



**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor**  
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**AUGUST 15, 2010–THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: By Appointment**  
**ADORATION: From 7:30 AM Thursday Continually Until 7:00 PM Thursday**  
**Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 12 Noon – 1 PM to 4 PM**

Monday 16	No Service
Tuesday 17 6:00 PM	+ Kenneth Tronicek
Wednesday 18 7:00 AM	+ Liz Lopez
Thursday 19 7:00 AM	+ Gabriel Tovar
Friday 20 7:00 AM	+ Msgr. Benton Thurmond
Saturday 21 5:00 PM	Rosalie Konvicka's 91 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
Sunday 22 7:00 AM	+ Alma Kanak
9:00 AM	+ Agnes Polasek
11:00 AM	Parishioners



**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Bo & Bradley Berry  
 Thursday – 7 a.m. – Rachel Polak, Hallye Mica  
 Friday – 7 a.m. – Lane Kolafa, Blake Whitley

**Saturday, August 21 – 5:00 P.M. Mass**

Servers: Miranda & Cody Lehmann, Matthew Tovar  
 Lector: Gretchen Wilkerson  
 Ushers: Brian Mica Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Melinda Alvarado  
 Cup-Dennis & Dianne Viktorin, Gloria Demny, Ann Kramr

**Sunday, August 22 – 7:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Blake Hlavinka, Cathryn & Kara Morse  
 Lector: Helen Mica  
 Ushers: Albert Smaistrla Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Cynthia Dusek  
 Cup-Margaret Smaistrla, Ken Stavinoha

**Sunday, August 22– 9:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Joshua, Camille & Corrinne Mica  
 Lector: Shelley Popp  
 Ushers: Jodie Smaistrla Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Karen Moszkowicz  
 Cup-Daniel & Cindy Garza, Daniel & Helen Pesek

**Sunday, August 22 – 11:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Garrett Losack, Nathan Anders, Derrick Rucka  
 Lector: Carolyn Pilcik  
 Ushers: Donald Buxkemper Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Tim Faltysek  
 Cup-Lora Faltysek, Donna Cavness, Lance Rejsek, Yvonne Naiser



**Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 709**

**Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$6,423.77**  
 Parish Development: \$1,183.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:**  
 Rosalie Konvicka's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday by her Family.

**Please Pray For Our Sick:** Rev. Henry Rachunek, Sr. Lillian Barta, Sr. Elaine Bradon, Johnny Acuna, Christian Adamek, Juanita Adamek, Lupe Aguilar, Felix Aguire, Gina Alsup, Susan Badger, Fred Baird, Martha Hlavinka Balou, Rudy Barta, Gene & Janet Bartosh, Margie Bartos, Ed Bartosh, Andy Bouse, Jerri Brezik, Samuel Britton, Bubba Broesche, J.B., M.B., Joe Burttschell, Sr., Gloria Buxkemper, Kay C., Gloria Centeno, Rena Chauvin, Anna Chumchal, Joe Chumchal, Evelyn Cochran, Lillie Connor, J.D., Gwen Danley, Selia Delgado, Roy Demny, Terri Dipple, Bernadette Dodge, Katherine Drews, Kalyn Dujka, Eva Dusek, Helen Dusek, Joyce Dusek, Mike Ellisor, Lucille Ferguson, Cameron & Chase Figliola, Edrie Flowers, Bob Flynn, Beatrice Fojtik, Frank Foltyn, Jerry Galvan, Philip Gaudette, John Michael Green, Adrian Gubert, Frances Hadash, Tillie Haedge, Caylee Ann Hammock, Mary Hennecke, Susie Hillmann, Syl Hlavinka, Florence Holmes, Marvin Holub, Mary Hoot, Mark Horelica, Ron Horelica, Linda Hoskins, Brent Irby, Richard Jalowy, Joyce Janik, Ambrose Jasek, Mary Johec, Ruthie Johec, Debbie Jones, Jeanette Kalina, Annie Kalinowski, Chris King, Leslie King Quinnell, Karen Klecka, Rudy Klecka, Judy Kolafa, Bessie Kramr, Gary Krenek, Kenny Krenek, Eugenia Kulhanek, Oscar Litvik, Archie & Jeremy Lopez, Barbara Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Charlie Macha, Louise Macha, Jake Marik, Joe Marik, Pati Marik, Patsy Marik, Baby Ryder Gage Martinez, Hope Martinez, Karen Meinardus, Charlie Michulka, Syl Michulka, Leona Milder, Sandy Crane Miller, Joe Minks, Sr., Hedwig Mitchon, Janie Montalbo, Mary Montalvo, Margaret Kelner Moore, Bennie Morris, Gene Mrkwa, Carole Nowak, Bob Olson, Chris Pena, Calvin Pfeil, Evelyn Pilcik, Lillian Pilcik, Danny Pless, Agnes Polak, Seth Potts, Marilyn Powers, Shirley Powers, Susan Prazak, Simon Ramirez, Stanley Rejsek, Mildred Repka, Thomas Rieger, Rufino Rivera, Sam Rubio, Sr., Tom Rutkowski, Baby Owen Michael Shaw, Dan Sklar, Agnes Smaistrla, Greg Smaistrla, Joe Sodalak, William "Pop" Spinks, Rosemary Staudt, Joe Szymanski, John Szymanski, Lillie Talafuse, Lucy Talas, Victor Tichacek, Amy Thomas, Shirley Thomas, Rudy Tydlacka, Evelyn Ullmann, Anthony V., Frank Vecera, Vu, Mike Vader, SRW, Annette Weber, Clif Williamson, Cecil Wondrash.

Please call or email to add someone to the list.



Parish Bible Study of First Corinthians to begin August 31, at 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians.

***In First Corinthians:***

***The Church and the Christian Community,*** you will:

Learn how to live a Christian life in the midst of a pagan culture.  
See St. Paul's strategy for successful evangelization.  
Discover a new vision for seeing the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.  
Discover the practical dimensions of love that create strong communities.  
See how the sacrifice of Christ is truly made present in the Eucharist.  
Discover the importance of Christian unity in relation to the Church as the Body of Christ.

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary!

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**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins every Thursday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and closes at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Communion to the Homes:**

**August 15:** Bill & Bernice Cavness, Evelyn Kramr, Janelle Barta

**August 22:** Margaret Smaistrla, Donna Cavness, Helen Mica

Please call Janelle Barta at 335-7975 if you need to receive home communion.

**Altar Society:** Patricia Michulka, Delores Pietsch, Jo Ann Preisler, Sharon Sebesta

**IWBS Meeting: Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room.**

***KJT Youth Scholarship Fund Raiser – Sunday, August 22***

Chicken Fried Chicken - \$8 per plate – Drive thru only at Holy Cross Religious Ed parking lot – Please contact Gloria Buxkemper at 335-7318 for tickets or more info.

**Area Bazaars:**

**Praha Picnic** – Sunday, Aug 15 – Stew & Fried Chicken – Serving 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**St. Andrew Summer Festival of Hillje** – Sunday, August 15 – Beef & Sausage

**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Picnic** – Sunday, August 22 - Cistern

**Holy Cross Festival of Yorktown** – Sunday, September 12 – BBQ Beef & Sausage

**Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall**

***KJT, ST. WENCESLAUS, SOC. #40 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

***DONATIONS:***

EDWIN C. (BIG ED) MARIK IN MEMORY OF: BERNARD RYCHLIK, GABRIEL TOVAR, AUGUST KUTACH AND SIMON KUCERA.

KJT, ST. WENCESALUS, SOC. #40 IN MEMORY OF: AUGUST KUTACH.

RAYMOND & MARY HENNECKE IN MEMORY OF: AUGUST KUTACH.

JOHNNIE & MARTHA VIKTORIN IN MEMORY OF: AUGUST KUTACH.

**Parish Fund Donations:**

***Building Fund:*** Holy Cross Choir in memory of Simon Kucera.

***Cemetery Fund:***

Ed & Judy Schneider in memory of August Kutach & Simon Kucera.

***Scholarship Fund:*** Eugene Dusek Family in memory of August Kutach. Catholic Life, Branch 95, Albert & Margaret Smaistrla, made a donation of \$75.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

***Team Halo:*** As October has been officially proclaimed National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month, **Team Halo** is planning a special memorial mass for babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death on **Sunday, October 3, at 9 a.m.** Anyone who has been affected by this loss is invited to join us as we plan a beautiful mass and possible butterfly release to honor and remember our angels. For more information, call Cheryl at 832-595-8860.



**CDA Community Calendars** – that time again to place your orders! With Birthdays, Anniversaries, or other special occasions, or for any updates, please contact Gail Guthman at 979-234-3273 to place your calendar order. Still a great bargain at \$5.00 each!

**Second Collection:** September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions available – 10 dates left for this year.**

### **New Parishioners – Welcome to Holy Cross Parish!**

Please come by the Parish Office to let us know you have arrived. Census forms are in the foyer on the cabinet.

Start saving your 1-gallon clean plastic milk jugs for the cemetery! We will put out collection boxes on September 1. Thank you!

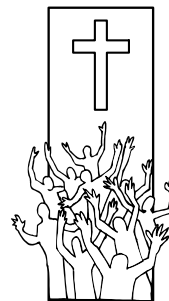
### **To be with Mary in heaven**

Some days we'd like to be assumed into heaven with Mary and avoid life's pain. Until our days are spent, however, our vocation must focus on this earth, saying as she said "Be it done unto me according to Your will."

May this feast day remind us not only of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, but also of her blessed obedience and willingness to serve right where she was. May her example light our road as we travel toward the day we rejoin her in heaven.

### **An image of our resurrection**

Because of Jesus Christ, death is no longer fearsome. We can look past death to a life of eternal happiness with the Father. And Mary, our model, who was assumed body and soul into heaven, enjoys now what we have been promised. As we consider our future resurrection, we look first to her Son, Jesus, but also to Mary, to enflesh for us the meaning and plan of the Divine. She is "one of us" and we look to her with love. We ask her intercession on our behalf when we face our death. We can picture her, present body and soul in heaven, as we say the Nicene Creed: "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."



**GOF Registration has been extended!** If you did not receive your registration form, extra forms are available in church, rectory and convent. Reminder: Families must be attend GOF for at least one year before a child can attend sacrament preparation classes. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is usually received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Confirmation is usually administered in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Contract Mrs. Krenek for more information 979-335-4134.

## **Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall**

**More Bazaar News:** We want to **thank** the following for donating **Raffle** items for this year: Howard & Gretchen Wilkerson and Daniel & Tiffany Wittig donated a Visa Gift Card; Alan & Cindy Pribyl donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Charles Ray & Lois Vincek donated a Gift Certificate to Vincek's Smokehouse; John & Mary Ann Kubes donated a Wood Rocker from B&K Furniture; James & Elrose Kresta, Kresta Builders, donated a Visa Gift Certificate; David & Jill Janik donated a Gift Certificate to Janik's Meat Market; Daniel & Bernadette Karasek donated a Visa Gift Certificate; Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kalinowski donated a Gift Certificate to Vincek's Smokehouse. **We have 91 wonderful prizes!**  
**Thank you all very much for all your great donations! We could not have such wonderful Raffle Prizes if not for your generous donations.**

**Auction Items Needed** – keep in mind – Bazaar coming soon! Thank you!

**JCDA News** – JCDA will be hosting a cake raffle fundraiser at all masses starting **August 15<sup>th</sup>** through the end of the month. Thanks in advance for your continued support!!

**JCDA Summer Outing** – JCDA will be traveling to Splashway on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. All active 2009-2010 members are invited to attend. Please contact Jennifer Coker (335-6454) or Janice Polak (335-4029) if you would like to participate.

**Altar Server Appreciation Day at Splashway – Saturday, August 21**  
Splashway Water Park in Sheridan. Registration forms in church.

Please bring your **Candle wax** to CDA Meeting or B&K Furniture before Thursday, Sept. 23, as Fr. Webber will be in our area. Thank you!

## BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECT OTHERS

Dear Parishioners,

Through the years and after listening to numerous complaints, I have come to realize that Catholics do not want to be harassed after Mass. They do not want someone poking tickets in their face or be pushed to participate in something in which they have no interest. Common courtesy and our Christian beliefs encourage us to respect others.

Since first becoming a pastor in 1984, I have imposed the same guideline in every parish I have served. I think it is perfectly OK to give parishioners the "opportunity" to participate in various fundraisers and receive information about parish organizations and activities. The rule is that any group selling tickets or offering information must have the permission of the pastor and must sit or stand behind a table with a poster letting people know why they are there. Do not leave the table to go and speak with parishioners or call out in an effort to get them to come over to the table. People attending Mass then have a choice whether or not they want to participate. This rule is appreciated by the majority and I am grateful that most groups and organizations cooperate. Every group is responsible for the individuals representing it.

Each year various youth groups and several others offer raffle tickets to win a cake or other "goodie." I think all of them are an example to follow. They stay at their table and many people buy a ticket on their way to Mass. I don't think anyone feels pressured. Individuals look forward to the possibility of winning while supporting a worthy cause.

Parish organizations and groups are given an opportunity to share their goals and encourage membership once a year. You may spend five (5) minutes on a determined weekend addressing the congregation at all Masses. On this weekend you can set up a table in front of church have members available to answer questions and pass out literature the purpose and activities of your organization. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and come prepared to use the time wisely. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas do this annually on CDA Sunday. The Knights of Columbus have also made good use of this opportunity.

With permission, information and various registration forms for parish and diocesan events may be made available for pick up in the church vestibule. Notify the office and a note will be placed in the bulletin letting parishioners know the information is available.

I do not like to announce from the pulpit what is already in the parish bulletin. However, because readership is down, sometimes it is necessary to draw attention to special events or activities. If you feel you have something that needs to be announced, notify the office no later than Friday morning so that the information may be included in the list of announcements I receive from the parish secretary on Friday afternoon. Do not leave notes on the vesting bench in the sacristy or hand them to me when I am ready to start Mass. They are usually washed in my pocket the following week. Following these guidelines will make attending Mass less stressful for everyone, including me.

Thank you, *Father Don Ruppert* Pastor



## Birth Certificate Needed for Baptism

Information recorded in the Church Baptismal Register must match that on the Birth Certificate. In the future parents will need to arrange baptisms in person and bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate. If you are not a registered member of Holy Cross Parish or live within the parish boundaries, you must have written permission from the pastor of the parish

in which you reside to have a child baptized in Holy Cross Church. Parents and sponsors should attend a baptismal preparation class before scheduling a Baptism. If you attend the class in a parish other than Holy Cross you need to provide proof of attendance. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and able to validly receive Holy Communion according to the laws of the Catholic Church (if married they must be validly married in the Catholic Church). If you are unavailable during office hours you may FAX or e-mail a scanned copy of the birth certificate to the church office.

**The CARE Center** at the First Baptist Church is in need of canned goods and sugar and flour, to help out local residents. They are currently helping 45 families in our East Bernard area. Please take the food items to the First Baptist Church. Thank you!



Canned Food Drive

## What is the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)?

The Diocesan Services Appeal is an annual fund raising campaign that provides virtually all the funds needed for the operation of the diocese. Please respond to your letter and help where you are able.

*"Your light must shine before others so that they can see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 16)*

## ARE YOU REGISTERED?

It is important that we keep our membership records up-to-date. Catholics regularly attending Holy Cross Church should register as members of the parish. If you are new to the area and have not yet registered please take time to do so. You can register by stopping by the church office or call 979/335-7551. Anyone who has an address change or moves out of the parish should also contact the office so that the change can be recorded.