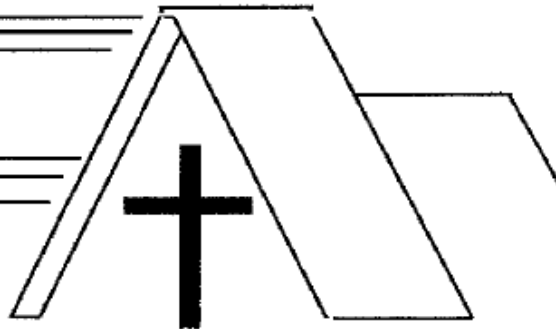


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April 2014

Working together to connect people to Jesus

Family and Friends of Holy Cross,

During these forty days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (not counting Sundays), we continue to offer many ways in which you can personalize this season of reflection in your own walk with Jesus.

First, our Sunday worship is more reflective of Jesus' suffering and death in its music, readings, liturgy, and prayers. Second, I invite you and your family (if applicable) to join the Wednesday evening soup-suppers and worship services with our Christian brothers and sisters in the Buffalo North Circuit as we journey to the cross together. The remaining mid-week schedule is inside.

During this season of Lent, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame..." Hebrews 12:2 Death, however, would not win the day. He is risen & when He returns in glory He will raise us up too! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In Jesus,

Pastor Randy Rozelle

Holy Week Worship

April 13: Palm Sunday (8:00 & 11:00)
April 17: Living Lord's Supper @ 7:30 PM
April 19: Good Friday Tenebrae @ 7:30 PM
April 20: Easter (8:00 & 11:00) with 9:30-10:30 Easter potluck brunch in K-Hall

Mid-Week Lenten Series:

"The Body of Christ"

Soup Supper - 6:00pm
Hymn Sing - 7:15pm
Worship - 7:30pm

4-02: Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd,
Buffalo - "Feet"
4-09: St. John, 67 Litchfield Ave.
Depew - "Hands"

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Please bring in your mite boxes by the end of April. You may put them in my mailbox. Thanks for all your support!
Nancy Herdic

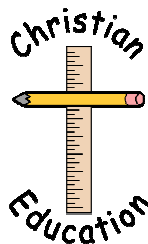


**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in K-Hall. Come and grow!

Youth Bible Study



Join us in the Upper Room at 9:30 on Sunday mornings as we continue to study various stories and truths from Scripture using today's multimedia. All are welcome, and bring a friend. Please remember to hold Godwin in Togo, Africa in prayer too.

Website and Facebook Facelift



If you are on Facebook, please take a moment to "like" the new Facebook page for Holy Cross, and then we can phase out the old one...

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrossclarenc>

I will be updating it regularly with the many goings-on at Holy Cross....but I could use some help....

If you are involved in any groups, please bring a camera to church this Sunday (and in the future) and take some pictures of happenings, like:

- choir singing
- praise band playing
- Sunday school class activities
- Youth group activities
- instruments playing for special songs
- coffee hour

- bible study
- VBS
- SS kids singing
- craft group working on stuff
- spring clean-up
- anything else!
- youth hanging out in Christian center
- group photos

And then please email anything you would like me to contribute to:

kachalmers2@gmail.com.

All of the photos that I have collected so far are a few years outdated. Some people in the group photos are no longer with us, and since then we have new leadership, new musical groups, new activities, etc. It's really important that we show the WNY community that Holy Cross is alive and well, and even thriving!

Let's make sure our Facebook friends know that this is an active community of welcoming Christians....you never know who is looking for a new church or new direction in their life.

On another note, the new website is finally starting to come together, too, and I am having the same issues with outdated photos, which is another reason I'm requesting help in acquiring new ones.

Thank you so much!
~Katie Chalmers

Vacation Bible School



We are prayerfully seeking two motivated and enthusiastic leaders to co-ordinate VBS this summer. No dates have been established yet. If God is moving your heart in this direction for 2014, please speak with Pastor Randy. This is a great way to work together to connect people to Jesus!



Heritage Home

Our monthly visit with the Heritage Home residents and staff will take place on Sunday, April 27, the week after Easter. The Bible story will be "Jesus Goes to Calvary," from St. Matthew 21. We will talk about the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus and praise him in song and prayer along with making a resurrection cross.

Habitat Buffalo

Thank you, Holy Cross, for your gift to Habitat Buffalo of \$142 for the February benevolence and \$200 from the Dash tapes. Exciting things are happening because of caring and concerned people like you. Houses are being built, dedicated, and then occupied by families whose lives will never be quite the same. The Veteran Build effort is gaining momentum as veteran families are being qualified. We are ready to build with them when they complete their first 150 hours of sweat equity. Please keep this effort in your prayers.

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS



Hearts for the Homeless needs our help. Last month we had the pleasure of Nick Colandra speaking to us about this very important ministry here in Buffalo. Hearts was started over 20 years ago by Ron and Peg Colandra and now their nephew, Nick is following in their footsteps. Holy Cross can help by donating food for their Mobile Soup Kitchen as well as continuing to donate items to the big yellow bin in our parking lot. This is the time of year typically that people do their spring cleaning and many of us get the "urge to purge." If you get that feeling, consider donating your used clothing and other items to Heart for the Homeless. The following things can be placed in the big yellow bin in our parking lot: clothing, shoes, boots, gloves, blankets, pillows, towels, drapes, even stuffed animals. Please don't worry if the items are torn, tattered, stained or ripped. They reuse and recycle any type of textile even old rags. They work with several different companies who pay them for these items and then in turn they use the money to support their Mobile Soup Kitchen and their Thrift Shop located at 890 Tonawanda St. in the Riverside area of Buffalo. If you enjoy finding a bargain, you're more than welcome to stop in and do some shopping. All their items are moderately priced and they get new things in every day. The BIG YELLOW BIN in our parking lot is NOT just for Holy Cross members. Please share this information with all your family and friends.

Remember that when you do your spring cleaning, think of HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS. These items can be reused or recycled rather than ending up in a landfill. Any questions please see Jill Carl or Pat Garlapo.



Thank you

Pat and Doug Garlapo would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, dinners, encouraging e/mails and support which you have so graciously showered upon us this past year. This outpouring of love and generosity has truly been very humbling and greatly appreciated. We feel so very blessed to be part of this wonderful church family. Thanks to everyone for your love, support and encouragement and mostly for all your prayers.



Bake n Pray

The list for the next 4 months Bake and Pray is listed below. If you would like to help out one of these local businesses by baking for them, please let me know. The baked goods need to be to church by 9am, the second Thursday of the month. I have Pastor Bob and Amy Olsen signed up for April.

Benders (8550 Sheridan)—633-5757 April
Pizza Supreme (8550 Sheridan)—632-6506

May

Dynabrade (8989 Sheridan)—631-0100

June

Castilone Resale Center (9200 Sheridan)—
633-4117 July

A HUGE thanks to everyone who has baked for this wonderful ministry so far.

Laura

Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11am in Krampitz Hall. The group is starting a new study called THE STORY: THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE. About this study: God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what THE STORY is all about-- the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, THE STORY sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, THE STORY is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption- and this story is true! (A study guide and DVD will help us in understanding each chapter.)

Scheduled meetings and session titles are:

April 1st: "New Commands and a New Covenant"

April 15th: "Wandering"

April 22nd: "The Battle Begins"

April 29th: "A Few Good Men ...and Women"

So ladies, the coffee pot is always on along with sweets to enjoy, so feel free to join us whenever you can. It's always a great way to start your day, when you "dig" into God's Word!

Calendar Dates at a glance



Sundays: Normal Worship
(8 & 11) & SS Times (9:30)

-- NO SS on 4/20

Confirmation ONLY on

4/27 (not 6, 13 or 20)

Mondays:

Family Day

4/14 = 7:30 PM Lord's Supper Play Practice

Wednesdays:

4-02: Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd,
Buffalo—"Feet"

4-09: St. John, 67 Litchfield Ave Depew—
"Hands"

4-16: 7:30PM = Lord's Supper Play Practice

4-23: He-Brew@ Mazia's @ 7:30PM.

Thursdays:

4/17 = Living Lord's Supper @ 7:30 PM

4/24 = Council Meeting @ 7PM

Fridays:

4/18 = Tenebrae Worship @ 7:30 PM

***3/31 - 4/06 Pastor & Angie at PLI in
San Antonio, TX

Council Updates (with clarification on March
17th)

Dear Readers,

It has been brought to our attention that the statement about our debt could be misinterpreted; so please let us clarify, (and all numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand). The \$109K debt mentioned below was specific to a \$130K loan taken out to cover the expenses of the addition and new roof to the "church proper". By the end of January, 2014, we still owed \$109K and in February the

council was able to pay off \$40K of the loan, as described below. This statement does NOT include the outstanding debt on the 20 year mortgage taken out in 2006 for the purchase of Holy Cross Christian Center (HCCC) building. To be clear, at the end of January there is still \$252K owed on this mortgage, and we continue to make our regular payments on this debt.

May Criss Cross Deadline:



Please submit any items for the May Criss Cross no later than May 18th. Items can be left on my desk, in my mailbox, or can sent via email to holycrosslcarence@verizon.net

Thank you Ann

Visitation Care

If you are or will be hospitalized or homebound and desire Christian care from the Holy Cross staff please phone the church office at 634-2332 and/or email Pastor Randy at pastorrandy8900@gmail.com and let us know. Please do not assume that we know your situation because for many reasons we often don't. We will do our best to visit you, and if homebound, bring you communion once per month. In Jesus, Pastor Randy, Pastor Bob (Visitation Pastor), and Barb Wachtel (Parish Nurse)



April Servants

Altar Guild:

Karen Langiewicz & Connie Donnelly

Elders and Communion Assistants:

8:00 am J. Corneck & K. Handley
11:00 am T. Marzano & G. Andrees

Ushers:

8:00 am R. Corneck & D. Garlapo
11:00 am D. Hiem & E. Stevenson

Lay Readers:

April 6 Rich Craig
Marilyn Cook
April 13 Bob Corneck
Marlene Hiemenz
April 20 Jo Corneck
Russ Ponivas
April 27 Ken Handley
Brian Humphreys

Acolytes:

April 6 Morgan Chalmers
M. Wiepart & E. Garner
April 13 Adam Pionessa
S. Hare & Jimmy DiCostanzo
April 20 Lindsey Chalmers
C. Diem & C. Wood
April 27 Volunteers Needed
L. Roberts & A. Ludwig

AV Team:

April 6 Preston Kelkenberg
April 13 Matthew Wiepert
April 20 Kenny Handley
April 27 Bill Cook

Kids Break

New sign up sheet needed!

Greeters:

Volunteers Needed

Coffee Fellowship:

Volunteers Needed

Happy April Birthday

Ponivas, Linda	4/2
Roeser, Tammy	4/2
Diem, Emily	4/4
Myers, Megan	4/4
Rayner, Faith	4/9
Roland, James	4/10
Ackley, Diane	4/11
Roberts, Karen	4/13
Fisk, Anne	4/15
Hare, Jack	4/15
Kloc, Pam	4/16
Wellsby Jr., Terry	4/19
Corneck, Josephine	4/20
Wachtel, Barbara	4/22
Ropach, Ian	4/24
Bissonette, Betty	4/25
Talboys, Gary	4/26
Folck, Aidan	4/27
Cook, Curtis	4/30
Roland, Emma	4/30
Roland, Erin	4/30



happy anniversary

April Anniversaries

Bob & Joan Spilman	4/9
Matt & Amanda Zubrzycki	4/14
Jason & Kellie Folck	4/18
Scott & Susan Brooks	4/23
Don & June Hoffman	4/26