



*Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon MO

If you want an audio recording (CD) of the Sunday 8AM service, please notify the office. We also send out bulletins, weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings (visual) to those who request them.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

News & Notes for March 1-2, 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

WE PRAY for our members:

Bob Aubertin; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Karen** Belter; **Dennis** Benassi; **Marie** Benigno; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **George** Beyer; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Teegan** Cannon; **Doris** Coots; **Mike** Dawdy; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer; **Janice** Fred; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Karen** Heckman; **Marie & Vernon** Herrington; **Karen** Heckman; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **Deborah** Kiely; **Judith** Kirby; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Bob** Kunz; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Shirley** Niewald; **Donna** Nordmeyer; **Don Otto**; **Debbie** Parks; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed; **Eileen** Reichert; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Vita** Sayers; **Winnie** Thornton; **Charles** Wardenburg; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Jim (John Bertram)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Norma Jean Cecil (Alice Buehne)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
Debbie Collier
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)
Norma Cooper (Wendy Tentschert)
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Teresa Doerr
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
Louella Franke (Sarah Miget)
John Genola (Verna Tucker)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Ginny Niewald (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Roy Price (Chris Price)
Drew Quinn (Terry Hardy)
Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
Sherrill Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)

Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Michelle Showe (Cynthia Menscher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
John Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Carson Aston, **Chlaara** Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
Joanne Bonney, **Shirley** Moore
~ (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Eddie Collier, **Bruce** Brown, **Rush**
Brown ~ Denise Collier
Maureen King, **Ryan** Wells (Kathleen Day)
Lois Jobe, **Ron** Kasten (Jan Flentke)
Laura & Mark Gilson (David Gilson)
Tim Deppe, **Rich** Waiwood
~ (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Alicia Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy**
& **Alicia** Kincaid; **Cindy** Kincaid
(Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts
~ (Elma Jane Kramer)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Brian Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills
(Barb Parson)
Amy Mueller, **Larry** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,
Dr. **Eric** Semler; Rev. **Richard** Nelson
(Sandra Semler)
Wilma Prifts, **John** Halverson
~ (Patrick Szopinski)
Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

For those Who Mourn: We pray for the family of Phyllis Gronewald, who entered the Church Triumphant on Fri., Feb. 28. Arrangements through Pittman Funeral Home are pending.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Barb & Roger Grosch celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Feb. 27, 2025.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 1, 2025

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
 ~ Ladies Guild Flower Sale Begins
 3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, March 2, 2025

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
 ~ Ladies Guild Flower Sale Begins
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 1:30PM Board of Elders

Monday, March 3, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
 9:30AM-9:50AM Preschool Gym time
 11AM Line Dancing (Gym)
 1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 6:30PM Handbells

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
 10AM Women's Bible Study
 12:30PM Staff Meetings
 1:30PM Evangelism Board
 6PM Mission & Stewardship Boards

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY
 OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 11AM Holy Communion
 11-11:20AM Preschool Gym Time
 1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Ladies Guild
 5:30-7PM Lenten Devotional Night: Church-wide
 7PM Holy Communion

Thursday, March 6, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
8AM News & Notes Deadline
 9AM to Noon: HOPE Seeds (Gym)
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
 2PM Preschool Board
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, March 7, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
 9:30AM-9:50AM Preschool Gym Time
 1:30PM—1:50PM Preschool Gym Time

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale
 10AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (GYM)
 3PM Holy Communion
 + Adult Baptism: Hannah Cotner
 + Baptism Reception in gym

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale
 8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for Feb. 22-23, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	54	52
SUN., 8AM	120	101
SUN., 10:45AM	128	95
TOTAL	302	248

Bible Class Attendance Week of Feb. 23, 2025

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	5
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	16
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	13
Sunday Adult Bible Class	61
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	13
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	42
Wednesday Nights	42
20s&30s Thursday	11

Weekly Offerings: February 17-23, 2025

General Fund	\$	12,756.31
Endowment	\$	10.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
Missions Weekly	\$	175.02
Missions Total 2025	\$	2,806.29

Year to Date as of 11/30/2024

Income	\$	679,220.38
Expenses	\$	669,277.13
Surplus	\$	9,943.25

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: February 26, 2025
 Families: 74
 Individuals: 233

Prayer List for Active Military:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema; Josh Linn, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

HOPE Ministries requests these items for February: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, soup, oatmeal, toilet paper. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

MISSION BOARD

The Board provides **fresh fruits and vegetables** to the **Seminary**. Write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*. **HOPE Ministries food bank donations** are accepted in the bin **beneath the Mission Board bulletin board**.

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD

The Guild collects packaged and canned **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Bins are under or on LWML table.

MITES: Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect change for LWML grants to missions around the world.

STAMP COLLECTION: Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps to raise money for missions. Cut stamps from envelopes with about half an inch of paper left all around. Collection baskets are on the Welcome Center bookshelf and on the shelf above the coatrack by the downstairs kitchen.

PAUSE ON PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION:

The response has been GREAT! However, we must put a **pause on collecting** these items until later this year. Keep cleaning and delabeling bottles! Thanks for recycling!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2025 & **The Lutheran Witness (January 2025)** are available on the Welcome Center table.



LENT begins Ash Wednesday, March 5. We are looking for six groups **who will serve Lenten dinners** before the 7PM services. Ladies Guild will host the **Ash Wednesday dinner** beginning at **5:30PM through 6:45PM**. Menu: Chili Dogs, Relish Trays, and Homemade Desserts. Three other

groups have signed up: **Grace Guild, March 12; Missions/Stewardship, March 19; and Elders, April 9. Open dates are: March 26 and April 2.** Contact the church office at secretary@hcross.com to book your group's date to serve.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITY THIS WEEK: While dinner is being served in the gym on Ash Wednesday, DCE Charity Smith will host a **build-your-own Lenten devotional activity**. Five colored slips of paper represent a different activity. You will build your own devotional by picking one slip of paper for every day during Lent. This event will be hosted from 5:30-6:45PM in the gym. Just find Charity for directions.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: Do you still have trouble putting names together with the faces of people you meet at church? Additional copies of the pictorial directory from two years ago have been printed and are available in the Welcome Center by the registration desk. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover printing. Get to know your family members at Holy Cross.

THE HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD FLOWER AND PLANT SALE starts on March 1 and continues until March 16. Many beautiful varieties are available to order. All plants and flowers are from Parkview Gardens, a long-time florist and nursery in St. Charles. Please visit the sales table in the Welcome Center before or after services. Items must be paid for when ordered and will be delivered the first weekend in May. Proceeds will be donated to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY RETREAT: Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God's Word, and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat (April 6-8, 2025) geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain. Visit csl.edu/vocatio-retreat. Registration closes on March 21.

DINNER THEATER: For 45 years Our Savior Lutheran Church in St. Charles has been hosting a melodrama to entertain friends and family. On March 14, 15, and 16, they will host their 45th annual show. This year's production is "How the West was Worn...or...Black Hat Optional". The cast of 14 has been working hard on this funny show since early January. Since it is a dinner theater, fried chicken with all the fixings will be served on Friday and Saturday. For adults, wine will be served with the meal. Tickets are \$25 a person for Friday and Saturday. The Sunday matinee will feature a mostaccioli luncheon for \$12.50. For ticket and meal information, please go to <https://oslcecc.square.site> select "Melodrama". Or contact their church office at 636-947-8010.

Note from Pastor Jason: Holy Cross will celebrate a special baptism for **Hannah Cotner** on Sat., March 8. I met Hannah and her husband Alex through a phone call that Alex gave the church office asking us to baptize their children, Teegan (6) and Mickey (4). Several months ago, Teegan was diagnosed with a tumor on her brain stem and given six months to live—but we rejoice that she is currently doing far better than her doctors predicted! As I got to know this family, I learned that Hannah hasn't been baptized yet, and I praise God that she desires to be baptized too. **The whole congregation is invited to attend the 3PM service on the 8th, as well as a cake and punch reception following the service to rejoice with this family that Jesus has claimed as His own!**



STUDY GRANTS AVAILABLE: Attention High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in Church work: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, has study grants available for the 2025-2026 school year. Men and women enrolled in a University or Seminary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of an English and SELC District congregation active in the LWML located in Missouri for 12 months before applying. The Study Grant program is unique as recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to Christian service. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from the Missouri District website at www.missourilwml.org (under forms) or from the CWSG chairman at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com. Completed applications must be received by mail or electronically by APRIL 15, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered. No application will be considered if not complete.

ALLELUIA BASKETS: Packing Easter baskets will be on **March 21 from Noon to 1PM** at 1016 Rock Creek Elementary Dr. O'Fallon, MO 63366 (Lower Level, First Brick Building on the Right.) If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center. A list of items needed for the baskets will be revealed soon, for those who would like to donate. If you have any questions call Darlene Drilling 636-293-2353. For more information, go to alleluiabaskets.org

MO District Youth Gathering

6th-12th Graders
April 4-6 \$60 per youth
Cross Point Retreat Center
Rocky Mount, MO
Registration Due March 2

BELIEVE

BUILD YOUR OWN HOME DEVOTION!

CHURCH WIDE

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL NIGHT

MARCH 5
5:30-7 PM
COME AND GO



LENTEN MEALS

Our tradition of dinners before the 7PM service starts on March 5.

Dinner served from 5:30 to 6:45PM in the gym

Ash Wednesday—March 5, 2025
Host: Holy Cross Ladies Guild
Menu: Chili Dogs, Relish Trays, Homemade Desserts

Lent 2—March 12, 2025
Dinner Host: Grace Evening Guild
Menu: Casseroles, Bread sticks, Salads, Desserts

Lent 3—March 19, 2025
Dinner Host: Mission/Stewardship Boards
Menu: Sloppy Joes

Lent 6—April 19, 2025
Dinner Host: Board of Elders
Menu: Burgers & Hot Dogs

Disney ROBIN HOOD

MOVIE NIGHT
2ND - 5TH GRADE
MARCH 15
4:15-6:45 PM
5PM MOVIE STARTS
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARENT CHAPERONES WILL BE NEEDED

GIRLS BRING SNACKS
PIZZA PROVIDED
BOYS BRING DRINKS

Sign up with QR code or at HCROSS.COM/YOUTH BY MARCH 8

RSVP by March 8 with QR code or at HCROSS.COM/YOUTH

Skate NIGHT
MARCH 15
4:30-6:30 PM

6TH-12TH GRADE
BRING \$15 FOR THE EVENING.
DROP OFF AND PICK UP FROM GREAT SKATE

GREAT SKATE
Chaperones needed

2025 New Melle Community Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation
4700 Hwy Z New Melle, MO 63365

Saturday April 5
7:00 PM

Sunday April 6
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Saturday April 12
7:00 PM

Sunday April 13
2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Admission Free
Seating is on First-come First-seated basis
For groups or more information
Call 636-384-0576
Or Email nmpassion@gmail.com
Check us out:
Facebook us at: New Melle Community Passion Play

AMERICAN RED CROSS Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, **MARCH 13, 2025**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **HolyCrossLC** to schedule an appointment.

Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email, & successful donations get A1C testing.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.

Applications are in the Welcome Center and must be turned in by March 31.

Growing IN GOD'S grace
2 PETER 3:18

41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Omaha, Nebraska
June 26-29, 2025

Online registration for the 2025 LWML Convention opens **March 1!**