

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

## Upcoming Events



Welcome to Holy Cross Church!

This is the second of our quarterly Holy Cross Updates, which will inform you of our upcoming events. This list is broken into four parts, Religious Education, Liturgical and Social and Youth Group.

### Religious Education

Religious Education classes will be resuming on the specified dates. Other upcoming Religious Education events include:

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| September 13     | <b>Grade 6</b><br>This is the start date for Grade 6 Religious Education. Grade 6 classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.  |
| September 19     | <b>Grades 1-5 and Grade 10</b><br>This is the start date for Grades 1-5 and Grade 10 Religious Education. Grades 1-5 classes will meet on Sunday morning, either at 8:30am or 10:30am. Grade 10 will meet Sunday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. |
| September 20     | <b>Grade 7</b><br>This is the start date for Grade 7 Religious Education. Grade 7 classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.  |
| September 26     | <b>Grade 9</b><br>This is the start date for Grade 9 Religious Education. Grade 9 classes will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.  |
| September 27     | <b>Grade 8</b><br>This is the start date for Grade 8 Religious Education. Grade 8 classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.  |
| September 29     | <b>Adult Religious Education</b><br>"Getting more out of Mass" presentation by George Strout. The seminar will be held in the Library from 7:30pm - 9:30pm.  |
| October 1        | <b>First Friday</b><br>The First Friday devotion starts at 7:00pm, and is required for all Religious Education students in Grades 3-10.  |
| October 9        | <b>Grade 8 Retreat</b><br>Our 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders will be having an all-day retreat today that runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm.   |
| November 5       | <b>First Friday</b><br>The First Friday devotion starts at 7:00pm, and is required for all Religious Education students in Grades 3-10.  |
| November 20      | <b>Grade 9 Retreat</b><br>Our 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders will be having an all-day retreat today that runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm.   |
| December 3       | <b>First Friday</b><br>The First Friday devotion starts at 7:00pm, and is required for all Religious Education students in Grades 3-10.  |
| Jan. 28-30, 2011 | <b>Grade 12 Retreat</b><br>Our 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be holding their yearly pilgrimage to Singing Hills in an all-weekend retreat that runs from Friday to Sunday.   |

### Liturgical

We are presently in Ordinary time, which will last the remainder of the Liturgical year. (Advent starts the liturgical year.) During this time, we try to bring Christ into our "ordinary" lives. Upcoming events, special feasts and Holy Days are:

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| September 19 | <b>Feast of the Triumph of the Cross</b><br>The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross was formally known as the "Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross". The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. It actually falls on Tuesday, September |
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14<sup>th</sup>, but this year, we will celebrate it the weekend after. This is our Parish's traditional Feast Day or Name day.

October 3

### **Blessing of the Animals**

This is another Holy Cross Tradition that usually is in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. The blessing happens outside the church (unless it is raining) after the 10:30am mass on Sunday (~11:30am).

October 23

### **Altar Server Training and Commissioning**

We will be training our new Altar Servers this Saturday, and will have a commissioning at the 4:00pm mass.

November 1

### **All Saints Day**

All Saints Day is a very old Feast in the church, dating back to 4<sup>th</sup> century, to celebrate the lives of all the Saints and Martyrs, known and unknown. Pope Gregory III (731-741) is credited with moving this Feast to its present day of celebration. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year, since it falls on a Monday, the mass obligation is abrogated (waived).

November 25

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

Father Roger traditionally offers a 7:30am mass on Thanksgiving, that helps to get us in the proper mindset for this holiday.

December 8

### **Immaculate Conception**

The Immaculate Conception celebrates birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary without the stain of Original Sin. This is one of the dogmas of the Church, and has been celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation since 1476 when it was established by Pope Sixtus IV.

December **TDB**

### **Brown Bag Weekend**

Holy Cross usually offers two Brown Bag weekends per year. This year's second weekend will be either the first or second weekend of December. Donations of food and non-perishables are delivered to the St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry.

## **Social**

Our Social Committee organizes various events during the year, like the St. Patrick's Dinner, Italian Night and the Family Advent dinner. Upcoming events include:

October 16

### **Italian Night**

We celebrate the Columbus Day holiday with a night of Italian food and cheer on this Saturday evening following the 4:00pm Mass.

**October TBD**

### **Book Club Meeting**

Geri Strout's book club will be holding their meeting and discuss the recent *Rediscovering Catholicism* book.

## **Youth Groups**

Our parish sponsors two Youth Groups, our Middle-School Ministry (M&M's) and our High School Youth group. The Fall Schedule has not been planed as of yet, look for announcements in the weekly bulletin. Upcoming meetings include:

September 15

### **HS Youth Group Meeting**

The HS Youth Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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