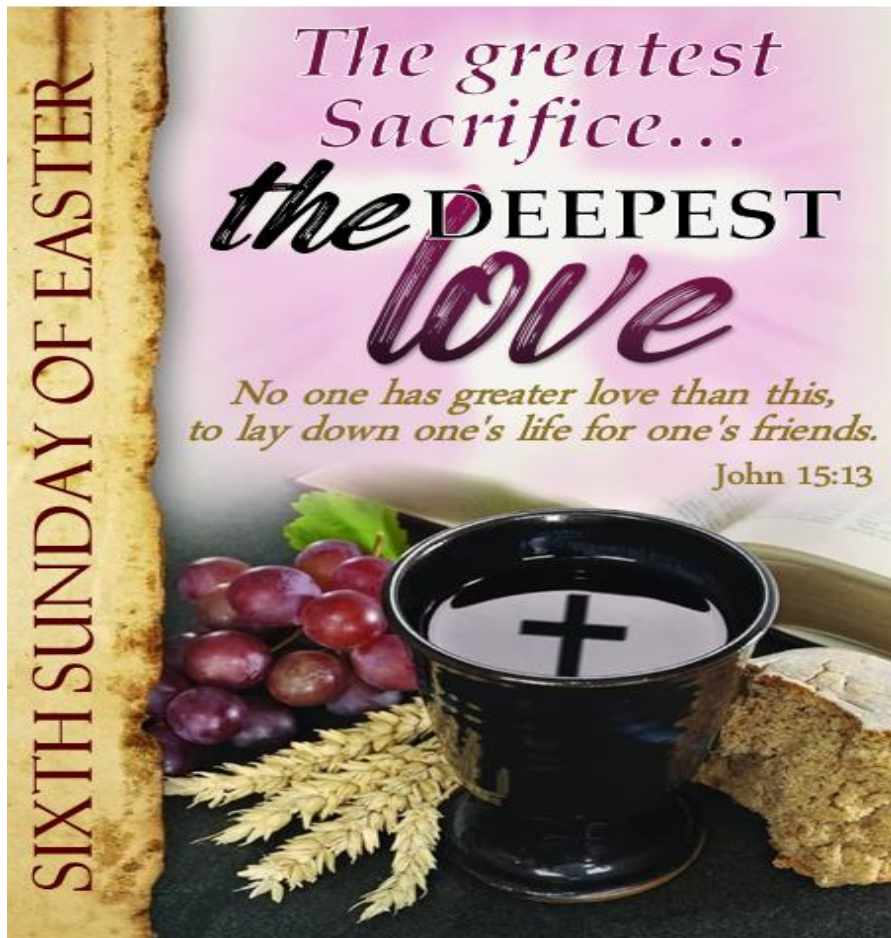


The Catholic Parishes of Crawford County

May 4th & 5th, 2024



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Phone: (573) 885-3520 Fax: (573) 885-3501
 Address: 415 W. School Ave., Cuba, MO 65453
 Email: hcccuba@gmail.com
 Web: holycrosscubamo.org

Holy Cross School Office:

Phone: (573) 885-4727
 Email: holycrossschoolcuba@gmail.com
 Website: www.hcschoolcuba.org
 Principal, Melinda Osentoski:
 holycross.osentoski@gmail.com

Fr. Anthony (Tony) Onyeihe:

(573) 462-6522 aonyeihe@diojeffcity.org

S. Karen Thein SSND:

(507) 514-3226

Parish Council Members:

Jim Bathe	Mike Kempf
Jerry Dubbelde	RuthAnn Kuethe
Alice Engelbrecht	Esli Navarro
Joe Howdeshell	Diane McCameron
Don Hudson	Ruth Woodson

Finance Council Members:

Larry Howdeshell	Donna Conduitt
Teresa Leicht	Randy Baker
Marcia Paton	

School Advisory Council Members:

Aminta Abdinova	Mike Kempf
Alan Collins	Christy Moreland
Deborah Dicus	Kathy Royal

Mass Schedules:

Holy Cross

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Mass in Spanish: (every 1st & 3rd Sunday) at 11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Caracciolo

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m.

St. Michael

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Bishop McKnight's Monthly Prayer Intention:

“For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community of faith.”



- May 8** – Faith Formation 5:30 p.m.
- May 9** – Altar Society Meeting 1:00 p.m. in school library
- May 10** – Dia de las Madres (Mother's Day in the Latino Community)
- May 12** – The Ascension of the Lord
- May 12** – Mother's Day
- May 15** – Faith Formation 5:30 p.m.
- May 19** – Pentecost Sunday
- May 20** – CMA Blood Drive at Recklein 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- May 26** – Holy Trinity

Mission Statement:

We, the Catholic parishes of Holy Cross, St. Francis, and St. Michael, aware of the intergenerational communities and the various cultures living in our communities, welcome all – no matter where they are on the journey of Faith. We strive to strengthen the communities of Faith by working together through prayer, works of Justice and concern for our neighbors.



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Go to this link to see the schedule:

www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/HolyCrossCuba

Mass Intentions for 5/6 – 5/12, 2024

- 7 St.M. Tues. 8:30 a.m. - **NO MASS**
- 8 H.C. Wed. 8:30 a.m. - **Word Communion Service**
- 9 St.F. Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - **NO MASS**
- 9 **CM** Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - Albert Smith †
- 10 H.C. Fri. 8:00 a.m. - **NO MASS**
- 11 St.F. Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Cleo Baker †
- 11 H.C. Sat. 6:00 p.m. - Knights and Ladies Auxiliary #8920 †
- 12 St.M. Sun. 8:00 a.m. - People of the parish
- 12 H.C. Sun. 10:00 a.m. - Tom Conduitt †

Parish Collections: April 27 & 28, 2024

Parish	Envelopes		Loose		Total
Holy Cross	\$3,600.00	+	\$623.00	=	\$4,223.00
St. Michael	\$670.00	+	\$177.00	=	\$847.00
St. Francis	\$395.00	+	\$623.00	=	\$495.00



Nikki Smith, Mary Happle, Sandy Mowry, Earl Vincent, Joann Mullen, Charlie & Julie Coster, Stanley Griggs, Kathryn Phillips, Carolyn Horsefield, Joann Brewer, Helen Crombie, Joe Kuenz, Lois Stubberfield, Helen Mansfield, Eugene Kempf, Joe Southard, John Moriarity, Charlotte Vavra, Brian Enke, David Happle, Charlie Thein.

Mass Coverages/ Schedule:

Masses: Father Mark Porterfield will be here to celebrate Mass at each parish at their normal Mass times on: May 4/5, May 11/12 and June 1/2.

Father Wayne Boyer will be celebrant at St. Michael and Holy Cross on May 18/19 and May 25/26.

(There will be NO MASSES at St. Francis on May 18th and May 25th)

First Saturdays Mass: will NOT take place on May 4th or June 1st.

Weekday Masses: There will be NO weekday Masses while Father Tony is away.

Word Communion Service: will take place Wednesday's May 8th – 15th starting at 8:30 a.m. (this is to accommodate the school children while the school is in session)

Beginning May 22 – June 5th the Word Communion Services will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Adoration: is every Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. after the Word Communion Service.

Welcome Father Mark Porterfield

FAITH FORMATION:



Classes will take place from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on **May 8**, and **May 15**.

On May 15, we come together not only to conclude our year of

learning and growth but also to celebrate the vibrant Spirit of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children:

We invite you to think about the RCIA/RCIC process. It is for those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. The Inquiry sessions will begin at the end of August. If you know of someone who is searching for a Faith Community, please encourage them to be in touch with Sister Karen, contact the office, or register on line at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231804591212146>

If there are children who are 7 years or older and have not been baptized, there is a process that is for the children.

Lifeline Pregnancy Center Spring Benefit:

There is a collection box for baby items available as you enter Holy Cross Church, until Mother's Day. The Altar Society is hosting a Spring benefit for The Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Let us come together as a community to support mothers and babies in need and make a meaningful difference!



The following items are most needed:

- Baby towels and washcloths
- Baby bottles
- Sleepers in all sizes
- Pacifiers
- Brush and comb sets
- Sheets for Pack 'n Play

Save the Date:



The Altar Society Rummage Sale at Holy Cross is set for Saturday, June 1st! Start saving your "stuff" to donate.

The drop-off times: **May 28th - 30th**

Daytime Drop-off Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Evening Drop-off Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Call Donna Conduitt 573-259-6957 or

Linda Brindza 417-920-3771 for more information.



Altar Society Meeting:

The Altar Society meeting is on **Thursday, May 9th** at 1:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross School Library. All are welcome.

Baby Bottle Boomerangs:



Mother's Day is coming up! (May 12th) We will once again partake in the "Baby Bottle Boomerangs" fundraiser with the Lifeline Pregnancy center in Cuba, MO. Keep your eye out for the *Baby Bottles* in the churches.

Refurnishing the Rectory:

The Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus have taken the initiative to furnish the rectory with essential furnishings that are currently lacking. Your support in this endeavor will help create a welcoming and comfortable space for our priests, both present and future, as well as visiting clergy.

If you have already given, thank you for your generosity and support in making our rectory a warm and inviting home for our priests. To contribute or for more information, please contact Lil Collins, Juanita Skyles, or Marsha Schramm.



Holy Cross School Registration is Open for the 2024 - 25 school year! Applicants can go to the "Admissions" tab on the school website, www.hcschoolcuba.org and fill out the *Parent Inquiry Form*.

School Bake Sale:



Holy Cross School's "Bake Sale" at Mace Supermarket on Friday, April 26, did very well! A total of \$614.73 was made. Gratitude is given to all

those that helped make the "Bake Sale" a success by donating baked goods and working!



The Month of Mary Our Blessed Mother

The entire month of May to honor Mary, WHY???:

- Mary is Jesus' mother.
- She is the first and most perfect disciple.
- Mary was the first to hear the Good News, and the first to follow Christ.
- Her entire life was devoted to him and assisting him, in whatever way she could, to carry on his mission.
- Unaffected by Original Sin, she was able to perfectly open herself to God's will.
- She is our Mother because we are all members of the Body of Christ.
- She loves you more than you can ever imagine. She endured the horror of seeing her own Son tortured for all of us.
- She understood that Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion was the only way to our salvation.
- Mary is our advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix.

For all these reasons and more, Mary deserves honor, not only during the month of May, but always!

Mother's Day Next Weekend:



Mother's Day is May 12th. In the Latino Community, Mother's Day is celebrated on May 10th every year. Feliz Dia de las Madres!

Feast Day of Mother Theresa, Gerhardinger, May 9th:



On November 17th 1985, Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome. We celebrate her feast day on May 9th, the anniversary of her death. Blessed Mary Theresa was a very gifted educator whose enthusiastic and encouraging acceptance of the children made her a beloved teacher. She founded the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the order of which Sisters Karen belongs to. The SSND's also were the first teachers at Holy Cross School, in 1927.

Invitation to Quilting:



This is an invitation to the ladies of the 3 parishes to come join us to sew "quilts for giving". We welcome all help. You do not need any sewing skills. We tie all quilt tops, so all you need to know how, is how to tie a knot. We gave away 134 quilts last Christmas and hope to do the same this Christmas. Come join our fun group of willing workers. We quilt every Tuesday 9 AM to noon.

The Ascension of the Lord (May 12th):

Next week is the Ascension of Our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. This day celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. (This happens on Pentecost)

As Jesus gave them His blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. It is plain from scripture that Jesus' Ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go".





DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive
Cuba Ministerial Alliance

Recklein Auditorium
304 N. Smith St.
Cuba, MO 65453

Monday, May 20, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CMA to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to Register



Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.



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All are invited to The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church to celebrate the

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

May 20, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight Presiding

Mass will be held in our beautiful outdoor Shrine located in Laurie near the Lake of the Ozarks.

DETAILS AT [MOTHERSSHINE.COM](https://mothersshrine.com)



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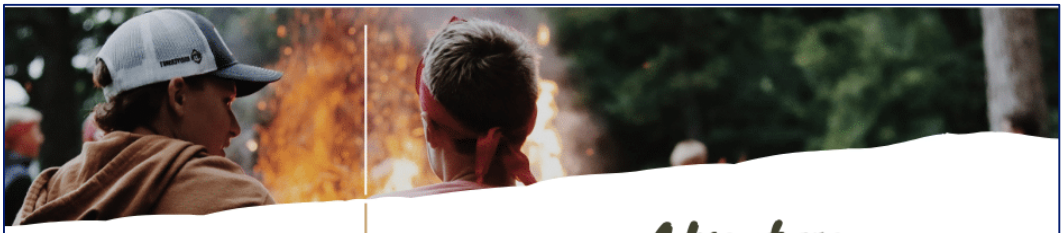
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176 MARIAN DRIVE | LAURIE, MO
573-374-MARY (6279)
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SPIRE: Fund for Accessible Catholic Education

On April 18, supporters of Catholic education met in Jefferson City to renew an important effort focused on making our Catholic schools more accessible to students with special learning needs. Through the SPIRE effort, supporters are working to raise awareness and resources to ensure Catholic education is accessible to as many students as possible. Click here to learn more. <https://diojeffcity.org/special-learning-opportunities/>





Joyful
community & faith



Camp Lolek
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Co-ed: June 9-14
Boys: June 16-21
Girls: July 7-11

Adventure

Sisterhood | Brotherhood
Leadership



Camp Maccabee
FOR YOUNG MEN

July 14-19



Camp Siena
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

July 21-26

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15

<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-camps/>



<https://diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek/>



<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee/>



<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-siena/>

Life In The Spirit Seminar

May 18th | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



St. Thomas More Newman Center | 602 Turner Ave.
Scan QR code for more information or to register! Please register by May 10th!



Walk With Us



Worship With Us

*The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
will be traveling through the diocese
from July 1-5*

Get Involved . . .

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE IN OUR DIOCESE
AND SIGN UP FOR UPDATES AT

[diojeffcity.org/
eucharisticrevival](http://diojeffcity.org/eucharisticrevival)



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Eucharistic
Pilgrimage



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Jefferson City

Are you new to the Parish?

If you are new to the parish, please call the office at 573-885-3520 to register or stop by so we can meet you!

Has your information changed?

If you have moved, disconnected your home phone and only use a cell, or have any other household changes, please let us know so we can update our records.

Remember – if you don't tell us – we won't know!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



If you would like to have a Mass said, the suggested amount for the stipend is \$10. Call the office to schedule a Mass Intention, or put your stipend in an envelope with the following Information:


- Your name & phone number
- Who the Mass is for
- If they are deceased
- Specific date (if any) please specify if the intention can be on a weekday or not.

Anointing of the Sick:

Due to hospitals' strict protocols, it is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital. Most hospitals only allow a priest to provide the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick if the patient has been placed on comfort care (hospice) or is nearing death. Please pray for the many who are ill or are home bound.


Homebound: If you would like to minister to the homebound by visiting them and bringing them Communion, please contact S. Karen 507-514-3226.

Yoga Class on Tuesdays Offered at Holy Cross:

 For a small fee, Yoga Class offered on Tuesdays at HC from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Diane 314-578-1132 or Donna 573-259-6957.

"Heavenly Cleaner" Volunteers – Please Help:


Holy Cross has a group of volunteers called "Heavenly Cleaners" that clean the church each week. They are divided into teams of 2. Each team cleans the church once a month. The team is asked to freshen up the bathrooms, vacuum the floor, dust, take out trash, and sanitize. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry of the church, please call the parish office.



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Text: **crawfordcounty**
To: **84576**
OR online at: **HCross.flocknote.com**



Cemetery/ Columbarium:

Many people feel it can be a great help to their grieving family members if the desires of the deceased were planned by him/herself before the time of death. Whether cremation or burial is chosen, consider Holy Cross as yours or your loved one's final resting place. Many people are not aware that the proper practice for cremation is to place the cremains in the columbarium or bury them in the cemetery. If members of our community have the cremains of a loved one in their home, or another place other than the cemetery, they should make arrangements to give their loved ones a place to rest in the columbarium or cemetery with the proper prayers of interment.




Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery plots/niches are available whether burial or cremation is your choice. Contact Louis Raineri 573-259-8920 or the parish office for more information. Sacred Heart in Leasburg and Mount Calvary in Bourbon.

Baptisms & Weddings:


 If you are planning a Baptism, there is a preparation class. Please speak with Sister Karen to schedule. If you are planning a wedding, please contact Father Dan. There is a preparation that needs to be done 6 months prior to the wedding. 

Funeral Dinners:

 If you are interested in helping with the funeral dinners, please call the office. You will be called upon when a funeral dinner is requested. Help with bringing food, set up, or clean up! Please consider this ministry of the church so we can provide for our grieving families.

 **Misa en español**
CADA 1º Y 3º DOMINGO DEL MES.
MASS IN SPANISH IS EVERY 1ST & 3RD
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS AVAILABLE  Remove from charging station.
The On button is on the top
Volume Control is on the front.
After Mass, wipe off unit and return to charging station.

 **Pope Francis Prayer Intention**
MAY
For the formation of religious and seminarians
"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."

CubaKofC Membership Invite:



The Cuba Knights of Columbus covers all of Crawford County. CubaKofC is in search of new members to help our order grow and maintain its position as the strong right hand of the Church and service to the community of Crawford County.

CubaKofC consists of the men and women volunteers. The Knights of Columbus Chapter 8920 and the Ladies Auxiliary 8920. These men and women's service helps many local organizations and individuals in need. CubaKofC helps the parishes of Crawford County and community organizations such as the food pantries, Special Olympics, and prolife organizations, as well provides community wide events such as the Kids Christmas Party.

This is a personal invitation to all men and women of our parish to come and join our CubaKofC service community. In our busy lives many people do not think they have time to add another activity. However, your commitment is to do what you can. Maybe it is helping with just one event, attending our monthly dinner social and business meeting, or helping with our Bingo fundraiser. The choice is yours, but many hands will make light work.

Help us Help Others in our parishes, school and community by inquiring into Cuba Knights of Columbus, please join us. You won't regret it. For Further information on how to join please contact District Deputy Louis Raineri at 573-259-8920 or louisraineri8920@gmail.com or Grand Rockie Radcliff at 573-885-4225.



MAY 2024 BINGO NEWS

Thursday Nights @ 6:15 p.m. (doors open at 4)

PROGRESSIVES ~ The **First Progressive** is at \$1,750.00 with 3 wild balls and a consolation of \$300.00. The **Second Progressive** will be played out and pay \$500.00, \$750.00 or \$1,000.00.

QUEEN OF HEARTS ~ Our Queen of Hearts game for Bingo players should be over \$16,500.

MATCH ONE OF THESE ~ Bring your tally sheet from the previous week. Check the four numbers posted. Win a free gas card. Numbers are: **176454, 176499, 176511 and 176552.**

FOOD PANTRIES ~ Still collecting food for the Food Pantries. Receive a **FREE 3** on for each food item you bring in.

WEBSITE ~ Check out the KofC website cubakofc.org.



Altar Society meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. This organization coordinates and works on fundraising events that support our parish, school and youth group. They also help supply the liturgical needs of the parishes. All are welcome to attend and join! Please contact Christy Moreland for more information.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Grades: Preschool (3 years old) – 2nd grade.

HC School is an accredited school with Missouri certified teachers. It offers a Diocesan-developed curriculum in a Christian private school setting. HC School offers Title 1 tutoring for qualifying students. HC school has small class sizes and spacious classrooms. Please contact Mrs. Osentoski for a tour or to register your child.



Check out our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/cubamoschools>

facebook **Holy Cross School**

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Earn Cash for Our School!

Support Holy Cross without spending anything extra!

- Turn in your **Mace Supermarket Receipts**. The school receives 1 point for each \$1 on the receipt. (September – March)
- Turn in used **ink cartridges**. Given to Staples to recycle, the school receives \$2 for each cartridge, up to \$40 a month!
- Turn in **Best Choice UPC codes** found on the labels. Each UPC code is redeemable for 3¢ cents each.

Please deposit your Mace's receipts, Best Choice UPC codes, and ink cartridges in the collection box in the church entrance or bring to the parish office.



Are you VIRTUS certified?

Do you have your background check completed?

Have you signed the Code of Conduct?

If you are not sure, or answered “no” to any of these questions, let us know!

Call or email Michelle in the office to find out if you are VIRTUS compliant! 573-885-3520 or hcccuba@gmail.com

All volunteers and all school parents (both parents) must to be VIRTUS compliant prior to volunteering or your child starting school.

Please help us, keep our children safe. The training provides us the knowledge on how to recognize signs of abuse and what to do if we suspect abuse happening. If we ALL are certified and have the training, the likelihood of a child being harmed is greatly reduced.

Call the office if you would like to have an in-person VIRTUS class, or go to www.virtusonline.org to register and take the 2-hour class online.

If you or a family member have experienced abused in the past, please contact our victim assistance coordinator through the Diocese, Jacqueline Baldwin at 573-694-3199.

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



Breaking the Silence of Abuse:

As a diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must

acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the [Attorney General's clergy abuse online form](#). All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information, or want you to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.



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Need Support Now? If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org.

Online Counseling Services:

Catholic Charities Counseling services is now providing professional in-person and online therapy across the Diocese of Jefferson City. To learn more simply visit ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/counseling



QUILTING GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

AT ST. MICHAEL'S

The Crawford County Parishes quilting group meets at St. Michael in Steelville every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Currently they are working on a quilt in a frame which they are hand quilting. They also are tying lap size quilts to be given to nursing homes, shelters, and veterans. Some of the members are also crocheting blankets. Please come join them, as many hands make light work and they will be able to serve many more people with your help! Contact Lil Collins at 314-779-4541 for more information or just come down and join them! No experience is necessary!

Service Opportunity in Our Community:

Drivers are needed to drive veterans to the VA hospital in Columbia MO. The local DAV (Disabled American Veterans) have the vehicles. Drivers do not have to be veterans. This is unpaid. You do get free meals! Call 885-1390 or 885-3680 to volunteer or for more info. Veterans needing a ride, call 885-1390 to schedule.



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Ministerial Alliances and the Food Pantries:

In Cuba, the Cuba Ministerial Alliance (CMA) “runs” the food bank and cooperates with the Life Line Pregnancy Center.

Holy Cross has a St. Martin De Porres envelope to help the poor. The monies collected from this fund help support the Cuba Food pantry.

Crawford Country Mobile Food Market

3rd Thursday of each month

Begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Cuba Food Pantry

Local Food Pantry Hours:

Cuba: (573-885-6703)

Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Steelville: (573-775-4827)

Last 2 Tuesdays of the month hours: 2-4 p.m.

Bourbon: (573-732-4888)

Saturday 9-12pm.

Thrift shop: Mon. Tues. & Thur. 9-4p.m. and Sat. 9-12p.m.

Feed the Hungry:

Our Local food banks are in need of food. The cost of food has gone up! To help, there is a “food basket” in the entryways of our churches. Please bring nonperishable food items and place them in the baskets. The food items will be sent to the 3 food pantries in our three towns.



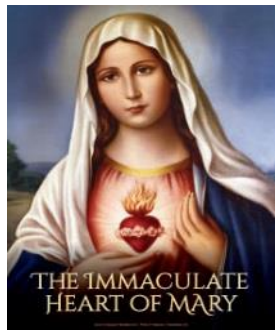
**Always looking for volunteers!
Call today to help!**

Civilize it!

Our political discourse has become increasingly rancorous and bitter. The U.S. bishops began a campaign leading into the 2020 election to restore civility to our public and political discourse called Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate. The Missouri Catholic Conference highlighted the campaign last year with a special episode of MCC from the Capitol with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski. This year, the U.S. bishops are again challenging the faithful to answer Pope Francis' call to seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good." Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics encourages people to commit to seeking the truth, building bridges, and finding solutions together that promote the common good. Individuals can sign the pledge, and sign up to receive additional materials, by visiting the USCCB Civilize It webpage. www.usccb.org/civilizeit



Prayer to the Immaculate heart of Mary:



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need. We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

¡IDE COLORES!
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Evangelizando y trayendo a otros a Cristo a través de la amistad

Información sobre cursillos, ultreayas y más:
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The God Minute is a short, daily Christian prayer that includes peaceful music, scripture and a reflection to bless your day with the Lord. It's only 10 minutes. Take a few God Minutes each morning and see how your day rises in abundance. A Catholic devotional by the Congregation of the Mission - the Vincentians.

<https://www.thegodminute.org/wix-podcast-player>

Jefferson City Diocesan Women's Ministry:

The Women's Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys.



<https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/>

For opportunities to get involved in the ministry, please contact Barb Prasad, Director of Women's Ministry at bprasad@diojeffcity.org or (573) 635-9127 ext. 222 "Like" the Women's Ministry page on Facebook to keep up with events and news, and to get to know women in your parish and deanery.

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070216385915

Please Listen to the Diocese of Jefferson City Podcast.

Prayer is how we orientate ourselves as stewards of God's gifts. In this month's podcast, we continue our discussion with Fr. Stephen Jones about the Four Pillars of Stewardship.



Podcast Topic Schedule:

- Hospitality - July
- Prayer - August
- Formation - September
- Service – October



These series are designed to help us deepen our understanding of the Spirituality of Stewardship as we approach the Catholic Stewardship Renewal in **October**. Listen to the podcast at <https://diojeffcity.org/podcast/> or use the QR code above.

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"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." Philippians 4:6

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Preparing for a Great Marriage:

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a covenant, a contract and a bond between a man and a woman that forms a partnership for life. The marriage bond is a unique and exclusive relationship between husband and wife for the sanctification of the couple and for the procreation and Christ-centered nurturing of children in a family.

The family, with its foundation in marriage, is a fundamental unit of the Church. Marriage is also a basic social institution of human society. Marital love is at the service of the couple, the children, the community, and of the world. Because of its timeless importance, the Church teaches that marriage between two baptized Christians is a sacrament, a source of grace and a sign of God's love for the world.

Every sacrament needs preparation for its fruitful celebration. The Church wants to ensure that those entering the life-long commitment of marriage are adequately prepared for the riches and the responsibilities that are intrinsic to it. This is why the Diocese of Jefferson City has a policy for marriage preparation. It is not to make the couple "check the boxes" or "jump through hoops." In her efforts of remote, proximate and immediate preparation, the Church is not trying to make it more difficult to get married, but rather provide the best opportunity for equipping the couple to live a shared life of love, compassion and nurturing grace.



Marriage Resources:

Marriage preparation – USCCB –
www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/marriage-preparation

Sexuality –
www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life/resources/sexuality

Natural Family Planning - www.diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning-2/

Pre-Marriage Inventory © is a comprehensive, user-friendly tool for lay individuals, couples or professionals who are helping couples prepare for marriage, and who become trained as FOCCUS Facilitators.
www.foccusinc.com/foccus-inventory.aspx

Prepare/Enrich provides training for premarital counseling, coaching, and education, investments in your couples' futures. www.prepare-enrich.com

Pre-Cana is one component of the marriage preparation options available to couples that are considering marriage within the Catholic Church. The conference itself consists of presentations by couples and individuals on topics that are a practical as well as a spiritual nature.
www.diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration/

Engaged Encounter: is a weekend with other engaged couples where each couple can concentrate exclusively on one another, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of the world. It is designed to give engaged couples the opportunity to discuss honestly their future

lives together — their strengths and weaknesses, desires, goals, ambitions, their attitudes about money, sex, family, children, their role in the church and society — in a face-to-face way. Engaged Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich your relationship with each other. All engaged couples are welcome, including interfaith couples and those entering a second marriage. For a list of available weekends, to register, or for more information, visit
www.diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/engaged-encounter



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