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Holy Cross

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MASS TIMES

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.**

Coordinator of Parish Life

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Responsorial Psalm 96: “Declare
the marvellous works of the Lord
among all the peoples.”

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-12

Parish Bulletin

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“Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples” – Ps 96:3

In the scripture reading today, St. Paul is talking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The way the Spirit distributes the gifts to each of us, is meant to unite us as Christ’s church. Nonetheless, so often we see division in our Church.

The gifts given by the Spirit are meant to be shared. We are a parish full of these gifts of: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, wonder and awe before the Lord. Which of these gifts have you been given? How can you use your gift for our parish? Do you see a gift in someone else? Are you affirming others in the gift they bring to our parish?

In the gospel reading, John recounts the start of Jesus’ ministry. Mary, seeing a need for more wine; does not fix it, but goes to Jesus. When we see a need, we can go to Jesus in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to work through us to fill that need.

When Jesus calls his mother “woman”, it is not out of disrespect, but a link to the first woman in Genesis. One woman, Mary, showed faith, while the other woman, Eve, showed lack of faith. Mary’s action was to tell the servants to “do whatever he says”. How many times do we do what Jesus tells us, and see the blessings? How often do we relate to Eve and choose to doubt? When Jesus turned the water to wine, it was the best wine, not just one jug but six huge jugs. When Jesus comes to us, He brings the best, providing more than we can ever ask for or need. In this sign Jesus lets His glory be seen and the disciples believe in Him.

Are we giving to God our first fruits, our best fruits? Are we scheduling time with Jesus around the day or are we scheduling our day around spending time with Jesus? How can we serve others that we met this week? The gifts that have been given to us and the blessings that we have received are not just for some of us, but for all of us.

Diane L’Arrivee, PPC Chair

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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.

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.

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!

Unclaimed Grey Cup Prize Winner

Unclaimed Grey Cup Pool fundraising prize winner has now been identified as Jack Bateson. The CWL is pleased to be able to award him his prize and thank him for his support.

Ladies Crafting

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

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 19, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."
- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the Stewardship life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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 18–26, 2025

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 + Souls in Purgatory by S. Kennedy

Monday, January 20

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Charité Lafrance by the Lafrance family

Tuesday, January 21

7:45am Jon, Megan, Edie & Oslo Tan by Nick & Rita Tan

Wednesday, January 22

7:45am Danielle Savard by the Savard family

Thursday, January 23

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Betty Man

Friday, January 24

7:45am Jon Fuentes by Ronnie Fuentes

Saturday, January 25

7:45am For the Health of Frank Vugrin by Darija Vugrin

Saturday, January 25

4:00pm Bert Savard by the Savard family

Sunday, January 26

7:45am My Family by S. Kennedy

10:00am Angèle Rondeau by Guy Rondeau

12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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.



Happy Birthday!!!

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

(Image by [Alexandra_Koch](#) from [Pixabay](#))



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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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.

Sunday Offerings	
January 12, 2025	
Loose	\$326.85
Envelopes	\$2,195.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,127.50
TOTAL	\$3,649.35
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	
<i>Please no foreign currency.</i>	

*One man gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*
Proverbs 11: 24



CWL Corner

There are 8 objectives of the Catholic Women's League of Canada:

1. To achieve individual and collective spiritual development.
2. To promote the teachings of the Catholic church.
3. To exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life.
4. To protect the sanctity of human life.
5. To enhance the role of women in church and society.
6. To recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere.
7. To uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world.
8. To contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony.

A new year is here; we should look forward to it with optimism and opportunity. Why not consider joining Holy Cross CWL? Not sure about committing, not a problem!

- ⇒ You are always welcome to attend our monthly meeting the first Sunday of the month in the parish centre following the 10:00am Mass.
- ⇒ Come out and help us with an event, have some fun and meet the ladies.

Contact the parish office at office@holycrossparish.ca or 204-233-7367 and they will put you in touch with Sharon Kennedy, Nicole Gougeon-Gagnon or Jan Taplin.

(Source & Image Source: <https://www.cwl.ca/our-mission/>)

The Week Ahead January 19—25, 2025

	Sunday January 19	Monday January 20	Tuesday January 21	Wednesday January 22	Thursday January 23	Friday January 24	Saturday January 25
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium			9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium
Afternoon	1:00pm The Word of God Heals 1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's		5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium			1:30pm-3:30pm RCIA-Teen
Evening			7:00pm Medjugorje Prayer Group		7:00pm Youth Group		7:00pm Tamil Mass