

The Epiphany of the Lord

A Year Of The Grace Of Honor

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of



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God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.
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I want to thank all who remembered me in this wonderful season of Christmas. Your cards, letters, generous gifts, and food meant a great deal to me. I give thanks to each and everyone of you in the parish for the wonderful gift you are to me and to the whole church.



May the year that lies ahead be one of growth and outreach for us all as we work together to bring the Grace of Honor into our families and community.

Fr. Blessing

Church Offerings

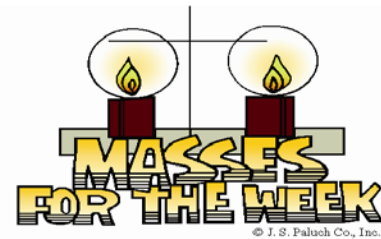
January 1st Offerings \$17,641.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.



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Monday, 1/09

9 AM: Special Intentions, Kelly Perrin.

Tuesday, 1/10

5:30 PM Pesson Family, Special Intentions for Alice Baronet

Wednesday, 1/11

9 AM Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo

Thursday, 1/12

9AM Henry Perret, Sr., Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo, Alvin Dupuis, Ted Harrington, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Pere

Friday, 1/13

9AM Special Intentions

Saturday, 1/14

4PM: Nina L. Breaux, Whitney Paul Lambert, Jr., Harold Guillot, Kelly Perrin, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Deceased Members of Cappel Family, Deceased Members of Armand Family, Deceased Members of Juneau Family, Leo & Sadie Domingue, Donald Leblanc

Sunday, 1/15

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11 AM: Bob Buniva & Parents, Kyle Michael Borges, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Evelyn Nauck, Jeffrey Fontenot, Jim Benoit, Mrs. Odile Clement, Mary (Mackie) Caldwell, Lisa Fasnacht, Colleen Price, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Landry, John B. Landry,

5 PM: Ebon & Hazel Reed



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January 8, 2012

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next scheduled Theology on Tap will be on **January 18, 2012**, Lynn Wood, with Lynn Wood & Associates will be our speaker. All young adults (18-35) **married or single** are invited to join the discussion on **January 18th at 7:30pm. Tsunami in Downtown Lafayette.** Clergy, seminarians and religious are welcome as well!

If you would like to dine before the discussion we suggest you arrive early and order in the main restaurant.

Want a reminder? Email: kchapman@diolaf.org

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

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YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

All young adults (ages 18-40, married or single) are invited to attend the Well! The Well is held every fourth Tuesday of the month at Sts. Peter and Paul in Scott, LA, and includes Praise and Worship, Adoration and a Guest Speaker (7:00-8:30pm). For more information please contact: thewell.lafayette@gmail.com or [Facebook.com/TheWell.Lafayette](https://www.facebook.com/TheWell.Lafayette).

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The following names were not posted in last weeks bulletin.

Laura Kiburz & J D Lambert

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers

RCIA

Would you like to become Catholic?

The RCIA is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic, through a process of discerning and ritualizing the stages of gradual conversion. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and consider becoming Catholic, please call to enroll in the RCIA process. We have an ongoing process so you can enroll at any time. For more information, please call the church office at 984-9636 ext. 233 or Adult Faith Formation office at 654-9671.



Saint of the Day—App now available on the iPhone and iPod touch. Visit www.americancatholic.org

PRAYER

As New Year intentions are considered and set, take time to evaluate current prayer practices for renewed and fresh efforts to enhance spiritual growth and relationship development.

For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look toward Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. St. Therese of Lisieux

Recall earliest prayer efforts: Parents, grandparents, relatives and others may have made impressions and helped to form practices. Consider how praying styles may have changed for you over time. Prayer can be a gift of self from anyone, anywhere, of any age and at any time.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Single adults in Acadiana, ages 30 & up, can find a venue of fellowship and speakers every Tuesday, except the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:00pm. Supper Club provides a monthly social at a local restaurant on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information about the meetings or to be added to the email list, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653 or www.catholicfellowshipnetwork.webs.com

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** to honor couples who have been married 50, 60 or more years. Our upcoming anniversary mass will be on March 4, 2012 for those celebrating 50, 60 or more years of marriage. held at 2:00pm, at St. Peter's Church, 108 East St. Peter St., New Iberia, LA 70560.

Bishop Michael Jarrell will preside and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration will **CLOSE** on February 17, 2012. Couples may register by visiting our website, www.diolaf.org, click on the **OFFICES** tab and click on Marriage and Family Life.

GIVING TREE

Thanks to all who participated in the Giving Tree. We were able to provide gifts for **10 families and 100 homebound and nursing home parishioners**, for a total of **155 people** all together! Over 600 gifts were distributed the week before Christmas. **Thanks to ALL who helped make Christmas better for those who are less fortunate!** And special thanks to the Challenge Club and the STM National Honor Society for delivering to the nursing homes. Also special thanks go to the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers for delivering to the homebound.



Question of the Week

Matthew 2:1-12

The story of the astrologers, or magi, following the light of a distant star is full of surprises. The astrologers, who were Gentiles, were the first to worship Jesus as the newborn King of the Jews. They were the first to offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Question for Adults: What is your gift to God this Christmas?

Question for Children: What is your gift to God this Christmas?

Religious Formation

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SCHEDULED

All students in the Religious Formation program will participate in the diocesan required Safe Environment program the week of January 8th during their regular class time. Topics are age appropriate. Parents are encouraged to attend.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES RESUME FOR THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

**JANUARY 8
SUNDAY NIGHT CLASSES AND CONFIRMATION**

**JANUARY 9
MONDAY CLASSES AT 4 AND 5:30 P.M.
NO JUNIOR HIGH CLASSES DUE TO BCS BOWL**

**JANUARY 11
WEDNESDAY CLASSES AT 5:30 P.M.**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT



All Confirmation candidates are reminded that they are to be at Holy Cross at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 14th. Candidates will return to Holy Cross Sunday afternoon at approximately 2:45 p.m.

All parishioners are asked to pray for the success of the retreat.

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PRO-LIFE WALK

St. Edmond Catholic Church KC Council #10293 is sponsoring it's annual **Pro-Life Walk** beginning at **8:30am, Saturday, January 21** at **St. Edmond's Church** with Fr. Gil Dutel leading the opening prayer. The walk will **begin at St. Edmond's**, go to **St. Mary's Church** on Doucet Rd and back to St. Edmond's. Police escort and Acadian Ambulance provided throughout the route. During the walk we will be praying the Rosary.

We are welcomed and encouraged to join in the walk! After returning to St. Edmonds a reception will be held For more information, please contact St. Edmond's Church at 981-0874

THE PATH OF SACRAMENTAL LOVE

Living God's Plan for Marriage

February 10-12, 2012

**St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center
Chatawa, Ms.**



Join Robin and Easton Hebert for a married couples' weekend retreat and explore some of the tools that can help us grow in conscious relationship with one another. Let us work to grow deeper in genuine Christ-like love—presence, self-giving and compassion. *Included in the retreat will be ample time for personal sharing and for prayer.*

Robin and Easton Hebert are spiritual directors and retreat leaders from Lafayette, LA, sharing their love of God, devotion to prayer, and passion for living a balanced lifestyle through parish and retreat ministry. Robin has co-authored two books on spirituality: *When Women Pray* and *When Wisdom Speaks* and serves as marriage ministry coordinator for Our Lady of Wisdom Parish. *Suggested donation is \$280.00 per couple. For reservations: Call Sister Helen Roper at 601-783-0801 or e-mail: retreatcenter@ssnddallas.org*

FRIENDS OF ROX RICHARD & CROSSROADS CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

Host
PAULA D'ARCY

**Book signing at Crossroads bookstore
Thursday, January 26th, 2012
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

Bring your books—books also available

Presentation

Friday, January 27th, 2012, 7:00 pm

Location: Holy Cross Church

All Are Invited to come and listen as she asks us to consider what life may be asking us to embrace. Even in the face of brokenness and loss, our deepest heart asks the questions: *"Who am I not being that I could be...What is life trying to help me see...How might I love more truly?"*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Rev. Mitchell Guidry</i>	9 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>NO J R HIGH CLASS</i> <i>Rev. Brad Guillory</i>	10 <i>Rev. Joshua Guillory</i>	11 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Rev. Thomas Habetz</i>	12 <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Rev. Jude Halphen</i>	13 <i>Msgr. Russell Harrington, VE</i>	14 <i>Rev. David Hebert</i>
15 <i>Rev. TJ Hebert</i>	16 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Msgr. Michael Herpin</i>	17 <i>Rev. Matthew Higginbotham</i>	18 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Sr. Citizens Gathering</i> <i>Rev. Kenneth Howard, SSJ</i>	19 <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Rev. Godwin Imoru</i>	20 <i>Rev. Thomas James, SVD, VE</i>	21 <i>Rev. Johnathan Janise</i>

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

STAY HEALTHY During Flu and Cold Season

- Wash hands at home before arriving for the celebration of Mass.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue in a waste basket after use (please do not leave in the pew).
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based cleaner.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.
- If you have a fever, stay home for at least 24 hours after that fever has ended. It is never a sin to miss mass due to illness.

When receiving the Eucharist, we receive the fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ under the species of bread alone or wine alone. Receiving Communion under both species is a fuller sign, but Christ is fully present in each of the species so receiving both is not required. (See Catechism 1390.)

HAND SANITIZER

- As a courtesy to our faith community, we have placed hand sanitizer dispensers on the table at three entrances of church and will be in place as needed during flu and cold season.
- Hand sanitizers are a supplement to good hand washing, and are an effective supplement to prevent the spread of infections.
- When using gel or foam, only a small amount of solution is necessary and needs to be rubbed on cuticles, palms and hands until dry for the best effectiveness. Parents please supervise young children.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR