

**CATHOLICISM 201**

Each Monday Starting Oct. 28th from 6:30-8 pm  
 Topics: The Mass, Spiritual Writings, Letter to the Romans  
 See flier for more details

**No Catholicism 201 on Monday, April 28th**

The **CHOSEN**  
 Movie Night

**2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**7-8:30 PM**

**FREE MOVIE, POPCORN AND SNACKS.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
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**101 S. WALNUT STREET**



# Holy Cross Parish

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Mass:** Monday and Tuesday 9:00a

**Adoration:** Monday 9:30a

**Weekend Schedule:**

**Confession:** Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment

**Mass:** Sunday Mass 4:30p

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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*Women of Holy Cross*  
**Book Study**  
 May 8, 15 & 22 from 4-5 pm

Meet downstairs in the sewing room  
 Coffee & Tea will be offered

**WE'LL BE READING:**  
*What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed*  
 by Bishop Robert Barron

We have extra copies of this book.  
 Please don't order one.

**Faith Night**  
 Exploring the issues of our times in the context of faith

**Final Faith Night**  
 May 19th—Poverty and Homelessness

For all ages. Free dinner

Confirmation  
 Sunday, May 4th 3:00 pm  
 Cathedral of Saint Helena

Please pray for Holy Cross Youth getting confirmed:

Alex Bakken  
 Anders Bakken  
 Janeth Garcia  
 Kaden Richtmyer

**YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS**

5/4/25 RE Topic: Vocations  
 5/11/25 RE Topic: Finding a place in the church  
 5/18/25: Last day of RE party



**Conclave: electing the next pope – part 1**

With the death of Pope Francis on Monday, many people are asking a variety of questions related to the death of a pope and the election of the next. For the next few weeks, I am going to deviate from my series so that I can address some of these questions and help you to understand the process that will unfold.

Let's start with the events that surround the death of a pope. Although the most common way for a pope to "leave office" is by death, the death of a pope is not a normal occurrence for most people. With the death of a pope comes many different changes for the faithful in the church, as I am finding out. Following the death of a pope, a cardinal is named to confirm the death. This tradition is quite old going back to the Middle Ages. The original purpose of confirming the death of the pope was to make sure the pope was actually dead and also that no nefarious activities surround his death. During parts of church history, some popes were theorized to have been murdered by poison or other means. This process helps the people to be assured of a proper and peaceful death for the pope. Following the confirmation of the pope's death, many parts of the mourning of the pope commence. The cardinals of the church, which I will write about soon, are assembled in Rome for the funeral and the subsequent steps of choosing the next pope. Usually the funeral for the pope is set for between 3-5 days after his death. For centuries the funeral of a pope was celebrated with the same pomp as for a king of Europe. Pope Francis changed this tradition to focus on the role of the Pope as pastor. Each pope gets to set the rules and his wishes for his funeral.

During these next two periods of time, the church mourns the death of her leader. The first part of the mourning process starts at the death of the pope and leads to the funeral. During this time the faithful are encouraged to prayer the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be on both the day of his death and subsequent days for the repose of his soul. Churches have the option to drape the picture of the pope or the doors of the church in black as a sign of mourning. I like the image of the church being draped in black. It looks like a widow mourning the loss of her husband.

The next mourning period follows the funeral and lasts for nine days. These nine days are called the Novendiales. During these days churches are encouraged to celebrate Masses for the deceased pope. These Masses can even be memorial or also like funeral Masses. The Pope can be mentioned during the Prayers of the Faithful and as the intention for the Mass. Once the nine days are concluded then the church returns to normal and the process of selecting the next pope begins shortly after the mourning period. The normal period of mourning lasts around 15-20 days before the process of selecting the next pope begins.

Fr. Cody

With the passing of Pope Francis, the church encourages many practices to pray for the repose of his soul. One of the practices is praying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be daily for his soul.

**Holy Cross Parish**  
**Memorial Masses for Pope Francis**  
**Tuesday, April 29th @ 9:00 am**  
**and**  
**Tuesday, April 29th @ 6:00 pm**

**Holy Cross Parish**

**Finances**

Weeks ended April 13th & April 20th

Total for Two Weeks \$5,248.69  
 Budget \$5,800.00  
 Variance **-\$551.31**

**Year to Date**

Total \$104,505.34  
 Budget \$116,000.00  
 Variance **-\$11,494.66**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Scripture Readings**



Third Sunday of Easter

05-04-2025

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41  
 Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
 Reading 2: Revelation 5:11-14  
 Gospel: John 21:1-19

**Easter Party!!!**

Monday, April 28th  
 6-7:30 pm  
 Festive Food, Easter themed games, trivia...  
 Fun for the whole family!  
 Come celebrate Easter with us!



Mass	Schedule
Monday April 28	Mass 9:00a (seminarians) Adoration 9:30a Parish Easter Party 6:00p
Tuesday April 29	Mass 9:00a (Pope Francis) Mass 6:00p (Pope Francis)
Wednesday April 30	
Thursday May 1	
Friday May 2	
Saturday May 3	Mass 9:20a Adoration and Confession 2:00-4:00p
Sunday May 4	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p (Parish Family) RE 5:30p

**Pray for our Seminarians**

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**Prayer Chain**

Unless otherwise requested, after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton,, Brian Roher and family, Isaac Hyde, Bob Masolo, Marj Kohn, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law

**Ministry Schedule**

Sunday May 4, 2025 4:30pm

Greet: Tacy Swanton  
 Lector: Debbie Miller  
 Gifts: Tom and Julie Lethert  
 EM: Megan Bleile and Lucas Bleile  
 Money Counters: Jaunita Bray and Karen Susag