



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 2016 BULLETIN

Deacon's Corner— The Obstacle of Discouragement

[Psalm 42:3-4](#)

We all have expectations. And whether they are reasonable or illogical, when our hopes fail us, we feel disappointed.

There's nothing wrong with this response, in and of itself--in life, some disappointment is inevitable. Discouragement, however, is a choice, and a dangerous one at that. In this state of mind, we allow our circumstances to consume us. Then we stop striving for the goal and miss achieving our potential.

Another consequence is a divided mind. As we're distracted from tasks at hand, we easily make poor decisions and then feel tempted to blame others for our predicament. Anger can lead to retaliation and depression. All the while, we are drifting spiritually. Obviously, it's important to resolve disappointment quickly.

Consider what the Lord experienced in the garden of Gethsemane. He not only faced a gruesome death the following day; He also knew He would be separated from His Father for the first time in all eternity. His words in Matthew 26:38 reveal profound pain: "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death." Needing encouragement and support, He asked the disciples to pray and stay awake with Him. And yet, they fell asleep. Jesus must have felt let down and alone, but He didn't allow hopelessness to distract Him from His purpose of procuring our salvation.

When life deals you a painful blow, remember Jesus' response and realize you, too, can choose to cling to the Father for hope. Have you allowed disappointment to rob you of focus and joy? Pray for God to keep you from discouragement.

God Bless,

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Event Calendar

Adoration and Communion will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am and 6:30pm

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).

Rosaries will be on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Holy Cross.

Parish Directory

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Bev Cantwell
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Mass Requests

Oct. 2: Bob Banville, Logan McDonough
Oct. 9: Muggs Bass
Oct. 16: Bob Banville
Oct. 23: Lawrence McDonough
Oct. 30: Bob Banville

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 August

Income: Offertory and Loose, Hall, Convent Rental and Cemetery Income, mass stipends..... \$21,000

Expenses.....includes Hall, Convent, Church, Rectory and Cemetery.....\$16,998

Net Income- \$4072

Balance Sheet Assets: \$274,998

Liabilities....\$9602

Fund Balance....\$265,396

Door of Mercy at Holy Cross Church

One of eight "Holy Doors of Mercy" within the Diocese of Gaylord, Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island is a designated Pilgrimage site. Those who make a pilgrimage to and pass through a Door of Mercy at any of the pilgrimage churches will obtain a Jubilee Indulgence.

After passing through the Door of Mercy, one should stop in prayer, fulfilling the following actions:

Make a Profession of Faith.

Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions.

Pray the Prayer for the Jubilee by Pope Francis and conclude with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus.

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

Anyone wishing a complete financial report, contact Deacon Jim at HolyCross@tds.net

Prayer List

Chris Heikka	Steve Walgus
Mary Kenwabikise	Phyllis Moore
Kelton Hunter	Jamie Martin
Kathy Speck	Bernie Miller
Sr. Mathilda McDuffie	Tom Whitman
Avery Devereaux	Liz Lanier
Lynn McNamara Blue	Shirley Sowa
Ann Broder	Geraldine Myers
Ray Becker	Mary Alice Collins
Carley Cull	



Saints of the Day for the month of October

October 1: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1873-1897) St. Thérèse entered the Carmelite monastery at the age of 15. She died at the age of 24. She never left the convent, but is the patron saint of missionaries because of her constant prayers for them. When Thérèse died, her sisters wondered what they could say about her. Yet her simple autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, has been considered a classic in understanding the simplicity of the spiritual life. This great saint is also a Doctor of the Church.

Oct. 3: St. Ewald the Black and St. Ewald the fair (d. 695): Brothers from Northumbria, they journeyed to Germany to preach. Pagans, fearing the brothers were there to convert their ruler to Christianity, killed them both.

Oct. 8: St. Pelagia (d. 311): She was tender Virgin at Antion, only 15 years old when she was apprehended by the persecutors in 311. Being alone in the house, and understanding their errand was to carry her before the judge, where her chastity might be in danger, she desired leave of the soldiers to go upstairs and dress herself. But fearing to an innocent occasion to other's sin, threw herself from the top of the house, and died on the spot by her fall, in which action, says St. Chrysostom, she had Jesus in her breast inspiring and exhorting her.

Oct. 10: St. Francis Borgia (1510-1572): Born of the rich Borgia family, St. Francis loved the foreign missions and reformed those in India, the Far East and America. He became the patron saint of Portugal and against Earthquakes.

Oct. 14: St. Callistus I (d. 223): Patron saint of cemetery workers, St. Callistus is famous for the cemetery he beautified in Rome filled with the bodies of Holy Martyrs. He was pontiff from 218-223 and promoted true religion and virtue.

Oct. 15: St. Teresa of Avila (1515 -1582) This saint was a mystic and a reformer of her 16th-century Carmelite order. She was a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her ongoing conversion was a struggle, as was what she considered her own mediocrity, frequent illnesses, and opposition to her desire to reform her order. Teresa's two key writings are *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*. Both have led untold numbers of believers to a deeper relationship with God.

Oct. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch (d. 107?) Ignatius was a convert to Christianity, became bishop of Antioch, and was a staunch defender of the faith. He was known for his seven letters defending the Church and arguing strongly against heresies. He was martyred in Rome around 107. He was also the first one to attach the term *catholic* (universal) to the early Christian Church, describing the reality of its worldwide growth.

Oct. 21: St. Hilarion (291-371) Born to pagans in the middle east. St. Hilarion was sent to school where he encountered Christianity and converted. After hearing of St. Anthony in Egypt and spending some time with him, he desired of a solitary life in the deserts of Palestine. He lived the life of a hermit on little food, with few material items until his head at age 80.

Oct. 22: St. Mary of Salome: Little is known of her other than she was one of the women at the tomb of Jesus after the Resurrection.

Oct. 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870): Patron Saint of textile merchants and weavers, St. Anthony was born in Spain, the son of a weaver. He was ordained a priest and became a pastor in Spain's rural villages. He also wrote more than 150 books. He was Archbishop in Cuba in 1850 where he preached against slavery.

Oct. 28: St. Jude and St. Simon: Both apostles of Jesus, Jude is the patron saint of Lost Causes and Simon of Tanners, Sawyers and Curriers. Both preached throughout the middle east and north Africa of the time and were martyred.

Oct. 29: St. Narcissus: He was the 30th Bishop of Jerusalem where he performed a miracle changing water into Lamp oil for Easter celebrations. He later died at the age of 116.

Oct. 31: St. Wolfgang (924-994) Wolfgang was the Bishop of Ratisbon. As a young priest he joined the order of St. Benedict. Later he was sent to convert the Magyars to Christianity. He is the patron saint of carpenters and woodcarvers.

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Check out http://americancatholic.org for a list of saints daily. Please take a moment to read about them. Fascinating reading!					
						1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus
2 Mass 9:30 am Bob Banville, Logan McDonough	3 St. Ewald the Black and St. Ewald the Fair	4 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	5 9 am Rosary	6 Communion/ Adoration 9am and 6:30 pm	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Pelagia
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