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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 19 & 20, 2023 Year A**

We learn in this Sunday's Gospel about how faith works! It is shown by that woman in our Gospel today as she persistently begged Jesus for her daughter's health. Though she heard derogatory remarks, it didn't hinder her to pursue what she wishes for her daughter. What she heard didn't affect her, instead she turned it into a positive as she said "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus then praised her for having such a great faith. Her daughter was healed on the spot.

How does our faith work? Do we have that kind of faith so that the Lord will also praise us?

Only Faith matters!

Fr. Rod

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 20, 2023

O God, let all the nations praise you! Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

\$tewardship	8/5-6	8/12-13	Diocesan Collections
Offertory:	\$4,366	\$3,870	Catholic University \$5
Online:	\$875	\$1,205	
Operating Expenses	\$280	\$175	
Loose:	\$206	\$288	Best choice to Donate to Holy Cross Is Online go to
Children:	\$14	\$6	
Candles	\$75	\$111	www.holycrossyoungwood.org
Catholic Accent	\$0	\$3	Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts
Assumption	\$45	\$30	Call the office if you have any questions
Contributions by Check is preferred over cash when possible			
Total:	\$5,861	\$5,688	
Budget:	\$7,700	\$7,700	
Over/(Under):	(\$1,839)	(\$2,012)	

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT.	AUG 19	5:00PM	LOIS STINEBISER(A) (KAREN & PAUL HOCHENDONER)
SUN	AUG 20	8:00AM	STANLEY & FLORENCE WOJCIECHOWSKI (CAROLE)
		10:00AM	HELEN MARY GOOTEE (BALISTRERI FAMILY)
MON	AUG 21	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	AUG 22	8:00AM	ROBERT P HARTZELL (JO & GEORGE HARTZELL)
WED	AUG 23	8:00AM	WILLIAM TOFFOLO (JEFF & DEB TOFFOLO)
THU	AUG 24	8:00AM	DR. JAMES MASTERSON (JO & GEORGE HARTZELL)
FRI	AUG 25	NO MASS	

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT.	AUG 26	5:00PM	CLARENCE & ELIZABETH LINEBURG (JOE & MARGIE ALTSCHAFFL)
SUN	AUG 27	8:00AM	PATRICIA BOBNAR (MIKE & TINA BOBNAR)
		10:00AM	ANNA MAE EICHOLTZ (TATE FAMILY)

Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to: dioceseofgreenburg.org/stream-mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 26 & 27, 2023

SAT	AUG 26	5:00PM	ALTAR SERVERS—KIRSHNER	
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HORAN	LECTOR—HORAN
SUN	AUG 27	8:00AM	ALTAR SERVERS—FIELD	
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—NEMEC	LECTOR—TLUMACK
		10:00AM	ALTAR SERVERS—LUBECKI	
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—RIZZARDI	LECTOR—LUBECKI
MONEY COUNTERS—DERR, FRICK, GLORIOSO				

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	Vigil	5:00PM	SUNDAY	8:00AM & 10:00AM
HOLY DAY	Vigil	6:00PM eve. prior day		8:00AM on Holy Day
WEEKDAY		8:00AM Mon. thru Thurs.		No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS		Saturday 4:00PM		
WEDDINGS		Please call Father at least 6 Months Prior		
BAPTISMS		Please call Father to schedule.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK		Please call parish office.		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM Tuesday 2:00—5:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM—Noon



LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 4

LABOR DAY REGIONAL MASS AT
ST. BRUNO @9:00AM

FINANCE COUNCIL—SEPTEMBER 6 @ 6PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL— SEPTEMBER 7 @ 6PM

PARISH FESTIVAL—

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (5-9PM)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (11AM-6PM)

Fr. Rod Anniversary Social

This August, Fr. Rod will celebrate the one year Anniversary as pastor of Holy Cross Church.

Please join your fellow parishioners and friends in showing our appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Rod

The event will follow the
10:00 AM Mass on
Sunday August 27th.

Please Come & Join Us
after mass in the social hall!

Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass

**Our Lady of
Grace Church,**

1011 Mount Pleasant Road,
Greensburg, PA

6:00 PM Sunday Evening



Mass Intentions For 2023

are now being accepted

Call the Parish office to schedule yours.

Virtus Training

Tim Fogarty from the Diocese of Greensburg will be conducting two

Virtus Training classes here at Holy Cross in the church hall on

**Monday, August 28th at 9:30AM
& Tuesday, August 29th at 5PM**

If you are in need of this training, please contact Michele Wentzel at

mwentzel@dioceseofgreensburg.org



Paper goods may be left at the church entrances every weekend. There isn't always room in the bulletin to promote this project. So please remember these donations are welcome any time. Your ongoing support of the Youngwood Food Pantry is always appreciated.

THE WORD—YEAR A
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

OBSERVE WHAT IS RIGHT, DO WHAT IS JUST....



SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

*FOR THE GIFTS AND THE CALL OF GOD
ARE IRREVOCABLE.*

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15: 21-28

O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH....



Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records accordingly.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

**Holy Cross
Prayer Chain**

If you, a loved one or friend are in need of extra prayers, Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be placed on the parish prayer chain. No matter what the need is, large or small, we are here to pray for that need.



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FESTIVAL NEWS 2023

September 16 & 17

The Festival Committee is in need of a Chairperson (s) for the Games of Chance. If you have talents to share and would like to chair this important committee of our Festival, please contact Shelly Garris.

We are seeking donations of 12oz. Pepsi products for the drink booth. They can be dropped off in the basement of the Church. Regular Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Diet Caffeine Free Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Lipton Brisk Ice Tea, Mug Root Beer, Sierra Mist, Orange Crush & Dr. Pepper. Also, water & Capri Sun.

As always, we are looking for **VOLUNTEERS**. If you already have your clearance through Holy Cross, Great! If you need to get your clearances, contact Michele Wentzel. Also, in the pews are **SPONSOR ENVELOPES**. Become a sponsor of our Festival! Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze sponsorships are available. Your contributions help to defray many of the miscellaneous costs associated with trying to make our Festival a success. Consider a donation today. For more information contact, Shelly Garris or contact the Parish Office.

Festival Chair—Shelly Garris garrisjsjl@gmail.com

Clearances—Michele Wentzel 724-600-6505 or mwentzel@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parish Office—724-925-7811 or ssistek@dioceseofgreensburg.org



Basket Raffle

If you would like to make a contribution to the festival basket raffle, please consider donating the following items:

- Cash Donations
- Gift Cards
 - Examples: Restaurants, Grocery Stores, Gas Stations, Wine & Spirits, etc.
- Instant Lottery Tickets
- Non-Perishable Groceries
- Queen Comforter Sets
- Queen Sheet Sets
- Small Appliances
 - Examples: Keurigs, Crockpots, Griddles, Air Fryers, Popcorn Poppers, etc.
- Individual Bottles of Wine/Spirits
- Bath and Body Works Items
- Towel Sets
- Yankee Candle Items
- Penguin/Steeler Tickets
- Concert Tickets
- Electronic Devices
- Cookware and Dish Sets
- Large Boxes of K-Cups
- Fall Floral Wreaths
- Flatware

To make arrangements, call Eleanor at 724-925-7792

Altar Servers Needed

We have lost a number of altar servers for various reasons for the upcoming year. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, training is available. Please contact Fr. Rod at rrodriguez@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call /email the parish office.

CONFIRMATION

A parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the church social hall for parents of 8th graders that will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. If you have any questions, email Jennifer Kirshner at jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Please pardon our appearance as we create a new warm and colorful bulletin for you, our parishioners. Each week new changes will be made to make the bulletin easier to read and navigate so you may find areas of interest to you as well as bring you important news about happenings in our Parish. Obviously colorful bulletins cost more than black & white. We are limited as to the number of advertisers that have been supporting our bulletin printing.

We are looking to you, our parishioners, for assistance. Consider being a Bulletin Patron Sponsor. We will add a section on our advertising page for those parishioners who don't own businesses but would like to help defray our cost. You can also recognize a Birthday, Anniversary or Memorialize a friend or loved one as well. Simply complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office with your payment. Donation would be \$10.00 per Month or for a single insertion. Pay one year in advance for \$100.00.

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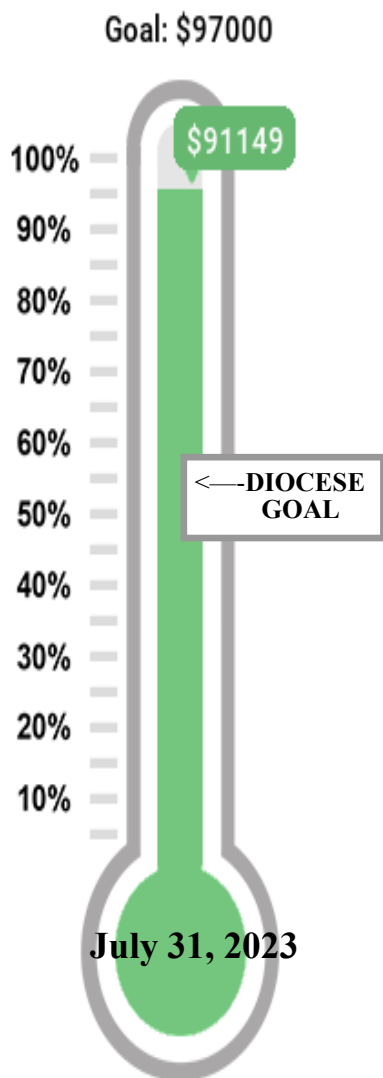
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Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Thus far, we have raised **\$91,149** and **\$50,707** will be returned to our parish for windows, kitchen & energy upgrades. We need **\$6,851** to reach our parish goal of **\$97,000**. If you have not made a gift, check this week's mail for a reminder. Please prayerfully consider making your gift and joining with those who have as One Body in Christ.

ONLINE DONORS

If you are making your donations online to Holy Cross Church and you are still receiving envelopes, please let us know. We can save your donation dollars by cancelling the envelopes.. Thank you!

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. is unique among the Catholic institutions of higher education because it is the national university for the Catholic Church in the United States. It is the only higher education institution founded by the American bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Here in the Diocese of Greensburg, we have ten grade schools and two high schools that offer a wholistic education that combines Christ's teachings with academic excellence and service to others. The parents of students in our 12 schools sacrifice to send to their children to a Catholic school because they recognize how important academics and Catholic values are to their child's lifelong success. Our Catholic schools are an asset to our communities and they prepare future leaders for the Church and the nation.

Become a Member of Holy Cross Church

Welcome! It is a blessing to welcome new members to our parish.. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed

registration form or go to our website: www.holycrossyoungwood.org

If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.



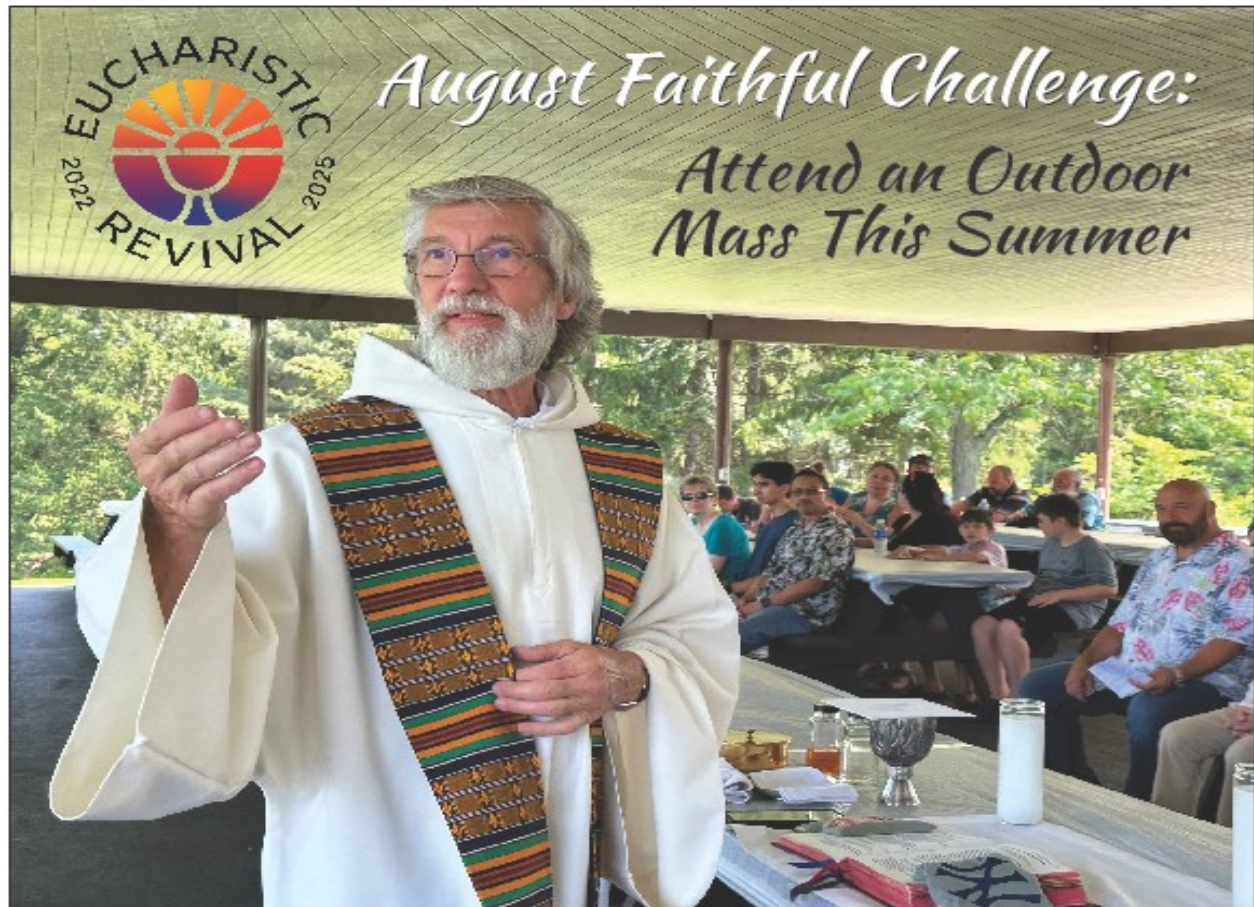
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Outdoor Masses provide relaxing, prayerful respite. Bishop Kulick's August Faithful Challenge is to attend an outdoor Mass this summer. Receiving the Eucharist nourishes the soul. The popularity of outdoor Masses soared during the pandemic, but many parishes still celebrate Mass outdoors during the summer months. You can find a list of outdoor Masses happening this summer at TheAccentOnline.org.

Attending an outdoor Mass or outdoor Eucharistic procession is an opportunity to get involved in the National Eucharistic Revival. So is attending **KNOW HIM: Stunned Disciples**, Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Imagine the shock of Jesus' closest friends when they experienced his miracles, witnessed his crucifixion, and saw him alive again, resurrected from the dead. You will be transported back to Jesus' time and become a stunned disciple: experience Jesus' miracles, see the tools of the crucifixion, taste food from the Holy Land, and learn about other disciples like Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian website designer on the path to Sainthood. Register for this one-of-a-kind immersive experience at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival.



Thursday, September 21, 2023
Register Today!
**KNOW HIM:
 STUNNED DISCIPLES**
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Cash bash Sept. 23 at St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg

The St. Bruno Parish Rosary Altar Society and South Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department will co-host a cash bash with more than \$23,000 in cash prizes, including a \$10,000 grand prize, Saturday, Sept. 23, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Only 333 tickets will be sold, with three numbers per ticket. A basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, game tickets, food and refreshments are planned. Cost is \$100 per ticket. Winners need not be present except for the earlybird drawing at 6:15 p.m. For tickets, call 724-836-0690.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 5:30 PM

Join us for an International Food Festival to support priestly formation in the Philippines.

**Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg**

Right now, more than 20 Filipino priests serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo, Bishop of Tagum in the Philippines, will be present for the event and appreciates our partnership. Missionary priests from the Diocese of Tagum are the largest in number serving our Diocese in International Priests Program. Proceeds from the International Foodfest will benefit vocations in the Diocese of Tagum.

Mass with Bishop Medil Aseo and Bishop Larry J. Kulick begins at 5:30 p.m. with the food festival immediately following.

Tickets are \$75 per person which include samples of food from Italy, Eastern Europe and the Philippines, plus an entire room of desserts as well as two drink tickets per person. Entertainment will include Filipino Dancers and a Polka Band.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Your sponsorship will help provide additional support to priestly formation in the Philippines. You can also cover the cost of a priest or deacon attending the event by choosing to pay it forward with a \$75 sponsorship.

\$1000 Event Sponsorship

- Includes 8 tickets to the event.
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- Mention in The Catholic Accent.

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- Includes 4 tickets to the event.
- VIP seating in each room.
- Organization name listed on signage throughout the event.

\$250 Room Sponsorship

- Includes 2 tickets to the event.
- VIP seating in room of your choice (Italian, Filipino, or Eastern European).
- Organization name listed on room signage of your choice.

\$75 Pay-It-Forward Sponsorship

- Cover the cost of a priest or deacon to attend the event.
- Name listed in Worship Aid.



Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo

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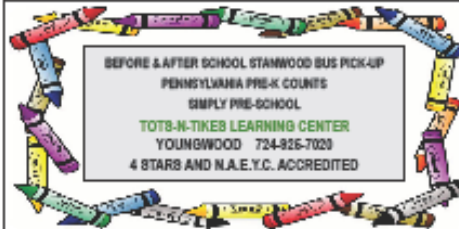
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