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Mission Statement: *Holy Cross Catholic Church is a faith community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive for holiness and growth in our faith as we serve those around us.*
 Adopted 2013

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm	Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 12:15 pm	Adoration Mondays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Reconciliation Monday - Friday 11:45 am - 12:15 pm Sat 3:30 pm, Sun 7:00 am
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WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the Information desk in the hallway. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, first Eucharist, confirmation and marriage.

Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the parish office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes.

MARRIAGE:

Couples intending to marry should contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

BAPTISM CLASS:

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please call the office to register for the upcoming date and time.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Tuesday by 5:00 pm in writing or email
hheger@holycrosswestfargo.com

RCIA:

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are interested in learning more about the teachings of the faith, please call the parish office at 282-7217.

HOLY CROSS MOBILE APP:



The Holy Cross mobile app is available to download. Find us in the app store. Search My Parish App. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, and an easy-to-access event calendar. Enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or confession, and

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emmanual Volk	Danny Ahneman
Cullen Johnson	Kay Syvertson
Morgan Little	Wayne Ward
Traci Peterson	Noah Wiersma
Richard Elless	Karinne Davidson
Judy Elless	Bill Harbeke
Raymond Stelmachuk	Casey Jensen
Charlie Jensen	Annie Jensen
Pauline Hirning	Donna Zimmerman
Maisie Jensen	Logan Falk
Kathy Zins	Diane Fradet
Dave Richard	Karli Moch
Jacob Petermann	Daniel Brossart
Kari Kolstoe	Barbara Moos
Dave Syvertson	

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name.

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 282-7217.

PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Remember in prayer:

Captain Diann Olson, Captain Dixie Klein Aune, Stefani Nistler, Major Liea Misialek, Daniel Lee Cariveau, Specialist E4 Brandon Clifton, Nick Allred & Chandler Haut, SSG Stephanie Burdick Thielges, SFC William Burdick, SGT Jakob Burdick, SFC Fielding Olson, Anthony Heise, David Morse, Private Adam Mack, Technical Sgt E6 Andres Gonzalez, Technical Sgt E6 Leah Gonzalez.

If any family has people in the Armed Services that they would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office.

REMINDER - ST. JOSEPH'S BREAD TABLE!

Every Wednesday starting at 9:00 am

Various breads, bagels and goodies from Panera bread. Free Will Offering goes towards the Poor Fund.

EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 7– St Raymond of Penyafort
 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Adoration
 9:00 am - 11:00 am WOW Bible Study (Multipurpose Room)
 11:45 am Confessions
 11:50 am Rosary
 12:15 pm Mass
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm WOW Bible Study (Multipurpose Room)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm KofC Council Meeting (Trinity Music Room)

TUESDAY, January 8th
 10:00 am Mass at Edgewood Vista
 11:45 am Confessions
 11:50 am Rosary
 12:15 pm Mass
 3:15 pm - 5:00 pm AHG Marian Series (Multipurpose Room)
 4:45 pm Communion Service at Good Samaritan
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Multipurpose Room)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
 7:00 pm Trail Life Troop Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, January 9th
 9:00 am Mass at the Cooperative Living Center
 9:30 am Hooks & Needles (Multipurpose Room)
 10:00 am Communion at Eventide on 32nd
 11:45 am Confessions
 11:50 am Rosary
 12:15 pm Mass
 4:30 pm Faith Formation
 6:00 pm Faith Formation
 7:15 pm Youth Ministry

THURSDAY, January 10th
 8:45 am Trinity School Mass
 9:15 am - 11:30 am **Mother's Rosary Group (Multipurpose Room)**
 11:45 am Confessions
 11:50 am Rosary
 12:15 pm Mass
 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Golden Cross Card Club (Hallway)
 6:00 pm Trinity Staff Christmas Party (Church/Kitchen)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting (Multipurpose Room)

FRIDAY, January 11th
 11:45 am Confessions
 11:50 am Rosary
 12:15 pm Mass

SATURDAY, January 12th
 8:00 am - 9:00 pm KofC Exemplification (Multipurpose Room/
 Kitchen/South Hallway)
 3:30 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Rosary
 4:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, January 13th - The Baptism of the Lord
 Donuts with Daughters after morning Masses
 7:00 am Confessions
 7:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Mass /Liturgy of the Word
 11:00 am Mass/Liturgy of the Word/Krabbenhof baptism at Mass
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm RCIA (Conference Room)
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Piano Recital (Multipurpose Room)
 6:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, January 7th
 12:15 pm +Leo Gregoire by Bonnie Oelschlager

TUESDAY, January 8th
 10:00 am **Priest's Intention**
Edgewood Vista
 12:15 pm +Joseph Kraft by Bev & Tom Kelsch

WEDNESDAY, January 9th
 9:00 am **Priest's Intention**
Cooperative Living Center
 12:15 pm Mary Gregoire by Bonnie Oelschlager

THURSDAY, January 10th
 8:45 am Godchildren of Lisa & Matt Prindiville
Trinity School Mass
 12:15 pm +Dorothy & Gordon Gregg by Melissa & Jeff Benda

FRIDAY, January 11th
 12:15 pm Clare & Richard Elless

SATURDAY, January 12th
 4:30 pm +Mike Steidl by Dianne Schock

SUNDAY, January 13th
 7:30 am **Priest's Intention**
 9:00 am +Bonita Peterson by Pam Hartwig
 11:00 am Noah Hargiss by Kathy Melaas
 6:00 pm Holy Cross Catholic Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
TUESDAY	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
THURSDAY	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
FRIDAY	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
SATURDAY	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
SUNDAY	Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ti 2:11-15; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays: 9 am to 8 pm in the Daily Chapel

God gave us the gift of time, so let us use it **wisely...**

Adorers needed;

3 to 4 pm. and 6 to 7 pm.

If you can spend one hour with Jesus please call Arlene Schneider at 541-7834 or email

aschneider@far.midco.net

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER

What is Epiphany? Who are these three kings?

Well, there are many stories and many interpretations about the 3 kings. We know, first of all, they were not kings. The idea of kings came much later. They were the 'magi'. A group of people who were considered, in the courts of that area and at that time, in very high regard. And while not kings, they were the favorites of the king, because they were the astrologers and they were the ones who plotted the heavens, and they brought their wisdom and intelligence and understanding through the study of the stars. It is through them that we get the idea of "magician". For us a magician does very secret and incredible things and works little miracles.

They also had the reputation, because they studied and believed in the stars. They

felt that God was reaching them through the way the stars were set in the skies and their motions and movements.

As these three looked up into the starry sky one night, they saw a very special star. As they looked through all of their writings and histories, they found out that this was a star, perhaps, would be the star that would shine on the birth of a Messiah in Israel. And that is when they set out on a very long journey.

Where did they come from? Probably Babylonia, because in Babylonia the astrologers were considered the most important members of the regal family, close to the king.

Saint Matthew, who tells us this story, is telling us how their journey, their search, was.

First you must search, to see. You must search in your heart. You must look up into the sky, look into your world or look into your heart. And if you're not searching, you're not going to find the child, because he's only given to those who search, just as the magi were.

And so they came. They came and where did they look?

Well, of course, those people knew much more about the nation of Israel than we give them credit for, for they knew that there was a promise in ancient days that some time in Israel a great king would arise and he would be called the Holy One of God and he would be the Messiah. So it was that they went to Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem they encountered Herod. Herod was a great king, a mighty king, and he was also a bit crazy. And he was ruthless when it came to holding on to his power. He even killed members of his family.

Anyone who heard the name Herod trembled, even though he was one of the greatest builders of his time and many of the buildings of Caesarea in Palestine today were built by Herod, this man was ruthless and paranoid when it came to guarding his own power. Herod called on the people that would know about messiahs, the scholars.

The scholars went through all of the scriptures. It was noted in the book of Micah, the great prophet, seven hundred years before, that, someday, in Bethlehem, the city of David, where David himself was born and raised, there would come the great Messiah. So it was there that the three magi, were told that in this little village that was famous for only one thing, the home of King David himself, that it would bring forth from the line of David, the Messiah. They set out for Bethlehem.

Before they started out, Herod said to the kings, "You find out where he is and then you come back and tell us where you find him and we will go and worship him."

Of course, Herod did not have worship in his mind. Herod was going to kill the child.

When the magi finally found Bethlehem, and the star re-appeared above Bethlehem and they found the child and his mother, they found Jesus and Mary together, it was at that time that they offered their gifts.

There was gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold was the gift of kings.

Frankincense, was incense for the gods. You burn incense only to the divine. Their understanding was the frankincense, the incense, would be the recognition that the child was divine, that he had come from God.

And myrrh, which was a puzzling gift because myrrh is an ointment used only in embalming, and it was to embalm the child. The meaning of these gifts was: this king of the Jews, who was God incarnate, he would also, because he was mortal, he would pass through death into his new kingdom.

The one thing that St. Matthew wants us to remember is, if you're searching, if you're searching for meaning, for purpose, for what will eventually feed the hunger of your heart, in your search you will find that Jesus is the answer.



HOLY CROSS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

January 13-14

	Altar Server	Usher	Greeter	EMHC	Proclaimer	Sacristan
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Courtenay Dick Kaeson Dick Connor Erickson	Micah Erickson Adrian, Michelle, Ryan, Colin Orth	Pam Garman-Hill Dean Hill	Jeff Benda Heather Dick Jay Dick Nancy Elliot Jennifer Halda James LaHaise Barbara Stockstad	Melissa Benda Clare Elless	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Greta Orvik NOT FILLED	Paul Dukart Shirley Dukart	Justin Gehrke Melinda & Blaine Wampler	Alanna Fink Elaine Wilhelmi Mary Kay Willits	Joan Baltezare Beverly Kelsch	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Derek Boehm Elena Boehm Lucas Grove Megan Grove Annabelle Maher	Thomas Gentzkow Murray Nelsen Troy Sanders Terry & Zane Thomason	Amy Kensok Bill Kensok Luke & Bailey Steckler	Mary Dosch Janet Grove Robert Hill Danelle Klamann Matthew Klamann Madonna Nelsen	Paul Dosch Shannon Roers Jones	James Brown
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Cade Carney Anna Geffre (sub requested) Noah Geffre (sub requested) Brittany Srnsky Brooke Srnsky	Haley Bucholz Kevin Bucholz Mark Schlader	Mark & Melissa Schlader Family Mike Srnsky Sheri Srnsky	Kari Bucholz Albert Hoffart Elizabeth Hoffart Dora Mae Mitzel Elizabeth Scott Darla Skaurud Dan Van Winkle	Nicklaus Redenius Katie Redenius	NOT FILLED
Sunday, 6:00 PM	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Casey Glandt Miranda Glandt	Scott Olson Susan Olson	Arlene Schneider NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Arlene Schneider	Deacon Jim Uline

DONUTS WITH THE DAUGHTERS
Catholic Daughters will be serving Donuts & Coffee/Juice on Sunday, January 13th after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses! Free will donation. Stop by for a donut and some fellowship!

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT
Tuesday, January 8, 6-8 p.m., Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo. Topics: Chastity and Pornography. 6-7 p.m. Adoration and Confessions; 7-8 p.m. dinner and discussion.

BAPTISMS

We welcome our newly baptized members

BLAIR ERBES

Daughter of Amber & David Erbes

MEN OF FAITH

Will be starting up again on Wednesday January 16th at 7pm and Thursday January 17th at 6am.

This will be That Man is You, second session. There is no requirement to have attended the first session. All men are welcome to join at anytime.

For more information call or text Keith Wilson 361-3823 or Larry Geffre 219-0536.

GOLDEN CROSS CARD/GAME CLUB

Our HCCC Card/Games Club will meet on Thursday, January 10th following the 12:15 Mass. We'll enjoy a potluck lunch, so ask that you bring a dish or treat to share. We welcome anyone who is interested in playing cards or games, or join us just to socialize! Please call Carol Holub at 298-0854 or Clare Elless at 282-4356 if you have any questions.

WANT TO GET TO KNOW OTHER MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH?



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Check out our website: www.kofc9642.org for activities and more information!

The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council #9642 meets on the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 7pm. Watch the bulletin for location.

January Knight of the month: Brian Kingsley

January Family of the month: Dave & Carla Janssen; MaKayla, Alexis, Mitchell

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American Heritage Girls is a Christian troop for girls focused on building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

Contact Troop Coordinator Tara Newman to learn more at taranewman.newman@gmail.com

FATHERS AND SONS...

Do you want to encounter God in the outdoors?



Trail Life USA is a Christian Outdoor Adventure, Character, and Leadership Program for boys and young men in grades K-12. Our local Troop meets at

Trinity Elementary on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm.

Contact Troopmaster Mike Richard at (701) 566-8424 to learn more about this exciting new ministry.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS strives to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

Why should you join?

- To deepen your spiritual life and share your faith.
- To promote love of God, church and country.
- To share your talents, gain leadership skills and develop new friendships.

NO Catholic Daughters meeting in December. Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting in January will be held on January 10th at 7:00 pm.

All women ages 18+ are welcome to join.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

The Church believes that a person faces the particular judgment at death. God judges our souls and finds us either able to enter heaven immediately, needing to go through further purification in purgatory or capable of hell because of our refusal to detach ourselves from sin and our unwillingness to repent. At the end of time, there will be a general judgment, at which time our bodies will be resurrected to join our souls in our eternal life, whether that be in heaven or hell.

What happens to us after death is an indication of our own personal, free choice to choose God and the path to holiness or to turn against Him. What happens after death also indicates who our God is—a God of both justice and mercy.

As Christians, we should not fear death, but rather ready ourselves for it, by growing in holiness and striving for eternal life.

Spiritual Renewal: Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron Series

We invite you to join us for this series where you will learn what Catholics believe and why while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. Mondays at 10am starting January 14th. CHI Riverview, 5300 12th Street S, Fargo. For more information call 701-237-4700.

Catholic Collage - Save the Dates

Mark your calendars for February 10, 17, 24, 2019 for another informative and inspiring year of Catholic Adult Education. This year's planning includes course offerings on Prayer (Deacon Dahl), Moral Theology (Fr. Ermer), Evangelization (Joe Hendrickx), Reading the Old Testament (Msgr Laliberte), The Gospel of John (Fr. Sautner), and Fr. Gunwall (tba). Mark your calendars now and watch for registration information to come in January.

FM i.d.9:16 exists to form young adults into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. We are in our 20s & 30s, single, married, with or without kids.

Please join FM.i.d.9:16 for our January Disciples Night on Thursday, January 10th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Nativity Church. Our guest speaker will be Mike Hagstrom who is President of the John Paul II Catholic Schools Network. His talk will focus on the Christmas season. We will start the evening out with mass followed by dinner and guest speaker.

For more information or to register please go to: <https://www.fmid916.com/events/>

Childcare will also be available as well.

For any more information or questions you can: E-mail at: fmid916@gmail.com

9 Days for Life Novena begins Jan. 14

January 14-22 will mark the USCCB's nationwide Novena **9 Days for Life**. The prayer effort takes place during the U.S. bishops' annual period of *prayer and action* focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each days' prayer focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to **receive the novena any of four ways**: free mobile app, text message, email, or online. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share **9 Days for Life**. For more information visit www.9daysforlife.com

40 Days for Life ND invites you to an Evening of Thanksgiving

Ramona Trevino will be the guest speaker at an evening event honoring the participants of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign and all who stand for life! You are invited to join Ramona as she shares her story of conversion from an abortion provider to an advocate for life. Mark your calendars for **Tues., Jan. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.** at the Avalon Events Center, 2525 9th Ave. South in Fargo. Registration is not required. will be served; Hors D'oeuvres will be served - there will be a free will offering. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life ND. For more information contact the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601.

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