

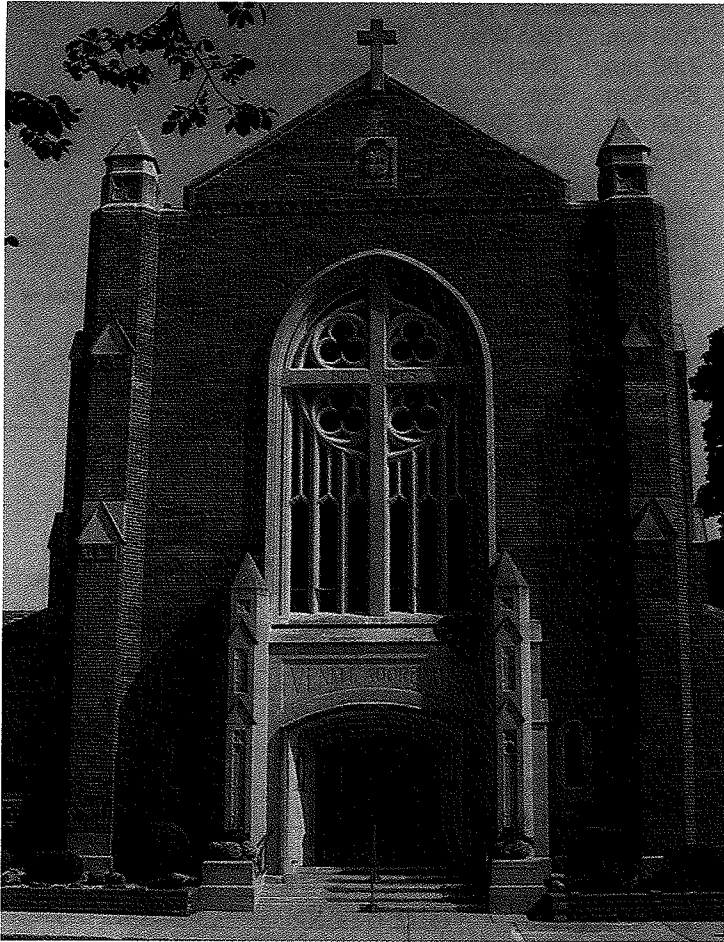
# Holy Cross Church

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## **Sunday Masses**

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 6:30, 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass - 7:00 p.m. Saturday  
12:00 p.m. Sunday

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 7:00 and 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

## **Confessions**

Saturday - 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

And, by appointment

## **Baptism**

Pre-baptismal instruction is required. Call the office for information and setting a date.

## **Weddings**

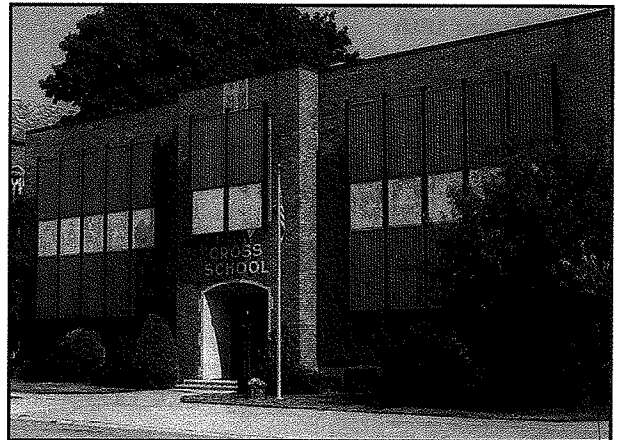
Before any other wedding arrangements are made, please contact the parish priest 6-8 months in advance.

## **Homebound and Hospital Visits**

Please call the office during times of illness and visits will be arranged.

## **Cemetery Lots Purchase**

Please call Steve Schmitt 815-538-5276

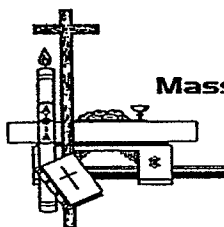


## *Holy Cross School*

1008 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

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Principal - Anita Kobilsek



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 10th**

4:00 p.m. +Oscar McCauley by Shirley & Elvis Breedlove  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Jose Barajas by Maria Barajas

**Sunday, January 11th**

6:30 a.m. +Evelyn Michel by Mahaffey & Setchell Families  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners  
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - +Leopoldo, Perfecto, Ma De Jesus, Eligio y Teresa Covarrubias by Graciela Arteaga

**Monday, January 12th**

7:00 a.m. +Robert Rasgaitis by Dave & Nancy Walzer  
8:00 a.m. +Dan Truckenbrod by Jamie & Barry Beetz

**Tuesday, January 13th**

7:00 a.m. +Oneida Doran by Charlie & Kathy Mackin  
8:00 a.m. +Henry Young by Betty Meznarich

**Wednesday, January 14th**

7:00 a.m. +Lorraine Bulfer by Family  
8:15 a.m. +Kirk Schwingle by Gary & Rose Rose  
(Prepared by Miss Wujek's 2nd Gr Class)

**Thursday, January 15th**

7:00 a.m. +Scott Thompson by Roger Weitzel Family  
8:00 a.m. +Lois & Bud Dinges by Family

**Friday, January 16th**

7:00 a.m. +Joanne Montavon by Heinie & Paddy Schwemlein  
8:00 a.m. +Jose Jaime Barajas by Jose Barajas Jr

**Saturday, January 17th**

8:00 a.m. +Stephanie Mahar by Catherine Heitmann  
4:00 p.m. +Diane Sondgeroth by Mary Rita Sondgeroth  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - Jesus Avila by Family

**Sunday, January 18th**

6:30 a.m. +James Spanier by Warren Bauer  
10:30 a.m. Shine  
12:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish - Jesus Avila by his Family

**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-INS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

**HOME VISITS** Kurt Bruno  
**NURSING HOMES** Priest

**WEDNESDAY ADULT COFFEE CLUB**

Wednesday's  
after 8:15 Mass  
in the school basement  
with a Spiritual Reflection  
Hope to see you there!



**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Week of January 12th**

7:00 a.m. Mon-Wed Volunteers  
7:00 a.m. Thu-Fri Paige & Parker Manning  
8:00 a.m. Sat. Paige & Parker Manning  
8:00 a.m. M.T.T.F. Volunteers  
8:15 a.m. Wed. HC Students

**Weekend of January 17th & 18th**

4:00 p.m. Allison & Emily Stewart - Curt Lang  
6:30 a.m. Brett & Sam Becker  
10:30 a.m. Harrison Schimmer - Tony Augenbaugh - Relaina Bodmer

**DISTRIBUTORS OF EUCHARIST**

**Sat. January 17th**

4:00 p.m. Paul & Yvonne Sondgeroth - Joe Spanier

**Sun. January 18th**

6:30 a.m. Deacon Ray  
10:30 a.m. Michael Wallace - Tom Schuhler - Marjorie Hanisch

**LECTORS**

**Sat. January 17th**

4:00 p.m. Dennis Jones

**Sun. January 18th**

6:30 a.m. Cindy Becker  
10:30 a.m. Bethany Buchanan

**GREETERS**

**Sat. January 17th**

4:00 p.m. Roger & Mary Lou Flahive

**Sun. January 18th**

10:30 a.m. Betty Bohn - Theresa Myers

**USHERS**

**Sat. January 17th**

4:00 p.m. Gary Zinke - Volunteers

**Sun. January 18th**

6:30 a.m. Jim Hessenberger - Volunteers  
10:30 a.m. Wayne Whitmore Jr - Alan Stiel

**If you have a family member or friend that needs to be added to the homebound list please call the rectory office at 815-538-6151.**

**Confession Schedule**

**Confessions will be heard 30 minutes prior to all Masses. This schedule will take place at all three of our parishes.**

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JANUARY 11, 2015**

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Pastor**

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**SUNDAY MASS AT STS. PETER & PAUL:  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**CONFESSIONS AT STS. PETER & PAUL:  
8:40 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday**



**Mass Intentions**

- January 11**      **The Baptism of the Lord**  
**9:00 a.m.**      **Mary Catherine Sondgeroth by Family**
- January 18**      **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:00 a.m.**      **Mr & Mrs Otto Harth by Mel Harth**

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**USHERS**

**Sun. Jan 18**    **Eugene Barr - Barry Mahar**

**SERVERS**

**Sun. Jan 18**    **Owen Wixom**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Sun. Jan 18**    **Dr Michael Vercimak, Gary & Rose Rose**

**LECTOR**

**Sun. Jan 18**    **Peter Schmidt**

**Collection for January 4**

**Sunday Collection: \$911.00**  
**Utility Fund: 40.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary: 25.00**  
**First Offering: 91.00**  
**Farm: 60.00**

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**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**  
**Please pray for the following:**

Peace & comfort for James Malay who has kidney failure.

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**Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony**

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"  
O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

**Mass Spaghetti Supper**

**Thursday, Jan 15 at Mendota Civic Center**  
**Serving 4:30 - 7:00pm**  
**Cost: \$7.00 Adults; \$3.00 Kids under 12**  
**Spaghetti, Salad, Bread Stick & Drink**



JANUARY 11, 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Mk. 1:11)

Today marks the official end of the Christmas Season. Our masses for Monday begin another year of Ordinary Time for the Church.

Did you ever wonder why Jesus was baptized by John? I mean, if you really think about it, shouldn't it have likely been the other way around? That is how we mortal creatures think. The theology of the baptism of the Lord is rich and very deep.

Let's begin by looking into today's readings. Not too many weeks ago, we read about John's disciples going to Jesus and asking if he was indeed the one who was to come. Jesus explains to John's disciples that the prophet Isaiah foretold of him when he said, as we hear in our first reading today, ***“I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring prisoners out of confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.”***

Earlier in this passage, we also hear Isaiah speaking God's words when he says, ***“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am well pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit.”*** It has been said many times that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, a word that comes from the Greek and Hebrew respectively, meaning “God's anointed one.” Anointing is a means by which God chooses his elect and signifies that choice by anointing with oil through a priest or prophet. Anointing with oil being poured over the anointed is significant for the baptism of Jesus as well.

Jesus was not, as far as we know, anointed with oil, but rather, was anointed by the Holy Spirit. It is significant to remember that Jesus, even though he was God, he was also man. That is to say, he was One Divine Person with Two Natures – One Divine Nature and One Human Nature. In contrast, you and I are human persons imbued with a human nature – one person-one nature. As we know, Jesus was very different. As the Son of the Father, he is the second person of the Blessed Trinity. And as we also know, God is a spiritual being. God is immense and miniscule at the same time. He is all-powerful and meek and humble at the same time and so on and so on...

In his human *nature* it was necessary for him to be baptized by John so that we too might know the benefits of repentance and reconciliation with the Father. Our Father in heaven is all merciful and desires only that we love him in return for his love for us. So he sent his Son to step into time and space and take on human flesh. He was to be our sacrificial lamb much like the lamb that God instructed Moses to tell the Hebrews to choose and slaughter for that first (and all subsequent) Passover(s). God would continually lead his people into covenant with himself and send prophets to tell us how he would do that and enlighten us along the way.

When Jesus went down into the river water, it was as if he was telling us of his dying to this life and when he rose up again, it was symbolic of his promised new life and resurrection. It has also been said that when he came up out of the river waters, it was then that he took on our sins and would carry them with him to the end, when they could be nailed to the cross.

You see, Jesus did not need John's baptism for his salvation. But in accepting baptism from John he showed how we can become humble, and through our contrition be reconciled to the Father.

When the Sacred Son of God stepped into the Jordan to be baptized, he sanctified all of the world's waters so that they may be blessed and used throughout time for the people of God to first, be baptized, and second to recall our baptism by blessing ourselves each time we dip our fingers into the holy water font.

The Baptism of the Lord is a great time for us to recall our own baptism, and as we close out this latest Christmas Season to recall the great gift of faith we have received through Christ our Lord. It has been said that Jesus is the “Greatest Gift”, and as we close out this gift-giving season we can reflect once again about the significance of gifts—giving and receiving—and try to keep it in context of the mysterious gifts that continually surprise and amaze us, as we ponder the goodness of our God.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Our Lady of the Cenacle Chapel  
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*"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes." Pope Paul VI*

**Adorers Needed:**

**Mondays, 3-4pm**  
**Tues., 8:30-9am; 4-5pm**  
**Fri., 8:30-9, 9-10, 10-11am**

**Chapel Coordinator, Karen Brandner**  
**1-815-915-6635**

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Monday, January 12 - Weekday

Hebrews 1:1-6/Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13 - St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Hebrews 2:5-12/Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14 - Weekday

Hebrews 2:14-18/Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15 - Weekday

Hebrews 3:7-14/Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 16 - Weekday

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17 - St Anthony, Abbot

Hebrews 4:12-16/Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 18 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/John 1:35-42

"Don't consider me too demanding if I ask you once again to set great store by holy books and read them as much as you can. This spiritual reading is as necessary to you as the air you breathe". —St Padre Pio

**\$\$\$ DAILY DOLLAR WINNERS \$\$\$**

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Jan 6	2788	50.00	Ronald Full

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Amount of Sunday Collection	01/04/15	\$6,233.49
Amount of School Collection	01/04/15	471.00
Amount of Food Pantry	01/04/15	83.00
Amount of Youth Ministry	01/04/15	40.00
Amount of Religious Retirement	01/04/15	5.00
Amount of Christmas	01/04/15	147.00
Amount of Solemnity of Mary	01/04/15	1,337.42

**Give God what is just, not what is left!**

Christmas & New Years at Holy Cross was beautiful and we received many, many complements. We THANK all who helped decorate, and supported the flower envelopes. You made it all happen.

"Thank You" to all volunteers who came weekly for the four Sundays in Advent. You made it all so beautiful, but now this Sunday its too all come down, be packed away in boxes neatly or hung neatly and covered for another year. So Please come and help us Sunday at 1:30PM.

I know you enjoyed the poinsettia trees on each side altars in church. A parishioner bought these 61/2 feet half steel framed trees for the church to use. The Holy Cross Church family appreciates your donation and they will be used yearly to beautify our church.

Remember take down Sunday at 1:30. Please Help.

—Jerry

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you would be interested in becoming a Eucharist Minister for the Homebound & Nursing Homes please call the rectory at 815-538-6151. Thank you!**

**"SHINE"**  
**"Walk with Jesus"**

**Holy Cross Peer Ministry Youth Group**

**January 14th,**  
**at The Schimmers**  
**6:30pm - Food**  
**7-8pm - Discussion**

**Next Sunday, January 18th will be the OUTREACH for Youth Ministry. It will be a Euchre Tournament/ Other Games of Fun.**

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Today, we resume the RCIA process with our discussion topic on Sacramental Reconciliation. We will review old conceptions about confession; talk a little about the history of the sacrament; learn the process of the Rite of Reconciliation through some role playing.

Next week, we will move on to Baptism and Confirmation. These two sacraments, along with First Holy Communion are the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian Church. We will be preparing our candidates to better understand the basic relationship between these three sacraments; gain an appreciation of the symbols involved in the sacraments; continue preparation for these specific rites, as may be necessary according to each one's need; and finally, we will discuss the history of the separation of the Initiation Rite into three separate sacraments.

### Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

If you would like your son or daughter to learn to be an altar server, please let us know in the parish office as we are beginning to put together a plan in which we will be able to teach the children the proper form and practice of serving at the altar during mass. You can also let Mr. Corrigan know on Wednesday evenings when you bring your children to CCD.

Even though we missed class this past week due to the severe cold weather, we will maintain the schedule and have Group B in attendance this week (January 14<sup>th</sup>). This is also a reminder that everything for Confirmation and First Holy Communion is due to be turned in at the parish office. Everything except the service hours and the heights of those who will need to purchase a red gown is due. This also means the banners for the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this year. Please be sure the banner includes the child's first and last names. If you're not sure if something is due, please turn it in anyway so we can get all of the information up to date.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Fr. Bo will soon begin presenting on a program called "Oremus." This is a study on, and a guide to Catholic prayer. This will be a perfect opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus through a Lenten preparation that is also sure to make our Easter celebration much more powerful! This is usually presented as an 8-part series, but we are hoping to be able to consolidate a couple of the lessons so that we are only meeting maybe 6 times. Keep an eye on this area for further information to come very soon.**



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### We need your help!

We are looking for parishioners who could help set up and or serve Funeral Dinner Luncheons. If you would like to help please call the rectory at 815-538-6151. Thank you!

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS Please pray for the following:

Peace & comfort for James Malay who has kidney failure.

You can still contact Nancy Kaiser for any of your prayer requests at 815-539-6656.

### St Mary Altar Society Thank You

Once again we appreciate and thank our members and Holy Cross parishioners who assisted with their time (help setting up, serving, and cleaning up) and treasure (donations of food) for the Jones Funeral Dinner.

### Mass Spaghetti Supper

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Cost: \$7.00 Adults; \$3.00 Kids under 12  
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**+** Youth Group

Youth Group Meeting

At Mr & Mrs Dan Angulo's  
1010 Main Street  
Tuesday, January 20th  
7pm - 9pm  
At Garage Meeting Spot  
All Youth Invited

Holy Cross Peer Ministry Youth Group

January 14th,  
at The Schimmers  
6:30pm - Food  
7-8pm - Discussion



There will be a pre-baptismal class on Monday, January 26th, in the Holy Cross School library at 7pm. You may enter the school through the front doors. If you are expecting or have a child you want baptized, you must attend one of these classes if you have never attended one or if it has been more than three years since you last attended. Also godparents are to attend. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age and Catholic.

—Deacon Ray Fischer



Newly Married

Brock Zinke & Elizabeth Gleim  
Married: December 31, 2014



Newly Baptized

Delaney Marie Tucker  
Daughter of Randy &  
Courtney Tucker  
Baptized: January 3, 2015

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Daughter of Adam & Megan Hayward  
Baptized: January 4, 2015



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