



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH



*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*A Year Of The Grace Of Yes*

*February 11, 2018*

WELCOME

HONOR

EMPOWER

BELONGING

PARTICIPATING  
SERVICE

REGISTERING

YES



INITIATIVE

PRAYING

DREAMING

BECOMING

ENCOURAGING

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# PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

## PARISH STAFF

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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.

### 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  
337.984.6159  
[a.gallo@cox.net](mailto: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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
- Monday:** Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday:** Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence
- Friday:** Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
- Saturday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

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](http://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.



337.984.9636  
Ext 1000

Monday, 02/12

9:00 AM: John Borah

Tuesday, 02/13

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza.

Wednesday, 02/14

9:00 AM: Ed Bourgeois, Jr., Gayle Harrington, Aimee Comeaux.

Thursday, 02/15

9:00 AM: Clarine Martin, Aline Cormier.

Friday, 02/16

9:00 AM: Frances Crist.

Saturday, 02/17

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, Mrs. Phillip Bourque, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Shawn Christopher Mayeaux.

Sunday, 02/18

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: James Hector, Rocky Scelfo, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Thomas Mhire, Rita B. Keller, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere.

5:00 PM: Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon. Jardell, Errol Deshotel, Sue LaPrairie.

WEEKLY OFFERING for

January 28, 2018 — \$18,658.32

February 4, 2018 — \$16,888.66  
Building Fund — \$ 5,240.00

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.*

## Worship

Christine Cox  
ccox@holycrosslafayette.com

### Centennial News — Sunday, February 11, 2018

**One Native Son to Another** - On February 17, 2016, Pope Francis accepted the retirement of Bishop Michael Jarrell, who served as the sixth Bishop of Lafayette for over 13 years. At the same time, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Douglas Deshotel, previously an Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas, as the seventh Bishop of Lafayette. Bishop Jarrell, a native of Opelousas, and Bishop Deshotel, a native of Basile, follow in the footsteps of Bishop Jeanmard, a native of Breaux Bridge. Remarkably, in our 100 years as a diocese, over 50 of those years, have been led by a Bishop native to Acadiana.

**Centennial items being sold** – Centennial Paperweight, Centennial Yard Signs and Centennial History Book can be purchased at Diocesan Central Office, Cathedral Gift Shop, Queen of Angel's Church in Opelousas and St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville.

### WHAT WILL YOU SAY **YES** TO IN **February**?

- Keeping a journal of your YESES
- Staying for all of the Mass and not leaving early
- Singing at Mass
- Forgiving yourself
- Acknowledging your journey
- Being the best version of yourself
- Volunteer your talents
- Being strong
- Leaving your comfort zone
- Smiling more
- Praying with family
- Loving who I am

A little bit of mercy makes  
the world less cold and more  
just.

Pope Francis

### PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Were you There?**

Fridays during Lent  
5:30 pm in Church

*At each Station, we are presented  
with another participant in the  
drama of our salvation and  
through that person are called  
to ask ourselves:*

**“Was I there? Am I still?  
What part did I play... am I still  
playing?”**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

Mass at 9 am

12:10 noon & 6 pm





## Parish Life

Teri Broussard  
tbroussard@holycrosslafayette.com

### NEWCOMER REGISTRATION

**Welcome to Holy Cross. Registration cards are located in the wall receptacles by the entrances.**

If you would like to become part of our faith family at Holy Cross we welcome you and your gifts. Simply sign the back of the card and drop it in the welcome basket at the main entrance of the church. Someone from the office will get in touch with you soon.

**Registration can also be completed online and is located on our website in resources on the bar at the top of Home Page; then Parish Membership Form on the left bar.**

<http://www.holycrosslafayette.com>

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

If you are a parishioner of Holy Cross Church and would like to have Communion brought to you because you are unable to attend Mass, we have a group of ladies and gentlemen that can bring Communion to you. Please call Betty Herring at 984-2286 or the Holy Cross office at 984-9636.

### HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, we are always looking for people who are willing to say "Yes" to this ministry. Please call Betty Herring at 984-2286 or the Holy Cross Church office at 984-9636.

## Adult Faith

John Schexnaildre  
jschexnaildre@holycrosslafayette.com



**Men,**  
16 years & older,  
this weekend is about  
how to  
discern  
**God's call**  
for your life.

*No cost to you.*

Transportation  
provided  
from Lafayette.

*Reserve your spot today.*

To register,  
contact:  
Diocese of Lafayette  
Office of Vocations  
**Fr. Patrick Broussard,**  
**Director**  
1408 Carmel Drive  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
337 261-5690  
vocations@diolaf.org  
or  
visit:  
[lafayettevocations.org](http://lafayettevocations.org)

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## Come and See

Saint Joseph's Seminary  
Palm Sunday Vocations Retreat  
March 23-25, 2018

## Tending the Soul of Marriage

### A Married Couples' Retreat February 16-18, 2018

*The retreat begins on Friday at 4:00 and ends  
with Noon lunch on Sunday.*

### St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center in Chatawa, MS

*St. Ignatius of Loyola* gifted the church with his Spiritual Exercises in the sixteenth century. They provide the basis for silent retreats even today. But what wisdom might St. Ignatius offer us for our modern-day lives and families? And how can married couples utilize the exercises for their own spiritual growth on a daily basis?

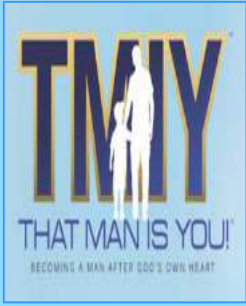
As Lent begins, join *Robin and Easton Hebert* for a journey into Ignatian spirituality, embracing concepts that will aid your spiritual growth as individuals and as married couples. *Included in retreat will be pockets of silence and time for deep personal sharing within the context of prayer.*

Suggested donation is \$360.00 per couple  
For reservations: Call Sister Sue Von Bank at [601-783-0801](tel:601-783-0801) or e-mail: [retreatcenter@ssndcp.org](mailto:retreatcenter@ssndcp.org)



## Parish Life

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**THAT MAN IS YOU** is a program for men to help them become "men of God" in the fullest sense. The meetings address topics that refer to men and their challenges in life.

**THAT MAN IS YOU** meets on Friday mornings at 5:45 a m in the Calais Center. All men (18 and older) are invited! Early rising is a great sacrifice, but the results are heavenly!

## BETHANY MINISTRY

The Bethany Ministry is comprised of teams of volunteers who offer their service of providing food around funeral arrangements. In a parishioner's time of grieving, the Bethany Ministry is able to take the stress off the family's shoulders in one small area with feeding guests at the wake or funeral. Please call Tracy Laurent at 337-962-7303 or email her at [tracymlaurent@yahoo.com](mailto:tracymlaurent@yahoo.com) if you are interested in the Bethany Ministry.

## Youth Ministry

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## CONFIRMATION



Holy Cross Youth Ministry recently hosted a **Life Teen** Retreat for teens of Holy Cross Church. The retreat offered an opportunity for teens to have a powerful awakening to the sacred within.

	Mon, Feb. 12	Tues, Feb. 13	Wed, Feb. 14	Thurs, Feb. 15	Fri, Feb. 16	Sat, Feb. 17	Sun, Feb. 18
Priests	Rev. Jerome Neyrey, SJ	Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD	Rev. James Nguyen	Rev. Thomas Nguyen	Rev. Gayle Nunez	Rev. Godwin Nzch, CMF	Rev. Anselm Ofodum
Seminarians	John Dugas	Adam Fenstermaker	Andrew Furka	David Furka	Jace Gyles	Jonathan Harris	Nicholas Hebert
						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@bellestosouth.net.

Please find registration forms in church, the church office and online on the Holy Cross website at [www.holycrosslafayette.com](http://www.holycrosslafayette.com) or our ACTS website [www.holycrossacts.org](http://www.holycrossacts.org).



**SoulCORE** is a meditative movement class for the mind, body and soul. Ladies meet once a week to study the bible for the coming week and workout. If you would like to join us, we will begin our journey on Ash Wednesday at 7 pm and continue to meet every Monday night during Lent at 7 pm at the Calais Center, Building D, classrooms 26 & 28. It's free. It's just for women. It's one night a week. It's a community, a sisterhood. No exercise experience needed. Call the parish office, **337-781-4932** to register and we will email you the e-book. Check it out at [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com).

## Holy Cross Little Shepherds ELC

*Begins Registration for the 2018-2019*

Holy Cross Little Shepherds ELC announces registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications for new students will be accepted beginning Wednesday, February 21st at 8:30AM at Little Shepherds (Bldg. S). Little Shepherds is our Catholic preschool here at Holy Cross and classes are available for children ages 18 months- PreK-4. Days vary depending on your child's age, preferences and availability. We provide a loving, nurturing and safe learning environment to prepare your child for their future schooling. Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff welcome the opportunity to have you join our Little Shepherds family. For further information, please call our office at 337-984-2636.

## 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](mailto:A.gallo@cox.net)