

Dear Parishioners,

We love things getting better, but hate change. We want things just the way they were, and better than ever!

At Baptism, parents promise to educate their children in the Catholic Faith. As a parish, we do what we can to assist parents in this task. This will not change! How we help from year to year, however, will have to change from time to time. Unfortunately, we do not have enough young children at Holy Cross to justify continuing classes for young children in Pickens. Parents can accept parish help in two ways. Religious education classes will continue on Wednesday evenings at St. Luke’s for grades 1 thru 6. Alternatively, Faye Fazio — our director of religious education — will help parents with a home school program. She will meet with parents at Holy Cross on Sunday, August 28, at 10:30 AM.

Adults have the responsibility to continue learning about the faith, and to share the faith with others. Each individual can best share the faith in a way that fits their personality. Some people share the faith over iced tea in their living room. Others during breaks at work or school. Some share the faith over the internet. Very few give talks to large groups and become very well known. Of course, if you lead one individual to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ within the Church He founded, that person will be eternally grateful. God trusts and expects that Catholic parents will lead their children to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ within the Catholic Church.

The parish has the responsibility to help adults learn the faith, and to help parents in their responsibility to teach their children. I am delighted that we are able to offer parishioners access to the materials on formed.org. From our parish website, holycrossstluke.org, parishioners can set up a formed account at parish expense.

This week I draw your attention to “Opening the Word” — a video commentary on scripture readings at Sunday’s Mass. I signed myself up, and Monday the “Men’s Prayer Breakfast” group watched this 7 minute video. It sparked a fine discussion on the readings! I understand that many small groups of parishioners meet to discuss the readings for the upcoming week — I trust that you will find these videos very helpful in your efforts.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

This Week in our Parish

Sun., 14 8:45 AM Blood Drive
 9:00 AM Mass
 10:00AM KOC Pancake Breakfast
 Mon., 15 9:00 AM Office Closed
 Thu., 18 12:15 PM Mass
 Sat., 20 2:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross
 6:00 PM Mass
 Sun., 21 9:00 AM Mass

Masses for the Week

Thu., 18 12:15 PM Bess Moll +
 J. Moll
 Sat., 20 6:00 PM For the People
 Sun., 21 9:00 AM Bess Moll +
 Dr. & Mrs. J. Kubiak

Readings for August 14-21

Sun Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;
 Lk 12:49-53
 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
 Mon Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 Tue Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wed Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thu Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
 Mt 22:1-14
 Fri Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Sat Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
 Mt 23:1-12
 Sun Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
 Lk 13:22-30

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Betty A., Anna B., Cathy C., David C., Lee C., Joan D., Jim M., Phyllis M., Richard P., Jim R., Debra S., Shirley T., Maria T., Anne Y.

Friends/Relatives: Dale A., Kevin A., Bruce A., George C., Jr., David D., Susan D., Daniel D., Shirley D., Bobby E., Miguel F., John G., Emmett G. Jr., Helen H., Angela H., Edward K., Wayne K., David L., Lilly Grace M., Chris M., Bradley M., Maureen N., Tim & Maria N., Charles O., Louise O., Jessica P., Tom Q., Molly R., John R., Maria R., Glenn R., Tim S., Pat S., Jo T., Sarah T., Nury T., our homebound members, all current & former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will be held immediately after Mass on Sunday, August 14 in Annunciation Hall. Pancakes, bacon, sausages & drink \$5 per person or \$20 for immediate family.

St. Luke Parking Lot: Please help us to keep our driveways clear by parking only in designated parking spots or in the gravel lot beside Annunciation Hall. The driveways in front of the church and Annunciation Hall must be kept clear in the event that emergency vehicles are required. Thank you for your assistance!

4th Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held on November 4-5, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, SC. Registration: \$65 - Youth: \$35 - For more information, call: 864-354-7160 or go to www.meconferencesc.net.

Going on vacation or out of town on business? Don't worry! Visit our website at www.holycrossstluke.org to learn more about online giving and sign up today. Online giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be at Mass. We appreciate all those who have chosen to sign up for Online Giving!

Capital Campaign Report August 1, 2016

Cost to Date	\$1,174,692	From Growth/Dev	\$550,000
Balance Due	\$69,334	Donations & Int.	\$484,688
<u>Loan Interest (5 yr)</u>	<u>\$29,645*</u>	<u>Pledges Expected</u>	<u>\$ 90,091</u>
Total Cost	\$1,273,671	Total Funding	\$1,124,779
	Funds Needed		\$148,892

*This is maximum cost, will be less if paid off sooner

Stewardship Report

August 6-7, 2016

Weekly	\$2,790.69
Online.....	\$665.00
YTD Collection.....	\$22,958.86
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	TBD

Growth & Development

August 6-7, 2016

Weekly	\$1,076.67
Online.....	\$150.00
YTD Collection.....	\$2,115.67
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	TBD

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

August 20-21, 2016

6 PM	Lector:	L. Temesvari
	EM:	J. Ewing
	Servers:	L Bynum M. Bynum T. Bynum
	Greeters:	B. Jacob D. Jacob
9 AM	Lector:	Youth
	EM:	Youth
	Servers:	Youth
	Greeters:	Youth

Holy Cross Catholic Church
558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC
Mass Schedule*

Saturday.....	4:00 PM
Sunday.....	11:30 AM
Monday.....	12:15 PM
Wednesday.....	12:15 PM
Friday.....	12:15 PM

**Check the website to confirm.*