



Thank you to all who prayed for our Youth as they attended the March for Life in Washington DC. Our group of 50 was one of the largest in the Diocese. We had an exceptional trip! The trip began with a Youth Rally in Virginia with 8,000 other young Catholics, that culminated with a keynote from Immaculee. This was followed by Adoration & Confession. The morning of the March we attended Mass with our new Bishop & then participated in the March for Life with over 100,000 people. In the evening we met up with Fr. Kurgan & our Bishop & toured the major monuments in our capital. The trip concluded with the young people visiting a Smithsonian museum of their choice, a visit to the National Lourdes Shrine, & Sunday Mass. A truly amazing experience! We hope to take even more young people next year!

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

OUR MISSION “We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society.”

Stay connected with your parish family!

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox.

Visit www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to see more.



Mass Times

Daily Mass:	7:45am
Saturday	9:00am
Penance:	Wed. 7-8pm
	Saturday 3:00pm
Sunday Mass	
Vigil Sat.:	4:00pm
Sunday:	7:30am
	10:30am
	5:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Children’s Workshop, Mass & Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 8 - 1:30pm

Confirmation Group Session Feb. 9

HC School Raffle Ticket Sale

Feb. 8 & 9

Feb. 15 & 16



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 2nd-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Luke Morrisoe/ niece
 10:30AM Carmela Santangelo/ Betty Jane Toia
 5:00 PM Daniel, Agnes & Danny Broader/
 Mary Ellen Brown & Family

Monday, February 3rd

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, February 4th

7:45 AM Dominic Tirinato/ Men's Shelter Breakfast Crew
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 5th

7:45 AM Mary Vogrinc/ The Nepil Family
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 6th

7:45 AM Ronnie Ellithorpe/ Maria
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 7th

7:45 AM Mass League
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 8th

9:00 AM Stanley Blanchfield/ Wife
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
 4:00 PM Ingrid Cerio/ The DeMari Family

Sunday, February 9th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Holy Priests in Purgatory
 10:30 AM Mary Maiurino/ Pate Gates, Brian, Cheryl,
 Douglas and Maureen
 5:00 PM Betty Galletta/ Carol & Don Scullion

**February 2nd, 2019
 Presentation of the Lord**

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.



It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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Week of February 2nd

Host & Wine

In Memory Of: Daniel Holt
Requested By: Mother

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Betty Galletta
Requested By: Zinie Shemer



First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Debbie Heaney & Family ~ Debbie Foster
 Joseph & Elaine Scuderi ~ Caryn, Chloe, Joseph & Lillian
 Maureen Hayes Tessier ~ Family
 Jen & Chris Kraeger ~ Mary

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$15,720.89 Collection of January 26
 (\$ 3,983.99) Deficit

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
 OF YOUR PARISH!**

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE

**YOU'RE INVITED!
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE**

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY
4TH**

5:30- 7:00 P.M.

4200 EAST GENESEE STREET
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Prayers Are Requested For...



Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Linda Cote', Veronica Ellithorpe, Ricco Gauf, Katie

Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, Kristin Woodmansee and Genevieve Zappala.

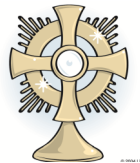
If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.**

We begin the hour in church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions on Wednesday Evenings

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Substitute Teachers & Nurses Needed

Holy Cross School is looking for substitute Nurses and Teachers. We are interested in Registered Nurses that are up to date on all certifications. All individuals must be willing to be Virtus Trained within the Diocese. Please e-mail your resume to Martha O'Leary at moleary@syrdiocese.org.

Something To Consider

Have you ever thought about serving the Lord by becoming a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister? If you have or would just like to find out more about these important ministries please contact the Parish Office 446-0473.

2019 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

A Family Perspective:



Family life provides opportunities to grow in holiness. We are never perfect on this side of Heaven. Each of us has areas that could be presented to the Lord for purification. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family in finding those areas and offering them to God.

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Formed:

Read: Heart of the Redeemer by Timothy O'Donnell (First Friday 2/7)

Audiobook: God is Love (Deus Caritas Est) by Pope Benedict XVI

Study: Fatima Gems (First Saturday 2/8)
Pray with Brother Francis (children, family)
The Rosary Prayers in Song

Catholic Media Kiosk:

CD: "Proofs for the Existence of God" by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ Today, it is more important than ever to understand how the voice of science and our ordered universe clearly testify to the existence of an all-powerful God.

Comment: "Fr. Spitzer explains very difficult scientific data in understandable terms." Julie - Sterling, VA
Visit Fr. Spitzer's website for more information and material on this subject at www.magiscenter.com.

THIS WEEKEND

Knights of Columbus Pizza Sale

This weekend & next weekend (February 8/9) the Knights will be taking orders for pizzas in the Gathering Area. Cheese (\$9) or pepperoni (\$10). All proceeds will benefit the Seminarians on the diocese. Pick up will be March 7/8 weekend.





RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be on sale to support Holy Cross School.

CANCELLATION INFO



Faith Formation Information

Reminder: When J-D is on a weather DELAY or CLOSED, Faith Formation classes are cancelled.

Parents: Sign up for school delay/closing email/text alert. Go to localsyr.com click on email/text alert to sign up.

HC Church Information

If Holy Cross School is closed or has early dismissal because of the weather, all church events that are held on that day are cancelled. We still have Mass but please use your discretion about traveling. Check the HC web site for information.

Middle School Youth Retreat

All 6-8 grade students are invited to an overnight youth retreat that we are planning here in Syracuse! We are collaborating with several other parishes and the Diocese to host an incredible retreat that includes transformative talks, exciting games and skits, small group time in our parish, opportunities to make friends from all over the Diocese, worship, Adoration, confession, & Mass. The retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat House (just up the road from our parish) from **Friday evening, May 8 to Saturday Evening May 9th**. The cost is just \$35 and registration is now open. We have a limited number of spots, so sign up soon! To register visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/youth or for more information email Steve@holycrossdewitt.org



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 2nd - Food Giving Weekend

KOC Pizza and HC Raffle Ticket Sale - Gathering Area

9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - room 10

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

3:00 PM Faith Formation/ Discipleship - room 2

Monday, February 3rd

6:30 PM Refugee Assistance Meeting - room 9

Tuesday, February 3rd

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

9:30 AM Catholic School Meeting - Yeazel Hall

10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9

5:30 PM School Open House - HC School

Wednesday, February 5th

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11

7:00 PM NA & Narnon Meeting - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Penance - Church

Thursday, February 6th

7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM HC Men's Group - room 9

7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room

Saturday, February 8th

1:30 PM Children's Workshop, Mass & Dinner - Yeazel Hall

3:00 PM Penance - Church

KOC Pizza and HC Raffle Sale - Gathering Area

Sunday, February 9th

KOC Pizza and HC Raffle Sale - Gathering Area

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

3:00 PM Confirmation Group Session - Yeazel Hall

Valentine's Day Luncheon/ Party



All (men & women) are invited to share a special lunch with your friends on Valentines Day, **Friday, February 14 at Noon**. We will be serving pizza and salad.

Cost is \$10. **Reservations are needed.** Please call Jo (315-446-3328) by **Tuesday, Feb. 11.**

VALENTINE'S DAY FEB 14

The Valentine's Day Luncheon will take the place of the Monthly Luncheon in February.

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, February 8th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall**. New knitters are always welcome.



Be sure to check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.

Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

First Tuesday Sandwiches: February 4th, 8:15am

Our sandwich donations for the Men's Shelter continues to grow due to the faithful donations of our volunteers. Stop downstairs after daily Mass this Tuesday to join our sandwich preparation crew as they prepare tuna, egg & chicken salad sandwiches for the homeless men in our community. No advance sign up is necessary.

Sandwich Ministry Thank you!

Holy Cross Sandwich ministry to the homeless shelter is truly a group effort. Once a month, volunteers donate & prepare hard boiled eggs for our egg salad sandwiches, tuna & mayonnaise for the tuna sandwiches, while others share the cost of the canned chicken for the chicken salad sandwiches. Several more parishioners bring jelly, peanut butter & sandwich bags. Still more volunteers donate loaves of bread, drink mix or boxes of cookies. As a result of this collaborative effort, hundreds of prepared sandwiches are delivered from Holy Cross to the men's shelter each month. Thank you all for your loving acts of kindness!

Emmaus Ministry Meal: Thursday, Feb. 13th, 4-6:30pm

Road to Emmaus Ministry has moved to a new location-but it is just around the corner from their previous building on South Salina Street. The new address is 127 East Glen Ave. Holy Cross volunteers serve a hot meal to homeless people and hungry families who live near Emmaus. We are now using a webpage to manage our 2nd Thursday meals. Contact Beth to register or to receive an invitation to sign up online. The next meal at Emmaus is scheduled for March 12th: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Samaritan Center Dinner: February 16th, 12:30-3pm

On Sunday afternoon, a few weeks from today, bring your family members or friends to our local soup kitchen to help serve hungry people in Syracuse. Each month, a different area church sponsors a Sunday afternoon meal. Holy Cross has committed to helping on Feb 16th & April 26th. Contact Rick to sign up: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com An earlier (11:30am-12:30pm) time period is set aside for families with children under 12 years old. Please sign up in advance.

Jail Ministry Visitor Advocate Training: Tuesday, February 18th

Is your heart calling you in a new direction this year? Jail Ministry's Visitor Advocate Training will begin in February. The initial commitment is for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings. After a background check, a one hour visit once per week is expected. For more information or to sign up, contact Beth or Keith Cieplicki: jailministry@gmail.com

Book Buddies:

1 hour, once per week (11 -12am or 12-1pm)

Do you want to help a child learn to read? Book Buddies is a volunteer program that is offered by the Syracuse School District on behalf of Seymour Elementary School. Seymour is a dual language Academy; first & second graders need help learning to read. Volunteers work as a group to meet one-on-one with a regular student for an hour each week. The program is currently in need of volunteers - some have had to step aside & some are away for the winter. The program needs at least 15 volunteers to help students learn to read. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please ask Beth or contact Lori Black: laurieblack72@gmail.com

Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.



Oratory Contest

Syracuse Right To Life Oratory Contest will be on Sunday, March 29 from Noon to 3pm at the Holiday Inn @ 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. Students will speak 5-7 minutes on a pro-life issue (abortion or euthanasia). 11th and 12th graders vie for \$250 first place and \$150 and \$50 2nd & 3rd place. 9th and 10th graders vie for \$50 first place. For an application call Jim Dooher at 315-446-6168.

Let's Talk ...Let's Heal

Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralized about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? The Church of St. Michael & St. Peter, 4791 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY invites you to a discussion about the book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks On The Sexual Abuse crisis* by Bishop Robert Barron. Join us February 9th from 12:30 to 2pm in the Church Hall for a discussion on this difficult and sensitive topic. Email FFstmichaelstpeter@syrдио.org by February 3rd if you will be joining us or if you have questions. Prior reading of the book is not required.

Mission in Motion – Disciple Series

You asked for it – and we listened! Calling lay Catholics more fully into the life and mission of the Church is critical for creating evangelizing, vibrant parishes. **Mission in Motion** is a practical workshop that covers these critical topics:

- How each of us is called to evangelize – & what that means
- Real ways to have one-on-one faith conversations
- The nuts and bolts of a parish evangelization team

Join international presenters Michael Dopp, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson for **Mission in Motion**, the latest installment in the Disciple Series on **Feb. 13** Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville 8:30am – 2:45pm

Valentine's Day Dinner & Cabaret

Don't fight the crowds this Valentine's Day. Join us for an evening of social, dinner and entertainment at Christ the King Retreat House on **Friday, Feb. 14th**. Social at 6pm followed by dinner & entertainment. Offering: \$35 per person. Reservations required by calling 315-446-2680 or ctkretreat@syrдио.org.



"In a diocese as large as ours, my Catholic Sun column is one important way I am able to talk to and accompany the faithful entrusted to my care.... I hope, like me, you will be an avid supporter and reader of our diocesan newspaper."

— Bishop Lucia

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Envelopes can be found in your contribution packet.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF February 8th & 9th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS –B</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony Ortega	H1 M.B. Domachowske	CH1 Susan Klenk	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Gretchen Lane	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DiBiase	
		H4 Lola Gualtieri		Simon Farranto	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Melody Foster	H1 Robert Brunette	C1 Margaret Ingraham	Lindsay Parker	Ed Coolican
		H3 Teresa Koulouris	C2 Charlene Hughes	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Peter Demlein		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Karen L. Markoff	H1 Chris Moltion	CH1 Mary Haley	Finn O'Brien	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Ed Judge	CH2 Deacon	Gabriel Yang	Don Brown
		H4 Sue Judge		Volunteer Needed	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Cottet Family	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Elaine Ryan	Volunteer Needed	
		H3 Nancy Tourville	C2 Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 Pat Ryan		Volunteer Needed	

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: Friday 9:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul

- Daily Mass - M ~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)

- Daily Mass: Mon. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

- Daily Mass: Wed. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

Blessed Sacrament

- Daily Mass: Chapel M - F 8:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm (vigil) Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 4:45pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Penance ~ Wednesday, 7-8PM Saturday, 3:00PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Church Office – Phone: 315 446-0473, FAX: 315 446-7608

Website: holycrossdewitt.org ■ E-Mail: info@holycrossdewitt.org

Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

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Staff ~ Name and Title

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse



HOLY CROSS

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

Volume IV

Sunday

February 2, 2020

NEXT SUNDAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 9, is "Commitment Sunday" for all parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. Your brochure and commitment card will arrive in the mail this week. Therefore, in response to our *Stewardship in Faith*, we are asking all of our families to return their completed pledge card next weekend and place it in the collection basket.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

The answer to that question must be carefully weighed by each individual and family. It should be based on what one has "inwardly decided." Whatever the amount, your gift should be measured by your own blessings, and be proportional to your income.

One rule of thumb is to divide your gross annual income by \$1,000. The resulting amount is an indication of what your weekly stewardship contribution could be. Although this rule of thumb is possible for some families, we realize it may not work for others since each individual and family has their own unique needs and financial ability. Therefore, another guide to follow is to pledge one hours gross wage per week. Both of these methods have worked well in other parishes in the diocese and many feel these are reasonable guidelines for most families.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR IRA

Receive Rewards by Being Charitable

If you are at least 72 years old and have a traditional IRA or 401k, you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year or be heavily penalized. A number of parishioners have already decided to designate their distribution to Holy Cross and are applying it to their offertory commitment for the year. Since this law no longer has an expiration date you are free to make an annual commitment through your RMD to Holy Cross this year and in the future.

Why Consider This Strategy?

- Your gift will be put to good use today, allowing you to see the impact your donation is making in the Parish.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so **you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.**