



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 2016 BULLETIN

Deacon's Corner

Being Ready in the Tough Times

1 Peter 1:13-14

The apostle Peter knew hard days lay ahead for his fellow believers. So he reminded them about their security as children of God: They were chosen by Him, born into a living hope, given spiritual protection during this life, and guaranteed eternity in heaven with their Father (1 Pet. 1:1-5). Then, in today's reading, Peter gave them specific ways to prepare for the coming trials. His words, divinely inspired by the Lord, can guide us as well.

His first instruction relates to our mind: What we believe has a direct impact on our response to life's problems. If we trust that God is looking out for us, then we will feel less threatened by hard circumstances. But if we decide we must rely on ourselves, then we are more likely to react poorly to situations beyond our control. A negative attitude—whether from anger, fear, worry, or jealousy—can make a hard time worse. Preparation for the future starts with developing biblical thinking.

A second lesson from Peter is to be “sober in spirit”—in other words, to maintain our balance in the midst of crises (1 Pet. 1:13). That requires resisting quick fixes to problems and refusing to embrace ungodly ideas or philosophies. Our enemy Satan is quick to offer suggestions designed to trip us up or turn us away from God's path. With the Spirit's help, we can learn to stand firm in a crisis and steadfastly follow the Lord.

Our culture is increasingly distancing itself from Jesus Christ and opposing His followers. Are you preparing spiritually for whatever the future may bring?

God Bless Deacon Jim

Event Calendar

Confessions will be heard on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month (6:00 p.m. on Sat. 8:30 a.m. on Sunday).

The Traveling Rosary will be on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Locations will be announced weekly.

Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass time will be announced.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve celebration will begin with Caroling at 7:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 8 p.m. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m.

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Mass Requests

Dec 4– Bob Banville
Dec. 11– Nancy Cull
Dec. 18– Bob Banville
Dec. 24– Bud McDonough and Family
Dec. 25– Larry and Nancy Cull

Holy Cross Financial Report

The financial year for Holy Cross is July 1 to June 30 of the following year. If anyone wants to see a complete financial report please send an e-mail to holycross@tds.net.

For the month of October

Income: Offertory and Loose, Hall, Convent Rental and Cemetery Income, mass stipends..... \$6588

Expenses.....includes Hall, Convent, Church, Rectory and Cemetery...(includes capital Expenses)..\$8215

Net Income- \$(-1627)

Balance Sheet Assets: \$260,547

Liabilities....\$9672

Fund Balance....\$250,875

Protecting Our Children

In accordance with the Diocese of Gaylord Policy for the Protection of Children, "any cleric, religious, employee or other person acting with authority of the Church of the Diocese of Gaylord who knows, or has reason to believe, that an incident of sexual abuse of a minor has occurred shall comply with state reporting requirements, specifically the Michigan Child Protection Law and to the Bishop's Review Board, except for those communications that are canonically privileged." In addition to the Michigan mandatory reporting requirements of clergy, teachers and other professionals, anyone who suspects a child is being abused in any way is encouraged to contact their local Department of Human Services (DHS) to file a report. If the allegation involves an employee or volunteer in the service of the Church in the Diocese of Gaylord, contact Rob Westerman at (989) 705-3525 following notification of the local DHS.

NOTES

Are you aware that you can request copies of the Sunday Homily? If you would like a copy e-mail us at HolyCross@tds.net.

Also bricks for the Memorial Garden are available for sale, the forms are next to the entrance of the Church.

Anyone who wishes to receive this bulletin via email, please contact Jacque LaFreniere at jacquel@tds.net

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Prayer List

Chris Heikka	Steve Walgus
Dale Cull	Phyllis Moore
Kelton Hunter	Jamie Martin
Kathy Speck	Bernie Miller
Ray Becker	Tom Whitman
Avery Devereaux	Geraldine Myers
Lynn McNamara Blue	Mary Alice Collins



Saints of the Day for December

Dec. 2: St. Bibiana: In the year 363, [Julian the Apostate](#) made Apronianus Governor of Rome. [St. Bibiana](#) suffered in the [persecution](#) started by him. She was the daughter of Christians, Flavian, a Roman knight, and Dafrosa, his wife. Flavian was tortured and sent into exile, where he died of his wounds. Dafrosa was beheaded, and their two daughters, Bibiana and Demetria, were stripped of their possessions and left to suffer poverty. [St. Bibiana](#) was placed in the hands of a wicked [woman](#) called Rufina, who in vain endeavored to seduce her. She used blows as well as persuasion, but the [Christian](#) virgin remained faithful. Enraged at the constancy of this saintly virgin, Apronianus ordered her to be tied to a pillar and beaten with scourges, laden with lead plummets, until she expired. The saint endured the torments with joy, and died under the blows inflicted by the hands of the executioner.

Dec. 3: St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552). Born in Spain, he was one of the seven who formed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The Pope recognized the Jesuit Society and Francis was sent as the first missionary to the Far East. He spent time in Mozambique, before landing in India. He also spend much time in traveling in Japan, the Philippines on his missions. He was on his way to China when he died. He is the Patron Saint of Foreign Missions.

Dec. 5: St. Sabas (439-532): Born near Cappadocia, he entered the monastery in Jerusalem in 456. In 469 he became a hermit. But he attracted many disciples who then formed a laura. He is considered the founder of Eastern Monasticism and some of his monasteries are still in use today.

Dec. 9: St. Juan Diego (1474-1548): Born in Mexico, Juan walked daily 15 miles to mass. One day passing Tepeyac Hill, he saw a vision of the Virgin Mary. He told the Bishop and convinced him of her presence by presenting flowers from the frozen hilltop and an image of the Virgin on his cloak. Soon after a church was built on the site and Our Lady of Guadalupe was named.

Dec. 17: St. Olympias: born of a wealthy family, she was later consecrated a deaconess and founded a community. She also started a hospital and orphanage. Later he community was disbanded by the Patriarch whom she refused to accept. She spent the last years of her life in exile.

Dec. 19: St. Nemesius: Known as the Martyr of Egypt, he was burned alive during the persecutions under Emperor Trajanus Decius.

Dec. 23: St. John of Kanty: A professor at Cracow University, he was sent to be an apprentice pastor in Olkusz, Bohemia. He worked hard to win over the hostile parishioners. Returning after several years to Cracow, he became professor of the sacred scripture. He taught his students "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

Dec. 26: St. Stephen: Patron saint of stonemasons. Stephen was one of the first and most successful of Jesus' followers and the first to receive the Martyr's Crown. Enemies of the early church were jealous of his success and had him arrested on false charges. He was sentenced to be stoned to death.

Dec. 30: St. Anyisia (284-304): A wealthy woman in Salonika who used her wealth to help the poor. Anyisia has taken vows of chastity and poverty. She was killed by a soldier who tried to drag her to a pagan sacrifice when he learned of her Christian beliefs. She resisted, spitting at him and he killed her with his sword.

Dec. 31: St. Sylvester (d. 335): Sylvester was born in Rome, ordained by Pope St. Macillinius prior to the persecutions of Diocletian. After the triumph of Constantine in 312, he succeeded St. Maelchiades as Bishop of Rome. He was Pope for almost 25 years prior to his death.

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	2 Feast Day of St. Bibiana	3 Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier
4 Mass 9:30am For Bob Banville	5 Feast Day of St. Sabas	6 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	7 9am Rosary	8 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	9 St, Juan Diego	10 Pope St.Gregory III
11 Mass 9:30am For Nancy Cull	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	14 9am Rosary	15 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	16 St. Ado of Vienne	17 St. Olympias
18 Mass 9:30am For Banville	19 St. Nemesius	20 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	21 9am Rosary	22 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	23 St. John of Kanty	24 Carols 7:30 Mass 8 pm for Bud McDonough Family
25 Mass 9:30am For Larry and Nancy Cull	26 St. Stephen	27 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	28 9am Rosary	29 9am/6:30 pm Communion/ Adoration	30 St. Anysia	31 St. Sylvester