



# March 2023



## Lenten Devotional Booklets

*Devotionals for the whole family are available in the narthex.  
Take them home today!*

Available for pickup at church are two Lenten Devotional resources. Families - "God is Still with Us" by Illustrated Ministry - This is a weekly resource that takes families through Lent and Holy Week. Please take one resource packet per family and one set of coloring and activity sheets for each child. Adults - "God Loved the World" by Luther Seminary Alumni - This is a daily resource for adults that follows through Lent to Easter. There are regular and large print versions available. Please also keep an eye out on our Facebook page as well as Pastor's Blog and via email for additional resources for the season. There are some really good ones only available online.



## Mid-week Lenten Series -

Sing with All the Saints  
in Glory

**Beginning Thursday, March 2nd**

11:00 AM and 6:30 PM  
(No soup suppers this year.)

"We who have been baptized into Christ are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition - Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey." (from *Sundays and Seasons*)

Join us each week during Lent on Thursdays at either 11:00 AM or 6:30 PM for Conversational Lent focusing on our journey of faith as both sinner and saint!

**March 2** - Inheritance of Faith

**March 9** - Perseverance with Endurance

**March 16** - Faithful in Prayer

**March 23** - Striving for Justice

**March 30** - Dying and Rising with Christ

## Adult Bible Study / Sunday Mornings, 9:00

Join us for our Sunday gatherings in the Youth Room. Now through Sunday, April 16, we'll be taking a look at the parables of Jesus. Our study begins with an overview of what a parable is and how we read them and then gets into some of the parables themselves, especially some of the ones that may be less familiar. (There will be no Study on April 2nd or the 9th because of Holy Week services.)

## "PIZZA AND CONVERSATION" (adults only!)

As we continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary year, let's spend some time together reaffirming our identity as God's people and looking forward to where the Spirit is leading us for our next 60 years. These will be wonderful and fun opportunities to remind ourselves how we are guided and gifted by the Spirit to be God's people in this place and help to set our ministry priorities for our future!

See you there!!!

## Two Dates Available

Sunday, March 12 / 11:30am-2pm  
Please Respond by March 5th

Or

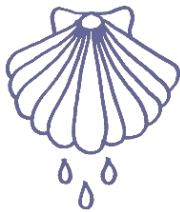
Sunday, March 19 / 11:30am-2pm  
Please Respond by March 12th  
(Sign Up Sheets in the Narthex)





*Keep the following people in your prayers (long-term illnesses)*

Al Jacobsen, Cindy Williams, Eddie Mayer, Leah Morgan, Valerie Horlacher, Scott, Maie Currie,  
Frank Lukasavage, Barbara Carlson, Paul Stenzel, Dee Barbara, Karen Ryan, Kristine Schley



*We welcome the newly baptized.*

Axle David Cook - January 8  
Son of Gabrielle and Sean Cook

Gabrielle Alexis Cook and  
Syndi Beth Bedle - January 8

Leo James Ricca - January 8  
Son of Brittany McCabe and Peter Ricca

*We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together  
we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim  
the good news to all the world.*



### **Boundaries Safety Policy Workshop and Training**

This safety policy has been in effect for several years at Holy Cross and is within the guidelines of the NJ Synod for all persons working with youth and/or children in the church. We will have training dates in April. Watch for details!

### **EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM**

*Plants are \$9.00 each*



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write clearly)

Lily - # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip - # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount due \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of Loved Ones

\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Special dedication/in honor of \_\_\_\_\_



Please place this form, with payment, in the offering plate  
or turn in to the office. Thank you!

***(All plant orders need to be submitted by April 2nd.)***



### Good Morning, Good Friday

Fun for the whole family.

Friday, April 7th, 9:00 - 11:00 am

For all children age 3 through 6th grade.

(Children ages 3 and 4 must be accompanied by an adult.)

There is a sign-up sheet on the FFM bulletin board. **Come and join us!**



You're invited to -

### "IT'S STILL EASTER" EGG HUNT

For our younger children, ages 0 to Kindergarten and their families.

Saturday April 15th at 10AM rain or shine.

This is a time after Easter when we can gather, meet other families, and learn about Jesus in an age-appropriate and fun way.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board.



Girl Scout Sunday  
March 12

During the service, we will recognize the Girl Scouts in our church and wider community. Wear your uniform!

preschool registration



Holy Cross Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the 2023—2024 school year. Church members receive a 5% discount on tuition. See the director,

Cindy Kane, for info and registration forms, or Call 732/255-3112



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

**BEGINS WITH A BIBLE BLAST  
SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 11:15 AM**

For those in 2nd grade or older who haven't participated in the past.

Sunday, March 26th - 11:15 - Bible Blast

Monday, March 27th - 6:30 - Learning Session 1

Monday, April 3rd - 6:30 - Learning Session 2

Monday, April 17th - 6:30 - Learning Session 3

Monday, April 24th - 6:30 - Learning Session 4

Saturday, May 6th - 9:00 - Wrap Up and Rehearsal

Sunday, May 7th - 9:30 - Arrival for Worship service at 10:00

Please send an email to Pastor Sue at [sjones@holycrosstr.com](mailto:sjones@holycrosstr.com), Or Janis Provost at [janis1455@aol.com](mailto:janis1455@aol.com) or call the church office if interested in participating or for questions about the program.



### 2023 Who's Who on Council

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
11:00 AM and 6:30 PM

#### Pizza and Conversation

Sunday, March 12 - 11:30 AM **OR**  
Sunday, March 19 - 11:30 AM

#### 1st Communion Bible Blast

March 26th, 11:15 AM

#### 1st Communion Classes

Monday, March 27th - 6:30  
Monday, April 3rd - 6:30  
Monday, April 17th - 6:30  
Monday, April 24th - 6:30

Saturday, May 6th - 9:00  
(Wrap Up and Rehearsal)

#### 1st Holy Communion Service

Sunday, May 7th - 9:30

#### Good Morning, Good Friday

April 7th - 9:00 AM



March 12

Remember when you got an extra hour of sleep in November? Well, it's time to give it back! Spring forward—set your clocks forward before you go to bed on March 11!

To make an electronic donation using your phone, just scan the QR code.



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Twitter - @HolyCrossTR

#### **Worship Services:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am (and Facebook Live)

Office hours (school year):

Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 2:00



At the Annual Meeting, new Council members were elected: Welcome to Karen

Brandt, John Burgdorfer, Nicki Nesbihal, Joe Ombres, and Peter Riemschneider.

Leaving Council: Thank you to Kenn Kerr, Bev Prima, John Kane and Maddy Brown.





# Holy Week / Easter Worship Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**  
11:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
(7:00 pm also live-streamed)



**Good Friday**  
April 7th  
11:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
(7:00 pm also live-streamed)

**Easter Vigil**  
Saturday  
April 8th  
5:00 pm



**REJOICE!**  
He has been raised.  
—Mark 16:6

**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 am  
(Family Friendly)

**10:45 am (Traditional)**

**(Please note)** - Both Easter services will be live-streamed.)



## **Communion/Worship Assistants and Ushers**

Ushers, Communion  
and Worship assistants are needed.  
Please sign-up on the bulletin board OR  
talk to Janis Provost.



## **SCAM ALERT!**

If you receive an email or text from Pastor Sue requesting money or gift cards,  
**DO NOT ANSWER IT!!**

If you have any questions about an email or text, please contact Pastor or the church office.

## **Parish Center Update**

We have settled our claim with the insurance company and are ready to move forward.  
Watch for rebuilding plan updates!