

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Office hours:

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Parish Staff:

Father David Wynen

Pastor

Eileen Anderson

Secretary

Barbara Boulanger

Sacramental Co-ordinator

Theresa Scholz

Parish Nurse

Robert Ramage

Caretaker

Liturgical Schedule:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil)
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Daily Masses

Tuesday
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Our Parish Year

2009 - 2010

This brochure outlines many of the celebrations and activities of our parish for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider your own involvement in the life of our parish. The gifts of all our parishioners are welcomed.

Christmas Celebrations

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
Masses: 5:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.; 9:00 p.m.
12:00 Solemn Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day
Masses: 10:00 a.m. (Pageant) & 12 Noon Mass
(All Masses in Holy Cross Church. Children welcome at all Masses. Please note no 8:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning.)

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28
Masses: (Sat) 5 p.m.; Sunday 8:30, 10, 12 Noon

Holy Thursday, April 1
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2
11:00 a.m. Family Celebration of the Passion
3:00 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Passion
7:00 p.m. Prayer at the Cross (Taize)

Holy Saturday, April 3
12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food (Hall)
7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4
Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12 Noon

Taize Prayer

Monthly gathering of prayer, chant and quiet reflection.

Fridays at **7:00 p.m.** on the following dates:

September 11
October 2
November 27
February 12
April 2 (Good Friday)
May 21

Celebrations in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In addition to the Marian feasts of the Liturgical calendar, our parish will gather for these occasions:

Wednesday, October 7
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18

Mass in honour of the BVM

Stations of the Cross

On the Fridays of Lent we will pray the Stations at 7:00 p.m.:

February 19
February 26
March 5
March 12
March 29
March 26

Mass with Healing Prayer

Supported by the members of our parish prayer group, this Mass is celebrated on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.:

September 29
October 27
November 24
January 5
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 25

Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meetings support members with prayer, song and the Word of God. Meetings are on Wednesdays (except following the Mass with Healing Prayer).

Ministry to Seniors

Volunteer parishioners assist our seniors in various care homes:

Extindicare

Weekly distribution of Holy Communion and monthly Mass.

Bennett Centre

Weekly distribution of Holy Communion on Sundays.

Mountainview

Monthly distribution of Holy Communion on first Friday; and monthly Mass.

Volunteers are needed for these ministries. You will receive training and support.

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Open to all women of the parish, monthly meetings following 7 p.m. Mass:

September 15
October 20
Monday, November 16
January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15

PARISH BAZAAR
Saturday, October 17

PARISH PUB NIGHT
Saturday, October 24

Knights of Columbus

Catholic men (18+) can join the work and fraternity of the Knights. Monthly meetings following 7 p.m. Mass on these Tuesdays:

September 8
October 13
November 10
January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8

Parish Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is an advisory board of parishioners who assist the pastor in areas relating to the pastoral life of our community. They meet after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on the following Tuesdays:

September 29
November 3
March 2
May 4
June 1

Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is an advisory board of parishioners who assist the pastor in the administrative areas of the parish's life. It meets on a quarterly basis as needed.

Liturgy Committee

Wednesday evenings:
September 23
November 18
March 3
May 19

Social Committee

Wednesday evenings:
September 30
November 11
January 13
March 24
May 12

Coffee Sundays

Coffee Sundays are hosted by families in the parish who prepare the coffee and treats which we enjoy after the morning Masses on the following Sundays.

September 27
November 29
January 17
February 28
April 25
May 30
June 27

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (The Atrium)

The Atrium is a unique approach to religious instruction for children allowing them to grow in their faith through reflection, experience and faith sharing. Sessions for different age groups are held throughout the week. For more information kindly contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The celebration of God's Word for children takes place during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. It begins in September and concludes in May. A complete schedule is given upon registration which will take place in September.

Instruction for Children not in Catholic School

Religious instruction for these children is the responsibility of the parents. The parish offers materials to assist them.

Adult Education Opportunities ...

“For People in the Pews”

An “everyday bioethics” lecture series for *people in the pews*. The series is presented by the *Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute* and will be hosted by Holy Cross Parish. Sessions will take place after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on the following Tuesday evenings. Each session is approximately 2 hours long:

Tuesday, November 17th, 2009	Session 1	What is Ethics?
Tuesday, November 24th, 2009	Session 2	Reproductive Issues
Tuesday, December 1st, 2009	Session 3	End-of-life Issues
Tuesday, December 8th, 2009	Session 4	Euthanasia and Assisted Dying

Living Our Baptism – A series for Lent

These weekly sessions will offer a reflection on our journey of faith in light of our Baptism. It will provide a basic review of the Sacraments and their role in our faith life.

Thursday, February 18th, 2010	Session 1	Baptism & Confirmation
Thursday, February 25th, 2010	Session 2	Eucharist
Thursday, March 4th, 2010	Session 3	Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick
Thursday, March 11th, 2010	Session 4	Marriage & Holy Orders

Special events & celebrations ...

Prayers at the Greenwood Cemetery – we will gather at the Cemetery for prayer on **Sunday, November 1st, 2009** at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Wedding Anniversary Mass – couples celebrating significant anniversaries of Marriage (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+) in 2009 are welcome to celebrate with the parish community on **Saturday, November 21st** at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Registration will take place in the Fall.

Ministries & Formation ...

Parishioners who wish to become *Ministers of the Word*, *extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, and *Ministers of the Altar* will be invited to inquire about these ministries in the month of September through our parish bulletin. Formation for these ministries will be provided.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – all current and any new extra-Ordinary Ministers will be invited to participate in a formation session on **Wednesday, October 14th, 2009** at 7:00 p.m.

Ministers of the Word – all current and any new Ministers of the Word will be invited to participate in a formation session on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2009** at 7:00 p.m.

Ministers of the Altar – any young people (generally Grade 4 or older) who wish to serve at Sunday Mass will be required to attend a formation session on **Saturday, October 17th** at 1:00 p.m.

Parish involvement in our Catholic schools ...

Celebrations of the Word

We will have several occasions throughout the school year for celebrations of the word of God with each Grade Level. A liturgy of the Word with the imposition of Ashes will take place in each school on Ash Wednesday.

Celebrations of the Eucharist

Each school will have a celebration for their patronal Feast Day. Family Masses in Advent and Lent will take place on a week night. An Easter Mass will take place during the School day. All celebrations of Mass will take place in Holy Cross Church. These Masses do not take the place of fulfilling our Sunday obligation.

Special Celebrations

Evening Prayer & Inauguration of School Councils

This special celebration will be held in Holy Cross Church on Monday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. A wine & cheese will follow in the parish hall. It is a great opportunity to bring our school council members together and begin their year with prayer.

Grade 8 Graduates' Mass

This Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 24th, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Celebration of the Sacraments with Children ...

First Reconciliation

Children will be prepared for this celebration in their classrooms and in the parish community. Liturgies will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church on the following dates:

Saturday, November 21 st	9:30 a.m.	Holy Cross School
	11:00 a.m.	St. Brigid School
Saturday, November 28 th	9:30 a.m.	St. Francis School
	11:00 a.m.	St. Catherine School

First Eucharist

First Eucharist is an important moment in the lives of the children and their families. After preparation at school and in the parish, the celebrations will take place at the following Masses:

Saturday, April 17 th	1:00 p.m.	Holy Cross School
	5:00 p.m.	St. Catherine School
Sunday, April 18 th	10 & 12 Noon	St. Catherine School
Saturday, April 24 th	1:00 p.m.	St. Francis School
	5:00 p.m.	St. Brigid School
Sunday, April 25 th	10 & 12 Noon	St. Brigid School

Confirmation

Preparation is provided for children in Grade 8 who wish to celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Bergie on the following dates:

Saturday, February 27 th	10:00 a.m.	St. Brigid School	1:30 p.m.	Holy Cross School
Saturday, March 6 th	10:00a.m.	St. Catherine School	1:30 p.m.	St. Francis School