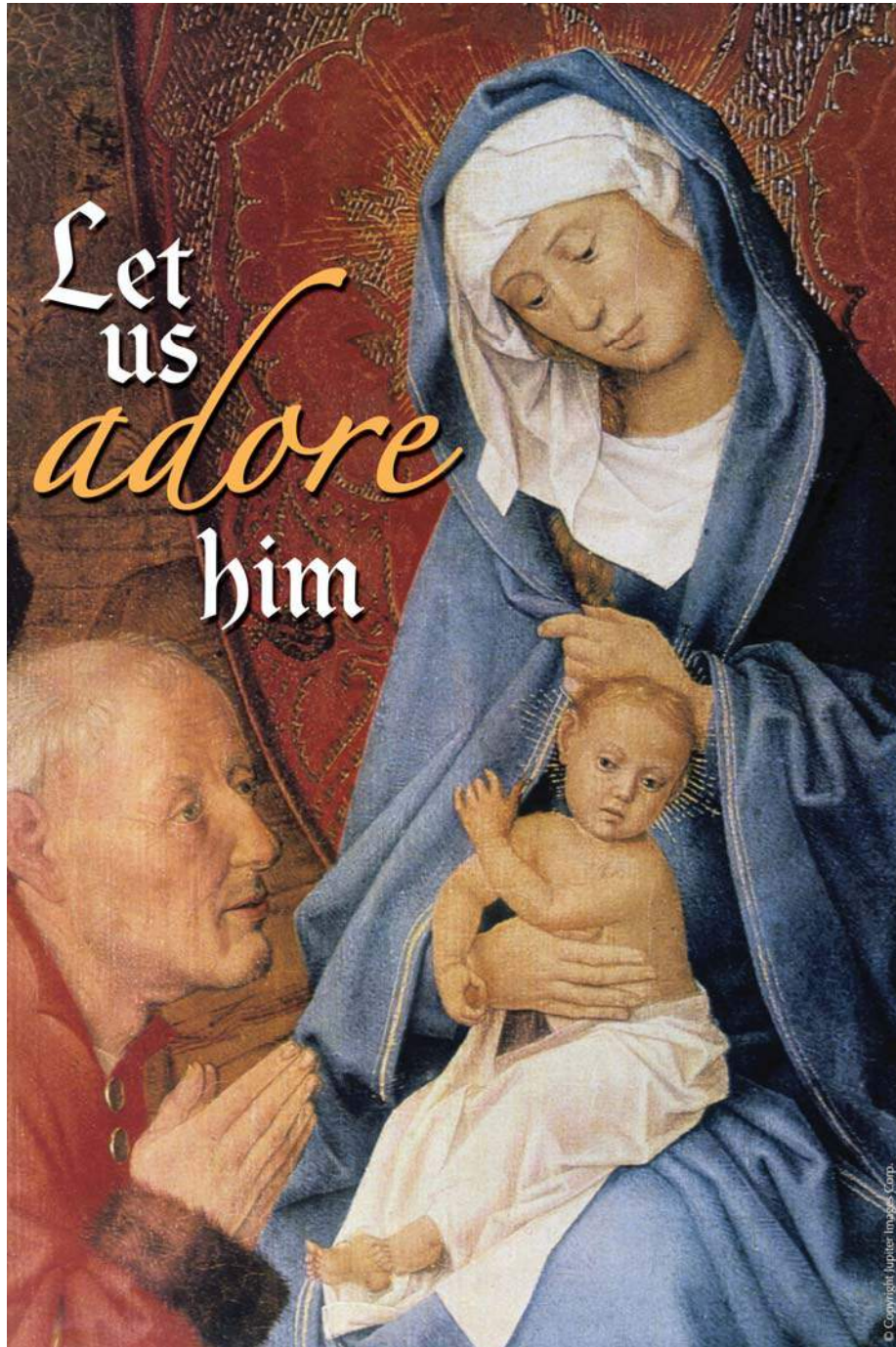
HOLY CROSS CHURCH

“Discovering the Sacred Within”

The Epiphany of the Lord

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

January 7, 2018



415 Robley Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

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Office: 337-984-9636



**HOLY CROSS
CHURCH**
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PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

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Our Mission Statement

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

Our 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, 9:00 am
Thursday, Friday 5:30 pm
Tuesday

The Epiphany of the Lord

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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 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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Monday, 1/8

9:00 AM: Gayle Harrington, Christine Cox.

Tuesday, 1/9

5:30 PM: Richard Price, Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza.

Wednesday, 1/10

9:00 AM: Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Dustin Draughon, Sal Diesi.

Thursday, 1/11

9:00 AM: Ted Harrington, Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Pere.

Friday, 1/12

9:00 AM: Frances Crist.

Saturday, 1/13

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, M/M Lefiad Simon, Kim Simon Palmer, Ann Bacque, Intentions for Donny Gallagher, Intentions for Scott Gallagher, Blair Harden, Eric Manuel, Ray Hession.

Sunday, 1/14

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Sal Diesi, Silvia P. Aldana, Mrs. Irma Mullins, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Rita B. Keller, The Duhon Family, Marie May Morvant.

5:00 PM: Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon, Intentions for Ella Huval.



CENTURY OF LOVE



News of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

January 2018

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The Seed is Sown: The Beginnings of Catholic Acadiana

“My dear Attakapas people,” these words of Bishop Jules Jeanmard marked the Breaux Bridge native’s joy at returning to southwest Louisiana to serve as the first bishop of the newly created Diocese of Lafayette in 1918.

The Attakapas were one of four major native tribes that inhabited the vast lands between the Atchafalaya River and the Sabine River. Though the territory had been claimed for France in 1699 as part of Louisiana, it was not until the 1740s that the first European settlers lived in the area. They formed small settlements named Opelousas and Attakapas (later St. Martinville).



Status of Attakapas Indian, St. Martinville

Religious activity in the territory was extremely limited. At the time, all of Louisiana was under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Quebec. The first recorded Sacrament in the region was a baptism on May 16, 1756 in a home near present day Washington. In 1762, Louisiana was given from France to

Spain and the Catholic Church in Louisiana was placed under the care of the Bishop of Santiago de Cuba, a Spanish colony.

The region was forever changed when thousands of Acadians decided to make the area their home after being exiled from Acadie. They initially settled in the Attakapas District and would be the first to establish a Church parish in southwest Louisiana. 1765 marked the formal establishment of the Parish of St. Martin de Tours in St. Martinville, the Mother Church of the Acadians in Louisiana.

St. Landry Church was established in Opelousas in 1776, the same year the American Revolution began in the British Colonies. The final decades of the 18th Century saw new settlers from France as well as Spain and their territories. In 1778, Spaniards settled in an area we call New Iberia. In 1793, the Pope responded to the needs of a growing Catholic population by establishing a diocese along the Gulf Coast. The Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas, with its seat in New Orleans, covered the Spanish territory along the northwestern edge of the Gulf of Mexico from Miami to the Sabine River



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as well as the Louisiana territory extending northward.

In 1803, Louisiana became part of the United States of America through the Louisiana Purchase. For the first time, the Catholic Church in Louisiana was not officially supported by the state. France and Spain were able to send missionary priests to the New World and paid for priests salaries as well as other financial needs. While the United States allowed freedom of religion through the First Amendment to the Constitution, it did not permit the state to support any faith. With a lack of priests and



Saint Martin de Tours Church, early 1800's sketch

from St. Landry, the only other parish in serving Southwest Louisiana was St. Martin de Tours.

Though these two small parishes did not seem too incredible, they would be the seed from which an entire diocese would grow. From these humble beginnings, the Church in Louisiana and the Church in Acadiana would mature in faith and in number.

finances, the Church in Louisiana suffered.

In 1814, there were 12 priests serving the entire Louisiana territory. Many parishes were without a pastor. At this time the pastor of St. Landry in Opelousas was also overseeing the churches in Avoyelles and Natchitoches. Apart



Saint Martin de Tours Church today, St. Martinville



Centennial News

Bishop Perry - On January 6, 1966, Harold R. Perry, SVD was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He became the first African-American Bishop in the twentieth century. Perry, a native of Lake Charles, was ordained a priest in 1944. His first assignment was at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette, and he would later become the founding pastor of St. Joseph in Broussard. Perry is the first of six African-American bishops who were born and raised in the Diocese of Lafayette.

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.

Opening Mass of the Centennial Year will be at St. Martin de Tours on January 11th at 6:30pm in St. Martinville. All are invited to attend. Seating will be limited. We especially invite all Clergy, religious and laity from the Southern deanery to attend.

Pro-Life March Activities – Vigil Mass on January 19 at 7pm at St. Pius X in Lafayette (tickets required – free). Rosary Congress from January 19 – 26 in the St. Pius X Adoration Chapel. Rally Praise and Worship on January 20 in ULL Quad from 9:30am-11:30am followed by the Pro-Life March (11:30-12:30) to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with a welcome by Bishop Deshotel at 12:30 and a Prayer Service and Benediction (12:30-1:30) inside the Cathedral. Rose Dinner at the Petroleum Club at 6pm (tickets required - \$75 per person/\$600 per table of 8). For all ticket information, call the Diocesan Pro-Life Office – 261-5607.

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

- Accepting and seeing beauty in all you see
- Follow one teaching of Jesus each month
- Write a love letter to yourself
- Tell someone of the gift you see in them
- Honoring the stories of others
- Practice the Golden Rule once a week all day
- Respect differences we encounter in others
- Seeking out spiritual opportunities
- Three Random Acts of Kindness

Holy Cross Core Values

Embrace all we encounter.
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week;
Julian Calendar Christmas
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

December 17, 2017 — \$28,676.96

December 24, 2017 — \$36,065.33

December 25, 2017 — \$20,818.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

National Migration Week 2018 January 7-13

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2018, "Many Journeys, One Family," draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

— Pius Parsch

AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Church History and Theology of the Body at AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Faith Seeking Understanding

Register now for an Aquinas Institute course! Two evening courses will be offered this spring:

THE 350 Church History by Fr. Rene Pellessier (Mondays 6-8:30 PM at Wisdom Catholic Student Center) and

THE 490 Theology of the Body by Kim Anson, MA (Wednesdays 6-8:30 PM at John Paul Great Academy). Courses begin January 24 and end May 7.

The classes can be taken for college credit or for catechetical credit (audit). For more information or to register call (337) 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

DAY OF REFLECTION

Embracing Change, Maintaining Values

On February 17, 2018, the Roses of Acadiana District Theresians will host "Embracing Change, Maintaining Values" a Day of Reflection at St. Pius X School Theatre.

Speakers are Very Rev. Chester C. Arceneaux, Katie Austin and Kessie Thomas. It will be held between 8:30 am- 2:00 pm. Light breakfast, lunch and snacks provided.

Cost is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Download registration form at: www.acadianatheresians.com

Mail checks to:
Roses of Acadiana District Theresians
4400A Ambassador Caffery Parkway
Box #179
Lafayette, LA 70508-6706

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR TEENS

Parishioners of Holy Cross,

The Office of Discipleship Formation, Deacon Scotty Baudoin and Deacon Jim Kincel are hosting a night of prayer and adoration on **Saturday January 13, 2017, from 5:15-7:00 p.m.** Please join them for a night of prayer for our teens who are attending their **Life Teen** retreat. We invite everyone to come to Holy Cross and pray for our teens to have a powerful awakening to the sacred within. To accomplish our goal, we need your prayers that evening. Please say Yes!

Unleashed Discipleship

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Wednesday January 10th
Youth Ministry Office

TOPIC: Discernment part II

The goal of Unleashed, as is the goal of every Life Teen resource, is to help form teenagers as disciples of Christ. This is done primarily through intentional, Christ centered relationships. Unleashed provides a context for evangelization and catechesis while growing in relationship with a teenager's peers.



Alpha is Coming to our community in January

What Is It?

The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, where adults have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The course meets once per week for 11 weeks. Each session, people enjoy a simple meal, laughter and learning about the person and teachings of Jesus in a fun and non-threatening atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or too hostile. There is no charge to attend the Alpha course. In the middle of the course there is a Saturday retreat.

Who Is Alpha For?

Alpha is for anyone: all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. Everyone is welcome. The Alpha course has proved to be an effective tool for awakening faith in people who are on the fringe of parish life, faithful Catholics and those outside the faith.

More than 29 million people in 168 countries around the world have taken the Alpha Course already, and it is being offered by Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant churches. The basic truths of Christianity are presented with energy and enthusiasm, and Catholics should not have to go to other churches to hear that message.

Catholic Endorsements?

Although it originated with an Anglican parish in London, the Alpha Course has received enthusiastic endorsements from Catholic cardinals, bishops and archbishops. One of its strongest supporters is Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household for Pope Francis, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

You have questions? Please contact Stuart Clark by email: sgclark4@aol.com or cell: 337-298-9050.

Catholic Bible School

Embracing Change, Maintaining Values

Join us for a Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 5:30—6:30 am at Community of Jesus Crucified, 115 Railroad Ave, St. Martinville, LA.

The study is led by one of the CJC Priests. All men are invited. Coffee provided and there is no cost and no registration. Show up any Thursday morning with your bible. For more information call Fr. Champagne at (337-394-6550).

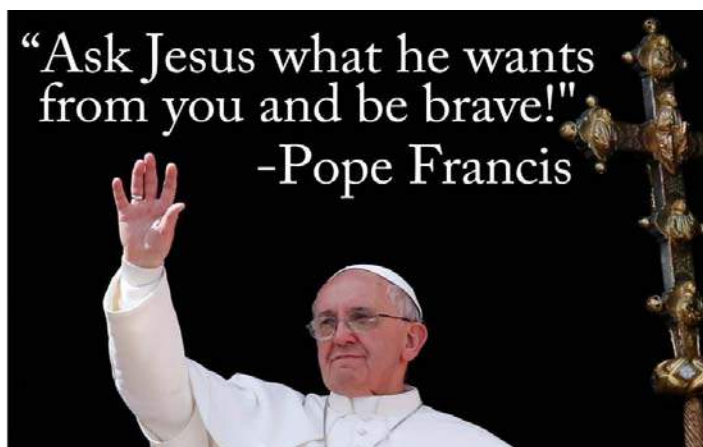
VITA

Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults

- VITA is offering another U.S, Citizenship Class beginning January 17. Focus is on the citizenship interview, understanding the application, the 100 civics questions and provides practice in reading, speaking and writing in English.
- Tutor training workshops are scheduled for Thursday, January 25 and February 1 from 5 to 7:30 pm. Session 1 is a prerequisite to Session 2. Volunteers must attend both sessions.

Both offerings to be held on the 4th floor of the former Whitney Bank building at 905 Jefferson Street. Contact VITA at 337-234-4600 or email: vitala@bellsouth.net.

	Mon, Jan. 8	Tues, Jan. 9	Wed, Jan. 10	Thurs, Jan. 11	Fri, Jan. 12	Sat, Jan. 13	Sun, Jan. 14
Priests	Rev. Clyde Le-Blanc	Rev. Steven Le-Blanc	Rev. Jerome Ledoux, SVD	Rev. Louis Ledoux	Rev. Mark Ledoux	Rev. Austin Leger	Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD
Seminarians	Andrew Killeen	Luke Kirk	Hayden Lacour	Joshua LaFleur	Alex Lancon	Rev. Mr. Korey LaVergne	Cade LeBlanc
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 :15—3:45 PM	



**Centennial Celebration
Opening Mass
(South Deanery Celebration)**

Please join Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel for this special Mass which will serve as the opening celebration of the Diocese of Lafayette’s Centennial Celebration. Live stream access will be available at diolaf.org for those who are unable to attend in person.

**Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:30 PM
St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville**

This date commemorates the January 11, 1918 Proclamation given from Rome by Pope Benedict XV for a new diocese to be erected in Lafayette.

**SENIOR CITIZENS’ BINGO
& LUNCHEON
Wednesday**



January 11, 2018
Games begin @ 10:30AM
Luncheon provided
following the games
Cards \$1 each

Adult Faith

John Schexnaildre
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OREMUS—LET US PRAY

Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God’s voice in your daily life, and know how to respond accordingly?

For many of us, the answer to these questions is, “no.” We all desire an intimate relationship with God. But, since learning to “say our prayers” as children, we never moved beyond rote recitation to an authentic conversation with God.

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice.

Holy Cross is offering an eight week study on prayer every Tuesday morning, from January 9, 2018 through February 27, 2018, 9:00-10:30 am in the Grace meeting room bldg A. The facilitators will be John Schexnaildre, and Karen Goodrich. Call the Holy Cross office to register, 337-984-9636. The cost of the student workbook is \$15.00.