THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME// NOVEMBER 8, 2026 //YEAR A

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



A word from Fr. Rod...

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. All ten bring lamps, and all ten grow tired as the night wears on. But only five bring enough oil to keep their lamps burning. When the bridegroom arrives, the prepared bridesmaids are ready to welcome him.

Jesus' message is not meant to make us afraid of his coming. It is an invitation to live with hope and readiness. We do not know the hour when Christ will come to us, but we can prepare by welcoming him into the ordinary moments of our lives: in prayer, in acts of kindness, in forgiveness, and in care for those who are struggling.

The oil in our lamps is built up over time. It is the faith we nurture, the love we practice, and the trust we place in God, even when the night seems long. No one else can live our faith for us, but we can encourage one another and help each other stay close to Christ.

As we continue our journey, may we keep our lamps burning—not through worry, but through faithful love. And when the Lord comes, may he find us ready to welcome him.

Lord Jesus, keep our faith alive and our hearts watchful. Help us to meet you each day with hope, love, and generous service. Amen.

Keep Your Lamps Burning!

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

Contact:

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STEWARDSHIP

November 1, 2026

Offertory:	$4,243
Online:	$2,077
Loose:	$533
Monthly Operating Expenses:	$249
Children:	$27
Candles:	$119
Catholic Accent:	$13
All Saints:	$477
All Souls:	$363
Thanksgiving:	$18

Weekly Budget Need:	$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	$8,119
Difference This Week:	($+419)
Year To Date Budget Need:	$338,800
Year To Date Actual Offering:	$262,131
Year To Date Difference:	($-76,669)

Diocesan Collections

Missions Sunday:	$5
Retired Religious:	$743
CRS:	$13
Military:	$13

Nov. 15

Helman
Sistek
Wentzel

Mass Attendance

5PM: 59
8AM: 81
10AM: 151
Total: 291

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osvhub.com/holycross-church/giving/funds

HOW WE GIVE:

Families Receiving Envelopes:	333
Families Using Envelopes:	90
Families Using Online Giving:	38



As of October 23, 2026

$84,277

Pledged by Holy Cross Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Nov 7	5PM	✝**ALL SOULS INTENTIONS (Candlelight Service)**
Sun	Nov 8	8AM	✝**Stanley Wojciechowski (Carole)**
		10AM	✝**Jennifer Hartzell-Burns (Jo & George Hartzell)**
Mon	Nov 9	8AM	✝**Anna & Fred Ferrari (Sandy)**
Tues	Nov 10	8AM	✝**Poor Souls in Purgatory**
Weds	Nov 11	8AM	✝**Deceased Member of the Vesely & McManus Families (Dennis & Mimi)**
Thurs	Nov 12	8AM	**Nathaniel Drexler - Birthday (Parents)**
Fri	Nov 13		***NO MASS***

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	Nov 14	5PM	✝**Jane DeMonte (Family)**
Sun	Nov 15	8AM	**Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross**
		10AM	✝**Leonard Zeglin (Family)**

THE WORD

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)

Reading 1 - Wisdom 6:12-16
"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her."

Reading 2 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
"Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words."

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13
"'Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'"

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Prayer Chain

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers this week:

Joyce & Aiden L.
Dan Genard
Jim Genard
Mark Riddle
Marie Nemetz
Virginia Nemetz
Barb Zerbee
Anesia
Andrea
Miles Jr.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Winter Book Study w/ Deacon John
A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm by Phillip Keller. Book will be provided. Every Weds., Nov. 25-Dec. 16, 6PM-7PM in the social hall. Please register no later than Nov. 15 so adequate books can be ordered. To register call Deacon John @ 724-244-3337 and leave your name and the number of people attending, or call the parish office. This book provides a thought-provoking look at Jesus in the 23rd Psalm. I look forward to seeing you there. -Deacon John Zombar

Parish Office Hours
The parish office will close at 12PM this Wednesday, Nov. 11. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Bible Sharing Rescheduled
This month's Bible Sharing will be moved to the second Thursday of November (11/12).

Santa Helpers - Clelian Heights
Hello, parishioners and friends of Holy Cross! I am once again taking names and phone numbers of people who want to be a Santa Helper for a special needs child at Clelian Heights School. With your help, last year we gifted 70 students, making their Christmas extra special and I expect to have 70+ children this year. Please call Lois @ 724-244-5982 ASAP to add your name to Santa's Helper list! Help make this a very special Christmas! Tags and info will be available shortly. Thank you!

Women's Guild New Member Installation
Installation of new members will take place at the Nov. 10 meetin. If you are new or plan to join, please plan to attend.

NITE AT THE RACES

Church of St. Paul Hall
820 Carbon Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601

November 21, 2026

Door Open 6 p.m. / Races 7 p.m.

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Important Dates:

All Souls - Nov. 2
Ministry of Care Svc. - Nov. 7
Thanksgiving - Nov. 26
Advent Begins - Nov. 29

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.

If you or someone you know is **homebound, and would like to receive communion**, Deacon John Zombar is available for home visits. Please contact him at 724-244-3337 to schedule.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus
Second Monday of each month @ 7:00PM

COR Men's Group
First Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Women's Guild
Second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM

Bible Sharing ***(Nov. meeting moved to second Thurs. 11/12)***
First Thursday of each month @ 6:00PM

Rosary & Adoration
First Friday of each month @ 12:00PM

The Sanctuary Candle

Which acknowledges the real presence of Christ in the Tabernacle is burning from

November 8th - November 15th

In Memory of

All Aborted Babies

Requested by:
The Carbisieros

Lifevac Airway Clearance Device
Thanks to a group of generous donors, Holy Cross now has a Lifevac choking device! This device can be used in the event of a choking emergency. Currently, our Lifevac is located in the parish social hall on top of the AED along the ramp. For anyone who wishes to learn how to operate the device, instruction sheets are available on the side table or scan the QR code to the right to watch the 30-second instruction video.

Conference on Faith, Human Dignity, and Artificial Intelligence @ St. Vincent College
The Saint Vincent Center for Catholic Thought and Culture invites you to "Magnifica Humanitas: The Sanctity of Life in an Era of Artificial Intelligence" Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14. Inspired by Pope Leo XIV's encyclical and Bishop Larry J. Kulick's commitment to protecting the dignity of every human person, this free conference will feature nationally recognized Catholic speakers exploring faith, technology and the sanctity of life. Open to the public, the conference includes meals, and attendees may participate in one or both days. To register, email CCTC@stvincent.edu or scan the QR code below.

Lifevac Instructions

Conference @ St. Vincent

ADVENT

WINDOW CANDLES

RESERVE A CANDLE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE CHURCH WINDOWS DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT. COST IS $25 PER CANDLE. PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW AND DROP FORM AND PAYMENT IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET, OR RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE. RESERVATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE BY CALLING THE OFFICE AT 724-925-7811.

□ **IN LOVING MEMORY OF (IF YOUR LOVED ONE HAS PASSED):**
□ **IN HONOR OF(IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS STILL LIVING):**

NAME(S): _____
NAME(S): _____
NAME(S): _____

GIVEN BY: _____ **TOTAL # OF CANDLES:** _____

YOUR NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

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