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Holy Cross

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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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 25

R. "Lord, be mindful of your
mercy."

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

Parish Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 4, 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We've all heard the saying, "The Lord helps those who help themselves". The chief priests studied the Law and loved their sacred history. They placed a very high priority on doing what was right in the eyes of God, and they wanted to see people doing everything they could to "help themselves" enter God's kingdom. So why would Jesus say that even public "sinners" would enter that kingdom before they did?

Somehow, these leaders' enthusiasm for doing right had turned into a reliance on their own efforts. They were entrusted with the priceless gift of God's law. But many of them didn't value this gift. Instead of leading Israel to righteousness, they used the Law to promote themselves and their positions of power. As a result, when Jesus came, they had no room in their hearts for his message. They couldn't see that Jesus was calling them to move beyond their rigid expectations. He wanted them to be humble enough to let him and his promises make them pleasing to God.

Jesus has given us something very special—his own life, planted in the depths of our heart. He wants us to embrace that life so that we can bear fruit for his kingdom. But like the owner of the vineyard, he won't force himself on us. He leaves it up to us to decide whether we will nurture our faith or, like the unfortunate tenants in the parable, disregard it. When we try to change ourselves by the sheer force of our efforts, we risk making it harder for ourselves. Such a heavy focus on our action makes it difficult for us to become "generous receivers" of God's grace.

Of course, we do have our own part to play: obey the commandments and "do unto others as we would have them do to us". But God wants us to learn how to obey out of an attitude of surrender. He wants us to learn how to yield to him and let his grace fill us and empower us.

As we learn to open ourselves to his Spirit in this way, we will find ourselves changed and purified, so that we can answer him more deeply. Let him take our desire to please him and multiply it with his own divine grace. The real truth is: The Lord helps those who know they need him. May we bear fruit that reveals his glory!

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

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

Virgin Mary Statue

We respect religious customs from all over the world, including the practice of leaving offerings such as bananas in front of the Virgin Mary statue on Traverse Street. However, as Holy Cross Parish is also home to the Harvest Manitoba Food Bank, we must follow proper food-handling practices throughout the facilities. For this reason, **any food items left as offerings in front of the Virgin Mary statue on Traverse Street must be removed promptly to ensure compliance with safety standards.**

Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to experience the power of the Eucharistic Lord with the *Friends of the Holy Eucharist*.

Place: Holy Cross Church, 252 Dubuc Street

Date: **October 5, 2026**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for Priests and Vocations.

Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council

Are you the missing piece for the Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a group of parishioners who work together to promote the spiritual, emotional, social, and physical well-being of the people in the parish.

Come join us as we work together to build our PPC!

Date: **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**

Time: **7:00pm**

Place: **Parish Centre, 252 Dubuc Street**

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Attention men of Holy Cross! **The Holy Cross Parish Men's Group resumes on October 7, 2026. 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 every month at 7:00pm in the Church.** Video presentation, faith sharing, and discussion, closing with the holy rosary. We learn, we share, we discuss, and we pray. Please contact Charles at (204) 235-1725 or Christophe at (431) 866-5138 for more information.

Charismatic Prayer

Charismatic Prayer will be held in the church on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00pm. **The next one will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 7:00pm.**

Come and Pray for Canada at Holy Cross Parish Rosary Rally— October 10, 2026



The world is at a crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to stop offending our heavenly Father. Canada needs our Lady.

We must listen to Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. We pray for the repentance and conversion of sinners in Canada for their salvation.

The rally will take place outdoors at 12noon sharp on Saturday, October 10, 2026, in front of the Mary statue on Traverse and Dubuc.

It is important to arrive early to start right at noon, as this rally is in collaboration with 1500 other rosary rallies across the country at the same time.

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Parish Office Closed



The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 13th during office hours. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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Fr. Ani Xavier Away

Fr. Ani Xavier will be away October 12—18. He will return on Tuesday, October 19 to celebrate our 7:45am Mass. In Fr. Ani's absence, the following priests have been kind enough to preside over the following Masses:

Fr. Lawrence Agorchukwu: October 16, 17, & 18 at 7:45am, October 17 at 4:00pm

Fr. Maurice Comeault: October 13 & 14 at 7:45am

Fr. Gerry Sembrano: October 15 at 7:45am & 10:30am (at Catherine Place)

Bishop Noël Delaquis: October 18 at 10:00am & 12:00pm

Are You Interested In Lector Training?

There are many specific weekend masses that are in need of lector ministers such as the **Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 7:45am and Sunday 12noon mass.** Proclaiming the Word of God is a very humble and reverent experience and also a vital ministerial role in the Church. If you're interested in being trained or even just knowing what's involved in lectoring please reach out to Nicole Gougeon at 204-254-4659 (landline) or email nicolegg1@mymts.net. With sufficient interest there will be more information on upcoming lector training sessions in the near future.



October 8th and 9th
40 Hours for Life
at Holy Cross Church

***October 8th and 9th - Silent
Adoration***

***October 10th - special Mass offered
for the conversion of sinners and for
the Pro-life movement in Manitoba***

Details:

- Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, October 8th from 8am right after 7:45am
Holy Mass until 8pm in the church, with Benediction.
from 8pm until 8am in the Adoration Chapel.

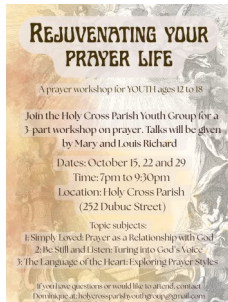
- Friday, October 9th from 8am right after 7:45am
Holy Mass, Adoration until 8pm in the church, with
Benediction. then from 8pm until Midnight in the
Adoration Chapel.

- Saturday, October 10th, 7:45am, special Mass

- Prayer brochures/pamphlets will be available.
- For those who need a Card key for the Chapel, please call Maria
(cell 204-880-9405, home 204-663-8818)
- Please signup at Maria's email - mariagrazia@shaw.ca, or call



Rejuvenating Your Prayer Life Workshop



All youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to join the Holy Cross Parish Youth Group for a 3-part workshop on prayer.

Dates will be October 15, 22 and 29 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the parish basement.

Talks will be given by Mary and Louis Richard.

Contact Dominique if you have any questions at: holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. Please join us on Sunday, October 17 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, October 20 at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome!

Stewardship

October 4, 2026 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus..." Philipians 4:6-7

The opposite of Christian stewardship is fear. Giving to God "from the top" and not from what is left over requires an inner assurance that God will provide for our needs. This assurance or faith is the solid foundation for the practical exercise of stewardship.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — October 2026

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



St. Francis of Assisi Quotes

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

"I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me. He can work through anyone."

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Mass Intentions October 3–11, 2026

Saturday, October 3: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm + Omer Malo by his family
- 4:00pm + Nadine McDonald by the Malo/Cormier family

Sunday, October 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:45am + Fr. Carl Tarnopolski by Our Lady of Holy Cross Legion of Mary
- 10:00am + Fred Malko by Charles
- 12:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Monday, October 5

- 7:45am Albert A., for safe travels, by Paulette

Tuesday, October 6

- 7:45am + Margaret and + Thomas O'Brien by Erin Robin
- 7:45am + Omer Malo by his family
- 7:45am + Nadine McDonald by the Malo/Cormier family

Wednesday, October 7: Memorial for Our Lady of the Rosary

- 7:45am Our Lady's intentions by the Lafrance family
- 7:45am Jorge Montoya by Carolina Galvis

Thursday, October 8

- 7:45am Pat Kapilik, for the healing of her eyes, by Pam and Barry Murphy

Friday, October 9

- 7:45am Return to faith for Allyson and Nathan, and for the baptism of their children by Charles

Saturday, October 10

- 7:45am + Jan Taplin by a parishioner

Saturday, October 10: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, October 11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:45am For permanent residency application by the Mendoza family
- 10:00am + For the repose of the soul of Jan Taplin by Pam and Barry Murphy
- 12:00pm + Margaret O'Brien by Paul and Sharon Garand

Archdiocesan News



Ask Fr. Mike Night

A relaxed evening with Fr. Mike where you can ask anything about God, faith, morals, the Church, and like. Bring your questions. Bring your friend.

Every Wednesday evening (7:00-8:30 pm) starting October 14 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Avenue, Winnipeg.

All are welcome.

CCRS of MB Presents – 2026 Gala Night – November 14, 2026



Join us for an unforgettable evening, celebrating the Lord's mighty work in Manitoba, Land of The Holy Spirit. Enjoy a night of fellowship, delicious catered dinner, Awards, Silent Auction, 50/50 and dancing, an inspiring celebration you won't want to miss. We are honoured that **Archbishop Albert LeGatt** (Archdiocese of St. Boniface) and **Archbishop Murray Chatlain** (Archdiocese of Winnipeg) will be joining us for this special celebration.

The event will be held on **Saturday November 14, 2026 at 6:30pm at St Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall, 289 Dussault Ave. Formal Attire.**

Early bird ends on **October 15**, [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) - or visit our website ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com - to find more details/information.

For poster, [click here](#).

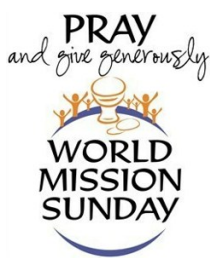


Christ the King Parish Dancing Dinner – October 17, 2026

Join us **Saturday October 17 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM** in the school gym for our Dancing Dinner. Come and enjoy great food, music and fellowship!

Tickets: \$30 (One Adult) or \$55 (Two Adults), \$5 (Children). Under five years old: FREE.

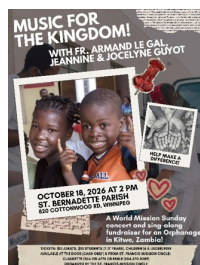
For poster, [click here](#).



World Mission Sunday – The National Collection for the Evangelization of Peoples - October 18, 2026

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to reflect on their own baptism, when they received the gift of faith, and recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. This fundraising is a global effort to support the most impoverished dioceses.

The faithful of the Catholic Church throughout the world are invited to pray for missions and to contribute to the collection organized by the Pontifical Mission Societies. An envelope for this collection is usually included in your box of regular collection envelopes for the year.



Music for the Kingdom! With Fr. Armand Le Gal, Jeannine & Jocelyne Guyot – October 18, 2026

A World Mission Sunday concert and sing-along fundraiser for an orphanage in Kitwe, Zambia.

October 18 at 2:00PM at St. Bernadette Parish, 820 Cottonwood Rd, Winnipeg.

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students (7-17 years), Children (6 and under) FREE.

Available at the door (Cash only) or Emile (204-270-8089). Organized by the St. Francis Mission Circle.

For poster, [click here](#).

Archdiocesan News



Mass for Catholic Physicians – October 18, 2026

Are you a Catholic medical student, resident or attending physician? If so, you are invited to a special Mass for Catholic physicians on **Sunday October 18th at 7:00pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church**. If you are also interested in connecting with other Catholic medical students, residents or attending physicians, please email Dr. Valérie Marion at valmarion12@gmail.com to join the local group of Catholic physicians for fellowship and connection.

Queen of Heaven Rosary Procession – October 24, 2026



St. Jude Syro-Malabar Parish alongside Holy Cross Parish invites us to walk with the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, October 24, to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary.

- 9:00am: Start walk from Holy Cross Parish, 252 Dubuc Street
- Destination: Blessed Vasyl Velychovsky Shrine, 250 Jefferson Avenue

Journey Includes:

- A 7.3 km journey by foot, while praying the rosary
- A special blessing and visit of the tomb of Blessed Vasyl.

- For those who cannot walk long distance, you are welcome to pray the rosary at the Shrine as the walk is occurring
- 12:45pm: A bus will be available to return to Holy Cross

Sign-up sheets available in the adoration chapel and entrance of the church. Free-will donations only. For poster, [click here](#)

Marriage, Family and Life

Marriage Tips

If an issue arises in your marriage, communicate directly with your spouse. Talking with others about the problem will not solve it. Keep personal issues between you and your spouse.

Reflections for the Separated & Divorced

Do you feel unwelcome at church since your divorce or separation? Do you believe you don't have a place anymore at your parish or in the Church at all? Do not be afraid! No matter what has happened, no matter what anyone has told you about being divorced and Catholic, you are still an important part of the Church, the mystical Body of Christ. Remember the Shepherd who leaves His flock to find the lost sheep. You may be the spouse who was abandoned, or you may be the one who left. No matter what the circumstance, YOU are the one that Christ is seeking.

"And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray." (Matthew 18:13)

- *A Road to Healing*, Lisa Duffy

Looking for Love? Two Catholic Dating Websites to Explore



For Catholics who hope to meet someone who shares their faith and values, Catholic dating websites can be another avenue worth exploring. In fact, a number of people from our archdiocese have met their spouses through one of these sites.

Two websites in particular may be worth a look:

AveMariaSingles.com and **CatholicMatch.com**.

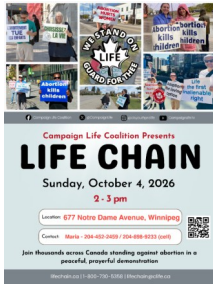
They offer somewhat different approaches, so it may be worth exploring both. **Ave Maria Singles** tends to attract people with a more conservative Catholic outlook. Its membership is for life, and its community is smaller.

Catholic Match, on the other hand, has a much larger and diverse membership. It offers both free and paid memberships, with paid memberships requiring renewal.

Of course, no web site can promise that you will meet the person you are looking for. But sometimes we need to be open to taking a new step—or simply putting ourselves where we have a better opportunity to meet someone.

So, if you or someone you know has been praying and wondering where that special person might be, perhaps it is worth exploring one (or both) of these websites. You never know where God may be leading!

Marriage, Family and Life



Annual Life Chain

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

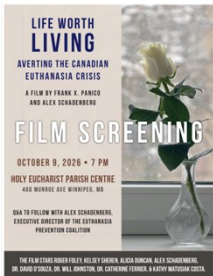
It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

You are invited to take part at our annual Life Chain on October 4th, 2026 from 2-3pm at 677 Notre Dame Avenue.

This year we provided a second site which will be on Pembina Hwy at Bison Dr.

Signs are available on site. Please avoid casual talk and maintain social distancing.

Please see the attached [poster](#).



Life Worth Living: Averting the Canadian Euthanasia Crisis – October 9, 2026

How do we respond to Canada's growing euthanasia crisis and uphold the dignity of every human life? Join us for a screening of *Life Worth Living: Averting the Canadian Euthanasia Crisis*, a 60-minute film exploring these important issues.

Friday, October 9, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Parish Centre

460 Munroe Ave., Winnipeg

A Q&A with **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will follow the film. [View poster](#).



CANA Welcome – November 15, 2026 to May 16, 2027

A journey for couples who want to build a solid and harmonious relationship -A series of gatherings held once a month on **Sundays from November 15th, 2026 to May 16th, 2027 (2:30 PM - 4:30PM)**. Whether you're newly married or have been together for many years, there's always room for your love to grow. CANA Welcome is an opportunity to pause, reconnect, and grow together with other couples who are also journeying in marriage.

Come as you are, meet other couples, share, laugh, listen, and discover simple ways to build a deeper, stronger love in your marriage.

Each session is part of a meaningful journey — so we invite couples to commit to all 7 sessions to experience the full blessing of the program.

Registration deadline for this series is October 18th.

Register by scanning the QR Code on the poster. **For info:** canawpg@gmail.com or contact Maui Zamora @ 204-228-0883

CANA welcomes you to join the journey, and to take precious time for your couple!

For poster, [click here](#)

Mass of Remembrance for Pregnancy & Infant Loss – October 20, 2026



Please join us for a Mass of Remembrance on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Dr., Winnipeg).**

Presided by **Archbishop Albert LeGatt**, this Mass offers a time of prayer and remembrance for parents, grandparents, family members, and friends who have experienced the loss of a child through **miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss**.

Families will have the (optional) opportunity to have their child's name read during Mass and to come forward to light a candle in their child's memory.

A reception with light refreshments will follow in the parish hall, featuring a reflection by special guest speaker and author Hailey Krol, as well as an opportunity for those who wish to be prayed with.

Please RSVP here by October 18, for planning purposes. Through the RSVP, you may optionally submit your child's name, in advance, to be read during Mass. [View poster](#).

For more information, please contact: Nadine Fetherston at the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, Marriage, Family and Life office: mfl2@archdioceseofwinnipeg.ca

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.



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

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

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Sunday Offerings September 27, 2026

Loose	\$377.40
Envelopes	\$4,145.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,118.75
TOTAL	\$5,641.15

**Thank you for your generosity.
Please no foreign currency.**

Those who are generous will be blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Proverbs 22: 9

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On September 14th, our Holy Cross Parish patronal Feast day, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we had a wonderful celebratory Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Albert



LeGatt, and concelebrated by Fr. Ani Xavier and Fr. Lawrence Agorchukwu.

This was very well attended by our parishioners. The Mass involved an honour guard of members of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League, a veneration of the relic of the True Cross of Christ, and followed by fellowship in the parish hall

following the Mass.

Leading up to our Feast, we prayed a novena to the Holy Cross each day with the usual morning Mass.

Following the first Sunday morning Mass, preceding the Monday Feast, parishioners took part in a procession through the neighbourhood with the relic of the True Cross, all the while stopping periodically and praying the Stations of the Cross and singing, and Fr. Ani reflecting on aspects of the Cross in our lives. It was a wonderful spiritual experience, loved by all! Many thanks to all who participated!



The Week Ahead September October 4—10, 2026

	Sunday October 4	Monday October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Friday October 9	Saturday October 10
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am CWL Meeting	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium (Levels 1-3)	8:00am-8:00pm 40 Hours for Life 10:30am Mass at Catherine Place	8:00am-8:00pm 40 Hours for Life	
Afternoon		3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's	4:00pm-6:00pm Children's Atrium (Levels 1-3)				12:00pm Rosary Rally (outside in front of Mary statue)
Evening		6:30pm FHE Spiritual Presentation 7:00pm FHE Mass followed by Adoration		5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium (Levels 2 & 3 ONLY) 7:00pm Men's Group 7:00pm Growth and Revitalization for the Parish Council	7:00pm Youth Group	8:00pm-12:00am 40 Hours for Life (in Adoration Chapel)	7:00pm Charismatic Prayer