

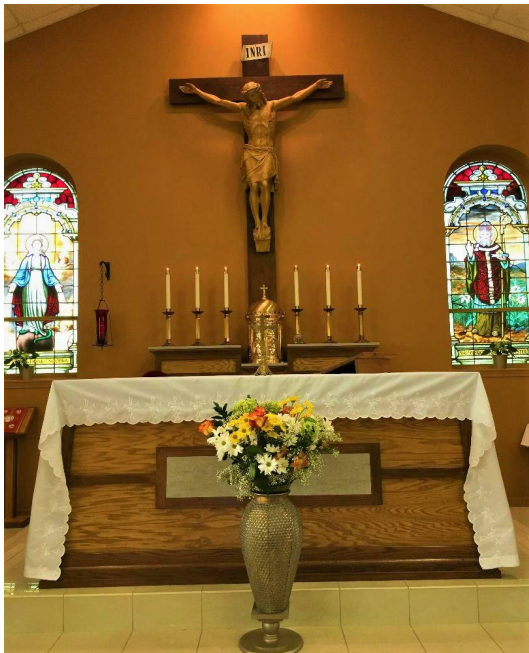
Interested in Learning More about the Catholic Faith?

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Already Catholic?

If you've felt a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church, listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.. You can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded.

*Come join our friendly family atmosphere
at Holy Cross.*



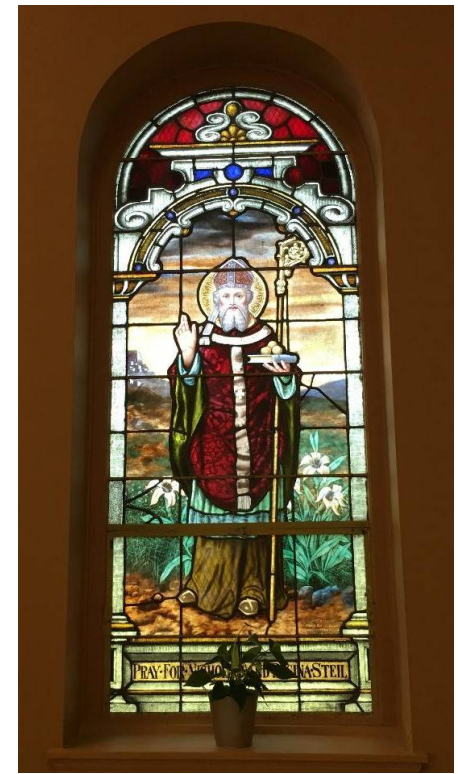
We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection; through Him we are saved and made free.

Holy Cross Church History

Although Mass was celebrated as early as 1891 in residents' homes of Wagoner, I.T, Wagoner's first Catholic church celebrated its first Mass on December 8, 1895, in a small wood frame building built on the corner of Cherokee and State streets as a striking evidence of the faith, courage, and generosity of the pioneer families in the area. In 1907, as Wagoner prospered and became a thriving town of three railroads, Father James McGuire was named the first resident pastor. In 1909, he undertook the task of building a new and much larger mission style church on the same property for the growing Catholic population. The new church was dedicated on November 10, 1910, by Bishop Meerschaert.

There were twelve other pastors that served the parish over the next 30+ years before Father Paul Brown was named pastor in 1942. He organized the first Altar Society, which is still active today, although now called the Mary and Martha Society. Also, in 1942, a rectory consisting of five rooms was erected on the church property, thus enabling the first resident priest to live in the parish since 1910. In 1945, the railroad industry had declined and there was a drastic drop in the number of parish families. During that time, Father Ramon Carlin greatly reduced the seating space in the church by moving the outside walls inward to leave arched porches on both sides of the church. In 1969, the north archways were enclosed to become a part of the new parish hall. The south archway space was converted into four classrooms in 1983.

On June 2, 1996, Holy Cross parishioners, under the guidance of much beloved Father Stephen MacAulay, ushered in their second hundred years by dedicating the third Holy Cross parish complex in its present location at S.W. 15th & Pierce Ave. Mindful of our predecessors' deep faith in 1895, may Holy Cross continue to grow and prosper. And may the Holy Spirit support and guide us on our journey of faith.



The above stained glass window was relocated to the present church when it was built in 1996. It was originally donated by Regina Steil when the mission style church was built in 1910. Her granddaughter, Monica Brandenburg, made her First Communion at Holy Cross Church in 1911.



Interesting note: Polish born Father Kasimir Kruthowski was pastor of Holy Cross in 1955. During WWII, he spent four years as a POW, including 1943-1945, in Dachau, Germany. He and the other prisoners were targeted for execution (the gas chamber) when the infamous camp was captured by the Oklahoma 45th.

Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

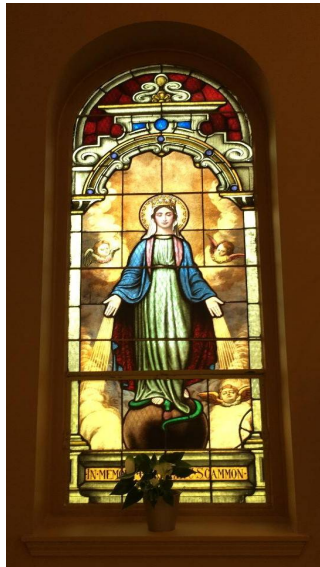
The word "Catholic" means universal, and that is really what the Catholic Church is—a universal body of believers, united in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Our Catholic family is made up of every race, age, and walk of life. For centuries, the Catholic Church has been the place to turn to for the source of Christian belief, an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ, a welcoming family, and a guiding light to get to heaven.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church to preserve the truth He gave us and hand it down through the centuries, helping people all around the world encounter the love of God in every age and in every corner of the earth.

Catholic beliefs are all rooted in the Word of God—communicated through Scripture and Tradition, and preserved by the Church.

The longing you have in your heart to find a relationship with the God who loves you and

accepts you unconditionally can be fulfilled through Jesus and our Holy Cross Catholic Church.



MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 8:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:00 pm

Thursday & Friday — 8:30 am

First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday following 5:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 to 4:50 pm

Sunday 8:00 to 8:20 am

or by appointment/request



BIBLE STUDY is held each Thursday after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Join us for wonderful fellowship and sharing of our Faith as well as learning and understanding the Bible.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is available for grades K-12. Our focus is on education leading to reception of the Sacraments and continued Faith Formation.

ADULT ENRICHMENT/EDUCATION is available throughout the year, with time, dates, and topics announced in the bulletin in advance as scheduled.

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