

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME // JANUARY 18, 2025 // YEAR A

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



A word from Fr. Rod...

John the Baptist's clear, humble witness—"Behold, the Lamb of God"—invites us to see who Jesus truly is: God's chosen one, the One on whom the Spirit rests. In recognizing Jesus, John points away from himself and toward a life renewed by the Spirit. As members of this parish, we are called to that same recognition and to let the Spirit remain in us so we may follow, serve, and witness to others. This week, ask for the grace to recognize Christ in your life and to point others to him.

Let us also take John's example of humble testimony into our daily lives: by prayer, by participation in the sacraments, and by simple acts of service we allow the Spirit to shape and send us. When we echo John's proclamation—naming Jesus as Lord in word and deed—we help others encounter the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Let us help others encounter the Lord through our words & deeds!

Fr. Rod



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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-4pm
(closed 12-1
for lunch)

Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
Sunday: 8am & 10am
Monday - Thursday: 8am
Friday: No mass

Holy Day (Vigil): 6pm on the
evening prior
and 8am on
Holy Day

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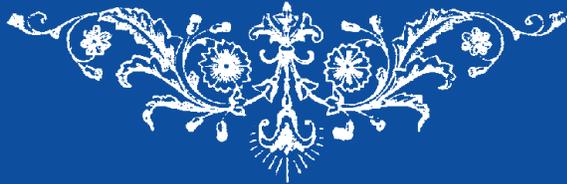
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OUR PARISH IN NUMBERS

STEWARDSHIP

January 11, 2025

Offertory:	\$2,473
Online:	\$1,377
Monthly Operating Expenses:	\$70
Loose:	\$219
Children:	\$11
Candles:	\$85
Solemnity of Mary:	\$5
Catholic Accent:	\$105



Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$4,345
Difference This Week:	(\$-3,355)
Year To Date Budget Need:	\$15,400
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$12,928
Year To Date Difference:	(\$-2,472)

Diocesan Collections

-None-

Money Counters
January 24/25

Romano
E. Lucas
K. Adamoski

Mass Attendance

5PM:	96
8AM:	55
10AM:	<u>119</u>
Total:	270



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HOW WE GIVE:

Families Receiving Envelopes:	346
Families Using Envelopes:	84
Families Using Online Giving:	33

a time to
Share 

2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of December 17, 2025

\$85,974

MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Jan 17	5PM	† Sam Derr (Cheryl & Family)
Sun	Jan 18	8AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		10AM	† Kimberley McMichael Snyder (Parents)
Mon	Jan 19	8AM	† Patricia Martino
Tues	Jan 20	8AM	† Catherine E. Julien
Weds	Jan 21	8AM	† Thomas A. Hanna
Thurs	Jan 22	8AM	† John C. Donaher
Fri	Jan 23		NO MASS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Jan 24	5PM	† Angie DeMonte (Family)
Sun	Jan 25	8AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
		10AM	Birthday - George L. Hartzell Jr. (Jo & George Hartzell)

THE WORD

“Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.”

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)

Reading 1 - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

“I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

“To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ their Lord and ours.

Gospel - John 1:29-34

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

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PARISH HAPPENINGS



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus are once again conducting our Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign. The Campaign will run the entire month of January 2026.

Baby Bottles will be placed in baskets at the entrances of the church the weekend of January 3-4, 2026. Please take one and place your coins, bills or checks in these bottles and return them in the baskets by the weekend of January 31-February 1, 2026. Instructions are on the bottles.

We thank you for your Support!

The Sanctuary Candle



Which acknowledges the real presence of Christ in the Tabernacle burns from

January 18th - January 24th

In Memory of
Sam Derr

Requested by:
Cheryl & Family

House Blessings for the New Year

If you are interested in having your home blessed in the coming weeks, please reach out to Deacon John at 724-244-3337.

Mass Intentions 2026

The Parish office is now taking Mass intentions for 2026. If you would like to honor a loved one with a mass intention, please call to schedule. Many weekday masses are available - weekends are filling up quickly.

Paper Product Donations

Donations of all kinds of paper products are always being accepted in the church entryways. These donations benefit the Youngwood Food Pantry. Your ongoing support is always appreciated!

Important Dates:

Feast of Presentation of the Lord---February 2
Ash Wednesday---February 18

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need to **include something in the bulletin** for next week? The deadline for submission is always 12pm on Tuesday. Please call the parish office to make arrangements

If you would like to **schedule a sacrament** for yourself or a loved one please call the parish office for baptisms, and anointing of the sick. For weddings please ensure to give at LEAST 6 months notice.

Holy Cross is **accepting reservations for altar flowers and sanctuary candles** in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$75 for flowers and \$25 for the candle. Call the parish office for more details.

If you, a loved one or friend are **in need of extra prayers**, contact Judy Field at 724-217-2037 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.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus

Second Monday of each month @ 7PM

Women's Guild

Second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM

Bible Sharing

First Thursday of each month @ 6:00PM

Youth Ministry

Every other Sunday @ 6:00PM

2026 National Prayer Vigil for Life



Catholics across the country are invited to be a part of the *2026 National Prayer Vigil for Life* taking place January 22 - January 23, whether in-person or virtually. The Opening Mass will begin at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 22 in the Great Upper Church. Following the Opening Mass, at 7:00 pm, a *National Holy Hour for Life* will be held in the Crypt Church. The *National Prayer Vigil* will conclude with the Closing Mass at 8:00 am on January 23 in the Great Upper Church.

2026 National Prayer Vigil for Life Schedule of Events

Opening Mass – Thursday, January 22, 2026

5:00 pm – Opening Prayer Vigil for Life Mass (televised on EWTN & livestreamed on www.nationalshrine.org/mass)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm – Holy Hour for Life (televised on EWTN & livestreamed on www.nationalshrine.org/mass)

Closing Mass – Friday, January 24, 2025

8:00 am – Closing Prayer Vigil for Life Mass (televised on EWTN & livestreamed on www.nationalshrine.org/mass)

Catholic Charities Seeking Volunteers

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is seeking volunteers interested in answering calls on its HelpLine. A mobile phone and training are provided. A minimum commitment of one shift per week is required. To become a volunteer, contact Donna Hagan at 724-837-1840 or dhagan@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

HELP WANTED -

Jeannette/Irwin/Herminie Area

Regional Director of Youth Ministry & Discipleship:

The Diocese of Greensburg is seeking a dynamic and passionate Catholic to oversee youth formation (grades 7-12) and discipleship efforts in Catholic communities in Irwin/North Huntingdon, Jeannette and Sewickley Township. Working with experienced adult leaders, the director is tasked with continuing to grow a well-established and vibrant youth ministry with their own dedicated spaces in a growing and demographically diverse part of the Diocese, including the opportunity for Hispanic ministry. Full-time with benefits. For information or to apply, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/employment or email hr@DioceseofGreensburg.org. The full job description can be found at DioceseofGreensburg.org/job/regional-director-of-youth-ministry-and-discipleship.

Interested in joining Holy Cross?

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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Address: _____

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First Time Registration: _____ Change of Phone/Address/Email: _____

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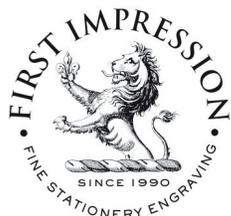
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