

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

“Discovering the Sacred Within”

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

Heifer Project

2 CAMELS
to help families in Tanzania transport water and earn income

2 PIGS
to help families in the Dominican Republic attain greater self-reliance

2 COWS
to bring milk and income to families in Kosovo

2 TRIOS OF RABBITS
to provide food and income to families in Vietnam

2 WATER BUFFALO
to help families in the Philippines increase rice production through animal draft power

2 TRIOS OF GUINEA PIGS
to help families in Peru add protein to their diets and earn income

2 TRIOS OF DUCKS
to help families in Thailand generate income through the sale of eggs and birds

2 FLOCKS OF CHICKS
to help families in Cambodia improve nutrition and replenish their land

2 DONKEYS
to supply animal draft power to families in Zimbabwe

2 BEEHIVES
to help families in Mexico earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax

2 SHEEP
to help families in the United States produce wool

2 LLAMAS/ALPACAS
to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool for families in Bolivia

2 OXEN
to families in Cameroon to help pull plows and carts

2 GOATS
to help families in Poland provide milk for their children and earn extra income

2 FLOCKS OF GEESE
to help families in China better their nutrition and income through the production of eggs and meat



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PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

PARISH STAFF

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM—Noon, 1 PM—4 PM
Friday 8:30 AM—Noon

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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
337.984.6159
a.gallo@cox.net



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in
Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Homily Recording on Website

Explore our Website

Are you aware that we can access a recording of the Sunday Homily on our website? Please visit our website at www.holycrosslafayette.com and click on the broadcast icon that links to the Sunday homily recording. We also have an Events calendar. Please take a look.



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Ext 1000

Monday, 11/27

9:00 AM, Shirley Stutes.

Tuesday, 11/28

5:30 PM, Joseph M. Broussard, Marion Meaux, Shannon Price, Colleen Price, Odell LaMartiniere, Jr., Charles Chatelain, Gloria Sellers, Dustin Draughon, Special Intention for Father Floyd Calais.

Wednesday, 11/29

9:00 AM: Mrs. Anton Zagar, Kim Graham.

Thursday, 11/30

9:00 AM: Rocky Scelfo, Janet Frederick, Jackie John, Gayle Harrington.

Friday, 12/01

9:00 AM: Pauline Meaux, Marion Meaux, Adriel Abshire.

Saturday, 12/02

4:00 PM: Blair Harden, Beverly Colomb, M/M Bruno Kidder, Shirley Stutes, Intentions for Donny Gallagher, M/M Lefiad Simon, Kim Simon Palmer, Mattie Hudson, Ray Hession, Glenn Laviolette.

Sunday, 12/03

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Rita B. Keller, Larry Smith, John Guillory, Robert D. Kelly, Curney Joseph Dronet, Milburn & Nina Ducote, Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Ladies Altar Sodality.

05:00 PM: Alcide Clement & Paul S. Martin, Sr. Families, Mr. & Mrs. John Domingue, Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Terry Mayeux.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS for November 19th and 26th to be published December 3rd

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



Flowers in the
Sanctuary
In Memory of
**Paul Lawrence Miers
and Elrida Breaux**



A CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THE WORLD BY YOUR YES

My Dear People,

As the great Season of Christmas approaches, we find ourselves, once again, at the threshold of offering a new beginning to the people of the world. For that is what the Heifer Project is all about for us who are blessed with much. It is through this tangible giving we align ourselves with the Christ child in bringing new life into the world. It is one of the truest ways to honor the birth of our Lord by reverencing and honoring all life for which he came.

It is at this season of preparing for Christmas, that we stop to pause and remember that He came for all people; for those close to us and those who are far away whose names and faces we will never see. As a parish, we have chosen to express the Incarnation by touching the lives of countless people throughout the world through the the Heifer Project. Our project is a witness to all, of the value we place on all our brothers and sisters on this planet we call home. Our gift is a living testimony of the values given to us by the Child we call the Christ.

Your giving in the past has truly been exceptional and I am hoping that we will all respond to the cries of those who need help. Let us make this year a year of challenge and change. May it become for all of us an opportunity to make real in our lives and the lives of others, the presence of the Christ Child. What a gift to Him to help feed his Father's people!!

I encourage all of you to partake in this wonderful project and make the true meaning of Christmas real to you and to your family. If you would like to participate in this great endeavor, simply pick up an Animal Sheet found on the tables at the doors of the church and/or a gift envelope found in the sacristy. Fill out the Animal sheet, check one or more of the boxes, and return the form to the sacristy or place it in the collection basket or mail it to the office. The deadline is December 31, 2017.

The Gift Ark we offer as a community of Faith is a shelter from the storms of hunger and poverty that batter families around the world. Your gift starts a parade of animals on a voyage to where they are needed most. I ask you to be generous and get your friends and neighbors involved. Be part of the S.S. Holy Cross and get on board!! Don't let the Ark leave without your love and your gift.

In Joy and Peace,

Father Blessing



Worship

Christine Cox
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SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF
OUR BLESSED MOTHER



December 7th, Thursday
Anticipated Mass 6 pm
(we do not have 9 am mass on Thursday)

December 8th, Friday
Mass Times:
9 am and 6 pm

The Holy Cross
Music Ministry
Invites All to Our
"Night of Music"
Filled with Festive Songs
and Christmas Classics
Sunday, December 17th
6:30 pm in Church



Please join us for light refreshments in the
Vestibule (by the Broadmoor entrances)
after the music program

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DIRECTED RETREAT

Monday, December 4, 2017

The Jesuit Spirituality Center will offer a personally directed retreat beginning on the indicated date. Participants may choose an 8-day, 5-day, or 3-day option.

The center specializes in these personally directed retreats, which are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Solitude and silence are important aspects of the retreat experience.

For additional details, including cost and registration information, please contact the center at 337-662-5251 or visit online at www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

*Silence & Waiting
Learning from Mary*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center
St. Martinville Mater Dolorosa Chapel
No Cost and No Registration Required*

*Mass at Noon - Confessions Available
Please Bring a Brown Bag Lunch*

*PARKING 103 Railroad Ave.
St. Martinville
For More Information, Call Fr. Champagne
at (337) 394-6550*

ATTENTION TO ONE AND ALL **CONCERNING MASS SCHEDULES**

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

SAT. DEC 23RD MASS AT 4PM AND 6PM

SUN. DEC 24TH MASS AT 7AM AND 9AM
THERE WILL BE NO 11AM OR 5PM MASS

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL
IS AS FOLLOWS:

SUN. DEC 24TH MASS AT 4 PM IN CHURCH
MASS AT 4 PM IN FAITH HALL
MASS AT 6 PM IN CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
IS AS FOLLOWS:

MON. DEC 25TH MASS AT 9AM & 11AM
NO 5PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY



Disciple Formation

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The Office of Disciple Formation would like to say a great big "Thank You" to all of you who donated to our Families on the Move Collection on October 28-29.

Your generosity is much appreciated!!!



HEIFER PROJECT



Students in our 1st—6th grade Disciple Formation classes will have the opportunity to raise money

for Holy Cross's annual Heifer project. Each student may take home a bank and collect change. They will be able to return the banks in church at any of the Christmas Eve or Christmas day masses.

Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities.



Adult Faith

John Schexnaildre
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Faith Table Advent Study

Faith Table is a Holy Cross prayer group that meets every Tuesday morning, 9:00-10:00 am in the Wisdom room in building D, to reflect on scripture and share their spiritual journeys. This advent the group will be using Bishop Robert Barron's Advent Reflection Booklet. This booklet includes the full Gospel readings for each day of Advent and a short reflection by Bishop Robert Barron. All Holy Cross parishioners are welcome to join us for this Advent journey. The first meeting will be on December 5, 2017. The booklets can be picked up at the Holy Cross office during the last week of November. The cost of the booklet is \$2.00. Please join us and Bishop Robert Barron as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.





CONFIRMATION



WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 12-14th

Registration forms can be accessed via Google Docs.

To access please email:

Kmelancon@holycrosslafayette.com

Registration is \$75 dollars a teen. Open to any high school student. Mandatory for 9th and 10th registered in Discipleship Formation. Partial Scholarships offered contact Church office for information.



December 9th Service Project

8:00 a.m. to Noon

We need **20 teens** to say "yes" — contact the youth minister or email to sign up.

Building the community of faith through Equine-therapy. Our teens will be involved in reaching out and helping the community at a horse farm.

Breakfast and lunch provided.

PARENT LIFE NIGHT

November 26th

Parents are invited to join our Life Teen Family for a session from 6:15—7:30 p.m. in Faith Hall.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL



Consider giving a Heifer donation as a stocking stuffer this year! Santa visits children all around the world and knows that many children are in desperate need of more than just toys and games. That’s why these stocking stuffers provide less fortunate children with lifesaving nutrition and teach your little ones about the true meaning of Christmas.



Gift Cards are available in the Sacristy if you are interested in giving a donation to Heifer as a Christmas gift to someone!

THE GIVING TREE



This year, in addition to putting Holy Cross families on the Giving Tree, we are going to help with a special project.

The ANNUAL CHILD SMILE PROJECT, is a project through the Diocese of Lafayette’s Office of Justice and Peace that coordinates the Prison Ministry program and organizes the collection of gifts for children whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Imagine the joy this special gift will bring to a child who suffers separation from a parent due to incarceration, or the delight a gift can bring a child whose family is unable to meet their daily expenses. You will bring hope and joy to that child this Christmas.

Our trees go up on Sunday, November 19th. The gifts will need to be in the administration building, building A, **no later than Wednesday, December 6th**. We need to deliver them to the Diocese by that afternoon. Please do not wrap the gifts. You may place them in gift bags. Also, no toy weapons or second hand toys. If you have any questions, please call Teri Broussard at 337-984-9636, ext. 1003.

FINAL CALAIS CENTER RENOVATIONS:

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| Foyer renovations: | \$4,075.00 |
| Air Conditioning improvements | \$21,716.00 |
| Refurbish entrance canopies | \$23,000.00 |
| Created a new storage area from the un-used loading dock access point | \$12,696.00 |
| Wallpaper Faith Hall & Classroom hallway. | \$20,225.00 |
| Created a new Director of Disciple Formation office space | \$6,000.00 |
| Building exterior painting | \$23,000.00 |
| Updated Women’s and Men’s Restrooms | \$13,165.00 |
| Installed new LED lighting in classrooms and Faith Hall | \$71,287.00 |
| Installed new audio and visual components for meeting presentations | \$34,600.00 |
| TOTAL RENOVATIONS: | \$229,764.00 |

Thank you for your spirit of generosity.

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| | Mon, Nov. 27 | Tues, Nov. 28 | Wed, Nov. 29 | Thurs, Nov. 30 | Fri, Dec. 1 | Sat, Dec. 2 | Sun, Dec. 3 |
| Priests | Rev. Michael Guidry | Rev. Mitchell Guidry | Chaplain (Captain) Brad Guillory, USAF | Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD | Pope Francis | Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI | Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel |
| Seminarians | Hayden Lacour | Joshua LaFleur | Alex Lancon | Rev. Mr. Korey LaVergne | Cade LeBlanc | Calvin LeMaire | Seth Lemaire |
| | Men's Choir 6:30 - 7:45 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm | Adult Choir 5:45 pm—8 pm | Thanksgiving | | Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm | Heifer Project KO Second Offering Church & Maintenance Fund (CMF) |

Second Harvest Food Bank



One in five households in Louisiana is at risk of hunger. Across our state and region, the rising cost of food,

housing, and utilities, coupled with high unemployment and low-wage jobs have increased the need for emergency food assistance. Many families are asking for help for the first time. When bills loom and impossible decisions must be made, grocery lists are often cut first. Meals are skipped. Parents go without to make sure their children are fed. Second Harvest Food Bank is leading the fight against hunger in South Louisiana by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response. Second Harvest provides food to 582 partners. Together, we make up the largest anti-hunger network in the state.

Through our food distribution programs, community kitchen meal service, nutrition education, and public benefits assistance, we are helping to create pathways out of poverty.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Eucharist will be held on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 9:45 am and we will conclude with Benediction at 12 noon.



FUN-DRAISER FOR LARC



THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, PIZZA ARTISTA WILL DONATE 20% OF YOUR NET SALE WHEN YOU MENTION AT CHECKOUT!

LARC's mission is to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in reaching their goals of self-sufficiency quality of life and self-worth.



GIVING TREE GIFTS

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR TURNING IN YOUR GIVING TREE GIFTS (IN BAGS ONLY; NO WRAPPED GIFTS), IS **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT NOON.**

THERE ARE TWO TAGS PER HANGER. SEND ONE BACK WITH THE GIFT AND PUT THE OTHER ONE ON YOUR TREE AND PRAY FOR THE PERSON.

