

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

*A Year Of The Grace Of Yes*

*February 25, 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

337.984.6159

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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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday



Do you have a few hours each week to volunteer answering the phone at Holy Cross Administrative Office? If so, please contact Office Manager Kathy Borah at 337-984-9636.



337.984.9636

Monday, 02/26

9:00 AM: Beverly Possen, Brandon P'Pool.

Tuesday, 02/27

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza, Janet Frederick, Lisa Fasnacht.

Wednesday, 02/28

9:00 AM: Jeanette Boudreaux, Melanie Wiley, Gayle Harrington.

Thursday, 03/01

9:00 AM: Donald Usie, Marvin Howze, Johnny Hebert, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere

Friday, 03/02

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

Saturday, 03/03

4:00 PM: Rene & Miles Arceneaux, M/M Bruno Kidder, Dolores DeRouen, Ray Hession, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes.

Sunday, 03/04

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.
11:00 AM: Marie Morvant, Curney Joseph Dronet, Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Ladies Altar Sodality, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Rita B. Keller, Ronnie Ardoin, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere, Mo Trent, Matthew Simon, Thomas Mhire, Alicia & Esteban Mendoza.
5:00 PM: Alcide Clement Family, Paul S. Martin Sr. Family, M/M John Domingue, Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon.

WEEKLY OFFERING for

February 18, 2018 to be posted in the March 4th Bulletin.

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, February 25, 2018

**Mother Drexel** - On March 3, 1955, Mother Katharine Drexel passed away at the age of 96. She and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which she founded, would have a profound and lasting effect on the Diocese of Lafayette. With her sisters and her financial support, the diocese founded many parishes and schools, particularly for the African American Catholics in Acadiana. Her support began in New Iberia in 1917 when she donated funds for a new church, school, and hall to be built. The parish was named after her recently deceased brother-in-law Edward. At the time of her death, Mother Drexel was donating \$20,000 a year to schools and churches in the diocese. In 2000 she was canonized a Saint by Pope St. John Paul II.

**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 Angels Church in Opelousas and St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville.

## COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

*The Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years* is an extraordinary and unique way to celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Beginning on Wednesday April 4 at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the Square of St. Martinville. The Marathon will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday at 4:30 PM. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will begin the reading from the first chapters of Genesis and Bishop Michael Jarrell will conclude with the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation. Over 300 lectors will be needed for 20 minute intervals. Lectors from churches from throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen and *Marinate* in the Word! For more info. or to register as a lector, please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com) or (337) 394-6550.

*More information is available at [www.fetedieuduteche.org](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org) and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.*

## DIOCESAN PENANCE SERVICE

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesday, March 6th  
6 pm in Church**

For He  
is always there,  
behind you,  
beside you  
and  
before you.

**Several Priests will be  
available for the  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

Conversion  
Confession  
Celebration

**Holy Cross Church  
Sponsored by the Central Region**

## HOLY CROSS GUIDE FOR OBSERVING LENT

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 pm, Fridays of Lent

We pray The Way of the Cross in church.

### ADORATION

To follow The Way of the Cross for one hour on these Fridays: March 2nd & 9th.

### 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

*Lent prepares our hearts to more fully enter into the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.*

## PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### Were you There?

Fridays during Lent 5:30 pm in Church. One hour of Adoration to follow the Way of the Cross on March 2nd & 9th.

*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?”**

NOW IS THE TIME  
TO SAY **YES** TO

**Holy Week and The Liturgy  
of the Sacred Triduum**

**PALM SUNDAY  
of the Lord's Passion  
MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOLY THURSDAY  
Evening Mass of the  
Lord's Supper  
MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> ~ 6:30 PM  
(NO 9 AM MASS)**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
Solemn Celebration of  
the Lord's Passion  
MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 3 pm  
(NO 9 AM MASS)  
Fish Fry to follow in  
Mission Hall (Gym)**

**EASTER VIGIL  
Service of Light and Hope  
MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> ~ 8 PM  
(NO 4 PM MASS)**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> ~ 9 AND 11 AM MASS  
(NO 5 PM MASS)**



## *The Joy of the Gospel*

The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' remarkable exhortation on evangelization, is quickly gaining its place among the most powerful and inspiring papal documents of all time. The Joy of the Gospel is a passionate call for every Christian to be constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others.

Holy Cross is offering a six-session reflection study on the Joy of the Gospel. This study focuses on the three main themes contained in Pope Francis' letter. The study guide can be downloaded from the internet or a copy can be obtained from Holy Cross. <http://www.jesuitforum.ca/sites/jesuitforum.ca/files/joyweb.pdf>

The study guide is self-contained with quotes from the document, narratives on the three themes and questions for discussion.

The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from April 4, 2018 through May 16, 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Grace meeting room in bldg. A. There will be no session April 18, 2018, the night of the Holy Cross Mission. There is no cost for the study.

Please call the Holy Cross office to register for the study, 337-984-9636.

## Join Us For A Special Evening With Author Dr. Mary Neal

Dr. Mary Neal, an orthopedic surgeon and author, will return to Lafayette to speak on the *Seven Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life*, the sequel to her first New York Times best seller, *To Heaven and Back*.

Dr. Mary Neal drowned while kayaking on a South American river. She experienced life after death. She went to heaven and back, conversed with Jesus and experienced God's encompassing love. She was returned to Earth with some specific instructions for work she still needed to do. She is ready to share the lessons that she learned in heaven that she did not share before so that we may be open to the promises of God and live a more joy-filled life.



**DATE:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 • 7pm  
Doors open at 6pm

**PLACE:** University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Student Union - Atchafalaya Ballroom

**TICKETS:** \$25/each  
Available for purchase at  
[LourdesFoundation.com](http://LourdesFoundation.com)  
Cash Bar

Book sale and signing in the lobby following her talk

## 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 out our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for March will be **Rev. Matthew Hebert**, Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Church Eunice. “**Food for the Journey**” will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 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 beginning at 11:30 a.m. 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).

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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





## Parish Life

Teri Broussard  
tbroussard@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.

### 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 [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.

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### HAVE AN UNFORGETTABLE LENT Dynamic Catholic

Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a Free video based email program.

## Youth Ministry

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 LIFE TEEN

CONFIRMATION

 EDGE



**Passion and Discipleship**  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
PARENT LIFE HOSTED BY  
LIFETEEN EVENING OF  
DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION  
Join us High School Parents March 4th  
for a night of discovery and adventure.  
What the Passion of Christ can do for me  
in Discipleship.

### Confirmation Session 4

POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
IN OUR LIVES

*The primary questions every Christian  
should go home thinking tonight is*

- What does the Holy Spirit do for me?
- HOW does the Holy Spirit help me say yes to the divine?

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25

FAITH HALL AFTER 5p.m MASS

	Mon, Feb. 26	Tues, Feb. 27	Wed, Feb. 28	Thurs, March 1	Fri, March 2	Sat, March 3	Sun, March 4
Priests	Rev. Daniel Picard	Rev. Michael Polson	Rev. Ruben Primor	Pope Francis	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Seminarians	Rev. Mr. Corey LaVergne	Cade LeBlanc	Calvin LeMaire	Seth Lemaire	Joseph Marcantel	Riley Maturin	Scott Mitchell
						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](http://ww.holycrosslafayette.com) or our ACTS website [www.holycrossacts.org](http://www.holycrossacts.org).

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

- Praying the Parish Prayer every day
- Letting go of hurt and pain of days gone by
- Praying with Scripture
- Attending an ACTS retreat
- Three Random Acts of Kindness
- Spreading kindness
- Making changes by my example, not opinion
- Offering service to the parish
- Forgiving yourself
- Leaving your comfort zone

## 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)

## KC LENTEN FISH FRY

**FRIDAYS**

**March 2, 9, 16, 23**

**At the KC Hall**

**5:00—7:00 p.m.**  
(For pick up only—no ticket sales)

**\$ 8.00**



**CATFISH DINNERS**

**Fried fish,  
coleslaw,  
fries &  
hushpuppies**

## Driver Needed for Holy Cross Route Meals on Wheels

We are looking for an additional volunteer to deliver meals on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The route requires only about one hour of your time and it is so gratifying to help those in need as a service to our community. If you are interested, please contact Coordinator Debby Bourque at 981-0451 (home) or 344-1156 (cell).