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Monday–Friday — 7:45am

Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm

Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

Thursday—10:30am at Catherine Place

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday — after the
7:45am weekday masses.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm

**Closed on Mondays, Weekends and
Holidays.**

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Parish Bulletin

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord • January 12, 2025

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

God told his prophet to speak words of comfort and tenderness to his people: “Don’t be afraid! The Lord will gather you all together, as a shepherd gathers his sheep, and bring you back home.”

Like the Israelites, we all need comfort from God. None of us is free from the sadness that can come from life in this world. It could be the isolation that we face, or pain of an illness, the wound from a broken relationship, or the challenge of unemployment or financial stress. No matter what we are facing, God wants to comfort us. He wants to speak tenderly to our hearts and tell us that he is with us. And more than anything else, he wants to tell us that Jesus, who is “God with us,” has opened heaven for us. We don’t have to endure our challenges on our own. We don’t have to go through this life doing nothing but trying our best and hoping for better days. We have access to the grace and comfort, the power and wisdom, of God himself!

In our Gospel today, the people who had come to hear John the Baptist knew and expected something explosive. Maybe he was the Christ, the Messiah, come to cast out the Romans and their henchmen and restore Israel to its former glory. But instead they found Jesus, a lowly carpenter from a small town, who spent his time with the powerless and the sinful, a humble man preaching love of enemies.

At his baptism, Jesus publicly embraces our human condition. He made it clear that he was identifying himself with our full humanity, even our sin. And “his Father was well pleased.” So no matter how difficult or demanding life may seem at this time, let these truths bring comfort. Nothing prevented Jesus from coming two thousand years ago and nothing will prevent him from coming again to bring heaven down to earth.

Even as we wait, nothing can prevent Jesus from coming into our hearts right now and comforting us with his loving presence.

Blessings in the holy names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M., *Coordinator of Parish Life*

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January 12, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm 29: “The Lord will bless his people with peace.”

2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22



Holy Cross School Open House

Holy Cross School (300 Dubuc Street) offers affordable, quality, Catholic education for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8. **Holy Cross School’s Open House is on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

For further information, please go to their website at www.holycrossschool.mb.ca or contact the school office by phone at 204-237-4936 or email hcsoffice@holycrossschool.mb.ca

Silence in Mass During Consecration

Father Ani has requested that no movement and silence in the church is expected at the time of consecration. This cue can be observed by the ringing of bells. Should this happen while you're in route to/from the washroom, please be considerate by stopping and waiting until after the consecration.

*Update—2025 Offering Envelopes

Your new set of offering envelopes are available at the Traverse Street entrance. A friendly reminder to everyone: once the New Year begins, please DISCARD YOUR OLD SET as envelope numbers can change from year to year. Your number might be assigned to another person for 2025 and that person will receive an income tax receipt for a donation which you have made.

***We kindly ask all envelope holders to double-check and make sure that your name is on the label of the box as some parishioners are missing their set of assigned envelopes.**

If you haven't requested a set of parish envelopes but would like one, please contact the parish office at office@holycrossparish.ca or 204-233-7367 or drop in during office hours. You may also fill out the registration form at the back of the church and drop it in the offering basket.

Visiting parishioners or parishioners who have forgotten their offering envelopes may use the pink offering envelopes for their Sunday Offering.

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Attention men of Holy Cross! All men ages 18 and up are invited to the Holy Cross Men's Faith Sharing and Prayer Group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the every month at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church. The format will be video presentation, sharing, and the rosary. We learn, we share, we discuss, and we pray. Please contact Charles at 204-235-1725 or cppref@mymts.net or Christophe at 431-866-5138 or cmaguet@hotmail.com for more information. **The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

The Word of God-Heals Our Soul and Body Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc.

The Word of God - Heals our Soul and Body Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc. (formerly called The Soldiers of Christ Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry) invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. **Please join us on Sunday, January 19 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.

Medjugorje Prayer Group

The next prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00pm in the church.** All are welcome!

Food Bank News

It is with great fanfare we would like to acknowledge our longest standing volunteer at Holy Cross food bank. On Friday, January 24, Paul Carbotte will celebrate his 90th birthday. Paul was a volunteer at the food bank when it first started up more than 35 years ago. He is still going strong every Wednesday, faithfully showing up to help make sandwiches for our patrons. Paul is a beacon of what it means to have a servant's heart. We wish him many blessings and many more years of life and love as he celebrates the day he was born. The world is such a better place with him in it! If you see Paul, please take a moment to wish him well on this incredible milestone.

Heart felt thanks for the massive donations of chocolates in November and December from parishioners. All of our patrons were so happy to get a sweet treat at Christmas they didn't expect. We would also like to acknowledge St. Boniface Diocesan High School for carrying out a huge food drive before Christmas and delivering several bags and boxes of dry goods. That will go a long way in keeping our shelves filled and we were able to give out a few more canned goods for the holidays. Your monthly support of both the food bank and Bradbury's continues to provide hot meals, meat and personal hygiene items many people wouldn't get otherwise. More than 400 patrons come through our door every month. On December 18, we served a full Christmas sit down dinner with all the trimmings to more than 60 people. None of this would have been possible without your generous donations.

Again we are filled with the deepest gratitude to St. Hyacinthe Parish, La Salle Knights of Columbus Council 7793, Avonlea United Church, in Domain, La Salle Fellowship Church and Caisse Community Centre in LaSalle. We received two massive donations in December both of dry and canned goods as well as substantial cash donations that will sustain us through the winter months.

Many thanks to Christopher Lippens and George Cormier with the LaSalle Knights who spear headed this drive. They also donated dozens of brand new kids coats to hand out to children at our food bank. Their help, dedication and support of our mission has been invaluable. We are so blessed to have these groups collaborate with us in caring for those who need it most.

These groups have been instrumental in helping us live out the Gospel at Holy Cross. Their outpouring of love and genuine goodness to help the most vulnerable reaffirms our Christian commitment to care for one another.

Looking ahead to February, Holy Cross Parish will again be partnering with St. Boniface Street Links to host Coldest Night of the Year. CNOY is a family friendly walk to raise money for a critical social service that serves those battling addiction, experiencing homelessness, poverty and hunger. This year the event will be held on Saturday, February 22nd. You can get involved by praying for the success of the walk, forming a team, sponsoring one, donating baking or cheering the walkers on! More details to come.

May 2025 be a year of growing closer to the One who came to earth to show us the way. And may the blessings of the Christ child fill your heart with joy and gladness in this jubilee year as we journey together as pilgrims of hope.

With love,

Marianne Savard, Holy Cross Food Bank Coordinator

January 2025 Papal Prayer Intentions

For the Right to An Education - Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Stewardship

January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics Stewards, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Formed

Thanks to a very generous donation, the Parish has purchased a yearlong subscription to **Formed**, a premier Catholic streaming service, bringing beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals around the world. You will be able to access award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming aimed at embarking on a new season of faith formation!

We encourage everyone to sign up and discover the abundant treasures of the Catholic faith and receive the good news of God's incredible love, including the plan he has for each of our lives. Signup is easy. Click on the link <https://signup.formed.org/> and enter the parish name and location "Holy Cross Winnipeg". You'll then be prompted to enter your name and email to create your personal account. With your personal account you will then be able to have unrestricted access to all content.

May God Bless everyone taking part and may the Holy Spirit inspire and guide us all as we embark on the journey of faith formation together.

Mass Intention Openings

We have mass intention openings for the month of January and February. You may have additional masses said, on a "first-come, first-served" basis, regardless of how many you have already had.

Please fill out the [mass intention request form](#) and bring it to the parish office. Each mass intention stipend is \$10.00 (cash or cheque only).

Mass cards are \$3.00 each and are to be paid separately from the mass stipend.

Mass Intentions January 11–19, 2025

Saturday, January 11: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm Ralph & Helen Shearman by Ellery Kitlar

Sunday, January 12: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Siobhan Van De Keere by her family

12:00pm Mass

Monday, January 13

7:45am Sylvia Almeida by the Savard family

Tuesday, January 14

7:45am Maria Grazia & family by John & Susanne Scatliff

Wednesday, January 15

7:45am Luke Savard by the Savard family

Thursday, January 16

7:45am + Guy Rocan by Marc & Joanne Mercier

Friday, January 17: Memorial for St. Anthony

7:45am Rafaella De La Torre by Carol Guerrero

Saturday, January 18

7:45am For the Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish by Helen & Ralph Shearman

Saturday, January 18: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Gordon Murphy by Pam & Barry Murphy

Sunday, January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am Mass

10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00pm Mass

The Rites of Welcome & Acceptance

We are walking with three teenagers in their RCIA-Teen journey. Since each one is on their own journey, their particular Rite will be celebrated on the weekend of **January 18-19**.

The Rite of Acceptance marks the beginning of a study and reflection period on their faith, after which they will become catechumens. As catechumens, they will be preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

The Rite of Welcome prepares a candidate for full membership in the Catholic Church.

Please welcome and pray for these teens as they journey into the Catholic Faith.



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of January.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

Congratulations and blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of January.

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Unclaimed Grey Cup Prize Winner

If you know the person named Jack (no last name) at 431-336-1951, please phone Nicole at 204-254-4659 as their prize has been unclaimed.

Ladies Crafting

The Friday afternoon Ladies Crafting will be on hiatus. Resume date to be determined.

Norwood Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's service organization, practicing Catholics 18 and over, who are here for the church and community's needs. We have a life, disability insurance and investment opportunities, we are rated one of the best insurance providers. We have been with Holy Cross Parish over 65 years. Our church representative is Bryon Burvill 204-233-7904. We are in need of new members to help us reach our objectives.

St. Boniface Diocesan High School Open House

St. Boniface Diocesan High School, a Catholic, English, semestered High School, is holding their **Informational Open House on February 5th at 7:00pm (welcome and information session) and from 7:30pm—9:00pm the open house begins (tours, meet our staff & refreshments)** at 282 Dubuc Street. For more information, please visit our website at: www.sbdhs.net; email: admin@sbdhs.net; or call 204-987-1560.

New Year's Offerings January 1, 2025	
Loose	\$180.50
Envelopes	\$1,165.05
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$955.00
TOTAL	\$2,300.55
<i>Thank you for your generosity. Please no foreign currency.</i>	
Sunday Offerings January 5, 2025	
Loose	\$342.05
Envelopes	\$1,290.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,127.50
TOTAL	\$2,759.55
<i>Thank you for your generosity. Please no foreign currency.</i>	

Now God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9: 10

The Week Ahead January 12—17, 2025

	Sunday January 12	Monday January 13	Tuesday January 14	Wednesday January 15	Thursday January 16	Friday January 17	Saturday January 18
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium		7:45am Mass followed by Third Friday Devotions	9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium 9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's		5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium			12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation 1:30pm-3:30pm RCIA-Teen
Evening			7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00pm Men's Group	7:00pm Youth Group		