



NEWSLETTER

The Crucifer

The Thing You Missed

This is a simple message about simple things.

It is a difficult message about powerful, Godly things.

It's a brief message about the brief thing that you are missing.

I once had a sit-down, intimate dinner with a President and First Lady of our country. I left the dinner thinking how cool it was to see that he was just a man.

I recently had a sit-down conversation with a homeless, mentally-ill man. I left that conversation thinking how cool it was to see, in a real way, that he was God.

In case you have not noticed, God is not what we expect, and he is most often not doing the things we are trying to do. He is actually doing things despite of the thing we are doing. We are doing "big" things and he is doing "little" ones. This even applies to pastoring a church. I am trying to pastor and grow this church into further health and meaningful ministry and faith, but, in all that I do here, I am constantly reminded that what God is actually doing in our midst are things that I almost fail to even see. They are little. They are things that happen *along the way* to doing other *important things*.

In the first chapter of Acts, just before the resurrected Jesus ascends into heaven, the disciples are still asking him if he will soon restore their people to power over the Roman empire and rest of the world. They actually *still* believed that was what Jesus was doing in the world! They just missed it! And so do we.

We think God = big. We forget that, with God, *up = down* and *big = little*.

Don't of think this as mere cliché or you will miss it again!

What God is really doing in your day-to-day living is most often in the little things. It is in the kindness shown to you by a stranger. It is in your making time to slow down to listen and encourage a coworker. It is in sharing your pain with another, who will be immediately strengthened by knowing that they are not alone.

Think about it. If we are too busy to slow down for the little things, then, literally, we are too busy to be a Christian. And we are *certainly* too busy for the important things of God. For God cares about the little things of our lives, and he obviously cares for any person who we can easily consider as "little" – an employee under you, a mentally-ill neighbor, a person needing financial assistance, etc.

This is not easy. But the things you are missing are the greatest things of God, and they are probably the littlest things of your day.

Slow Down. God at Work.

Don't miss it.

Peace and Love,
Rob+





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MINISTRY BYTES

MUSIC MINISTRY



Holy Cross is very honored to have been asked to host a fall concert by the University of West Florida's Orchestra Runge Strings and the Tate High School Orchestra on Tuesday, November 19th. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm. Dr Leonid Yanovskiy, Director of Orchestra at UWF and Concert Master of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, approached Leanne to ask if Holy Cross would host this very special event. We are pleased to partner with the University of West Florida and Tate High School to bring music into our church and the Pensacola community. The concert is free of charge. When asked what Holy Cross could provide to make this special evening a success Dr Yanovskiy said, "Please tell the wonderful congregation at Holy Cross to attend the concert!". We are honored once again by Dr Yanovskiy and UWF as we open our doors in celebration of God's Gift of Music.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children at Holy Cross have three areas of Children's Ministries that they can participate in: Sunday School, Chapel, and Kids Club. Each of these offerings provides our children an opportunity to learn about God's love for them in a fun and safe environment. Sunday School is located in Classrooms #1 and #2 from 9:30-10:15. Utilizing the LifeWay Bible curriculum our children are making their way through the Bible with videos, stories, and activities. Then children have an opportunity to participate in the morning service with their own special Chapel time. On Wednesday night the children eat dinner with their families beginning at 5:30pm then from 6:10-7:00 they have a very hands on approach to learning about God through our special Kid's Club focus: God in Science, God in Art, God in Music, and God in Literature. The three areas of Children's Ministries at Holy Cross are unique but all strive to bring our children solid Christian Formation with oodles of fun!



YOUTH MINISTRY

The Holy Cross Youth are kicking off the fall with a jam-packed schedule filled with fun events from football games to charity skates! We also have a couple of fundraisers and service projects coming up over the next few weeks as well so be sure to make those! **Parents:** We are holding a **youth parent meeting** after the 10:30 service on **October 20th** to touch base with each other on a couple of topics like upcoming trips, suggestions and most importantly where you have seen your child's faith grow (or struggle!) over the last year. Lastly, I just want to say "Thank You!" to all of Holy Cross, the Vestry, Leanne and Fr. Rob for the support and love I have received from this place-- this month will mark 1 year that I have been honored and blessed to serve as Youth Director for this amazing Church!

-- Ryan Etheredge

UPCOMING THIS FALL SEASON

THIS FALL'S THEME:

Making It Real!

It is a life-giving, guilt crushing, mistake avoiding thing to integrate your *believing* with your *doing* (to make your faith real)! But how? At home? At work? Behind the wheel! How do you possibly navigate our crazy world so that you end up having lived the kind of life you believe you should live? For centuries Christians have found that what we need are personal *rules of life* that encompass your honest beliefs, strengths, and weaknesses.

Each Sunday of this fall, starting on August 18, we sincerely hope you will join us as we seek to make our faiths real – *Making It Real* – utilizing an ancient *rule of life* method. Our Sunday morning classes (and often sermons) each week will explore seven different important areas of life as we individually answer the question: *How do I need to live in this area of my life so that I can stay healthy, faithful, and blessed?* The method we are using is “The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life.”

Missing a week or starting in the middle? *No problem.* Each week holds its own blessing, but it is best taken all together. Join any of the following.

The Way of Love – *Making it Real*
with **Chris Dake** (Parish Hall)

The Way of Love – *Making it Real*
with **Fr. Hungerford** (Chapel)

The Way of Love–*Making it Real*
with **Women's Studies** (Office)

The Way of Love – *Making it Real*
with **the Youth** (Youth Room)

LENDING LIBRARY

A lending library is a library that allows someone to borrow something with the idea of returning the item.

Early church libraries were for the use of clergy and laymen. The books were largely in Latin and theological in character and remained in house.

Thomas Bray, an Anglican cleric, had the idea of the **parish library**; he wrote an essay entitled *An Essay Towards Promoting all Necessary and Useful Knowledge, Both Divine and Human....* [he] wanted the church to acquire books; lending them out to clergy and parishioners. [He] promoted **circulation** of books so the parishioners could take them home. Some contemporary churches, such as **Holy Cross**, maintain a **lending library** on theological and religious subjects as well as materials for the parishioner's reading enrichment and enjoyment.

Libraries promote a culture of learning and knowledge-sharing. Although libraries have changed significantly over the course of history, their cultural role has not. They are the place where a toddler can hear his/her first story and a scholar can carry out research.

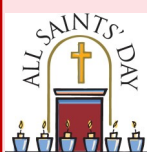
We invite you to visit your church library today.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Consecration Sunday

*Thank you for another
marvelous year and for all of
your participation in this special
Consecration Sunday event!*

ALL SAINTS' DAY & YOUTH FUNDRAISER



All Saints' Day & Youth Fundraiser Sunday, November 3rd

Join us in our observance of All Saints' Day and the commemoration of All Faithful Departed by recognizing and celebrating our relationship, not only with those around us today, but also with all those who have gone before us in all times and places.

Bring one photo of a loved one to be shared as we honor each and everyone. Photos will be placed around the Nave.

Afterwards join us in us in the Parish Hall after the service for a delicious luncheon fundraiser provided and served by the Youth!

On the Menu to be served will be Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Desert.

Any donation will be gladly accepted.

HALLOWEEN



Trunk or Treat October 31st beginning at 5:30pm

Come and spend Halloween night here at the Church! Decorate your trunk with a cool and spooky theme and hand out candy to trick or treaters from our community! Cars should arrive at 4:30pm to decorate their trunks. Event will run from 5:30 – 8:00pm.

Any questions, contact Ryan at 850-512-3054.

Sign-up is located in the Narthex.

Sunday Schedule

8:00am – Worship (1st Sunday of the month)

9:00am – Breakfast


9:30am – 12:00pm Childcare

9:35am – Sunday School (Christian Ed - all ages)

10:30am – Worship

10:30am – Children’s Chapel (starts in main service)

11: 45am – Coffee Hour (right after second service)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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			9:00am – Cursillo Reunion Faith Group 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am – Worship 10:00am-4:00pm - Library Hours 11:00am – LAG Lunch – Olive Garden 11:30am – GriefShare Committee 4:30pm – Handbell Practice 5:30pm – Church Dinner 5:30pm – Financial Peace University 5:30pm – Youth Group 6:10pm – Christian Formation Classes 6:30pm - Choir Practice	
6 CONSECRATION SUNDAY	7	8	9	10
Worship - 10:30am No Breakfast or Sunday School Celebration Lunch - 12:00pm Outreach - Feed My Sheep 9:15am-12:30pm - Library Hours 3:00pm – Ultimate Frisbee at UWF	4:00pm – Ladies Cursillo Reunion Group 6:30pm – Theology on Tap – Calvert’s in Heights	7:00pm - The Point - VooDoo BBQ	9:00am – Cursillo Reunion Faith Group 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am – Worship 10:00am-4:00pm - Library Hours 11:30am - GriefShare Committee 4:30pm – Handbell Practice 5:30pm – Church Dinner 5:30pm – Financial Peace University 5:30pm – Youth Group 6:10pm – Christian Formation Classes 6:30pm - Choir Practice	
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OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- *Theology on Tap* - 6:30pm - Calvert's in the Heights (3102 E. Cervantes) Join us for a cold beverage, excellent company, and a meaningful discussion. Contact Dean Craig at 850-384-6780


- *The Point - Young Adult Ministry* - 7:00pm - VooDoo BBQ (1741 E Nine Mile Rd, Ste 9) A community for meaningful conversation (and action) for young adults.

- *Food Pantry & Resource Center of Holy Cross* - 9:00am-11:00am
- *Worship* - 10:00am
- *Library Hours* - 10:00am-6:00pm
- *Hand Bell Practice* - 4:30pm
- *Church Dinner* - 5:30pm - Join us for dinner each week in the Parish Hall.
- *Youth Group* - 5:30pm - Join us in the Youth Room for a time of great fellowship and fun! All 6th – 12th grade youth are welcome. Come ready to hear the Word, experience the love of Christ, and learn about all that God has in store for our lives! Contact Ryan for more information at: youth@holycrosspensacola.org
- *The Bible for “Dummies” with Fr. Rob* - 6:10pm -Life-long scholar or life-long scallywag, you’ll feel comfortable gleaning something from the Bible with this group.
- *The Parents Group!* - 6:10pm - Parents turn to each other, to outside “experts,” and to faith to help each other be more prepared, competent, and faithful in their parenting journey!
- *Kid’s Club!* - 6:10pm - Pre-K to 5th Grade - Kids will have a great time while growing in their faith using monthly Biblical themes, games, crafts, and songs. Nursery care for wee ones!

- **Coffee, Chat & Coloring** - 10:00am-12:00pm - This group gets together every Friday morning. They have coffee together, chat, and color or work on crafts. Bring whatever you are working on and join them for coffee and conversation. Contact Nancy Gibbons at (850) 475-5706 for more information.

- *Holy Cross Running Club!* - 7:30am - All are welcome to run and/or walk in this family ministry which meets every Saturday morning at the church. For more information, please contact Dean Craig at (850) 384-6780.
- *Yoga/Pilates* - 8:30am - All are welcome! Donations are appreciated to support our instructors. Classes are held in the Holy Cross Chapel and will alternate weeks according to each instructor's schedule. Call or text Amanda Hart for Yoga (607) 206-3208 or Wendy Boyer for Pilates (850) 572-2170
- *WeCare - A Holy Cross Support Group for Caretakers and Those Living with Dementia* - Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month. If you or someone you know is caring for a loved one, or whose life has been affected by dementia, please join us. Contact Barbara Coats at 251-223-2484
- *Library Hours* - 10:00am-12:00pm

- **Sports Ministry** - 5:00pm. (Summer Hours). On the 1st, 3rd, (and when applicable 5th) Sunday of the month, join us on the UWF Campus (park by tennis courts) for Ultimate Frisbee. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month join us at Holy Cross for volleyball in the courtyard and board games inside the Parish Hall. Contact Ben Boyer at 850-572-3710.
- **Library Hours** - 9:15am-12:30pm

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:00am – Coffee, Chat & Coloring	7:30am - Running Club 8:30am – Yoga/Pilates 9:00am - C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity 10:00am-Noon - Library Hours 10:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
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CALENDAR DETAILS BY DATE

- Oct 2** - Ladies and Gents (LAG) Luncheon - 11:00am at Olive Garden. Please sign up in the Narthex. For more information please contact Brenda Brown at 850-450-4310.
- Oct 2** - Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30pm - Chicken cobbler casserole; tossed salad, green beans, dessert.
Children's Menu: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, and green beans.
- Oct 2 - Financial Peace University** - 5:30pm - Join us for a comprehensive training on how to wisely manage your financial life. Facilitated by Dave Ramsey.
- Oct 5 - A Study of C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity** - 9:00am - Join us for a course that will answer many questions that Christians ponder throughout their spiritual journeys. (Facilitated by Tom Bossa)
- Oct 12** - Daughters of the King Monthly Meeting - 9:00am
- Oct 5** - Holy Cross Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30am-12:00pm - This ministry is a "hands on" ministry. Bring what you're working on or come to learn how these shawls are made. For more information, please contact Sally Roberts at 850-477-3918.
- Oct 6 - Consecration Sunday** - One Worship Service at 10:30am - No Breakfast or Sunday School - Celebration Lunch at 12:30pm
- Oct 6** - Feed My Sheep Sunday (Outreach Focus) - Every first Sunday of the month, you are invited to bring nonperishable foods to worship and place them in the basket in the back of the church. They are distributed to those in need via our Food Pantry and Resource Center.
- Oct 9** - Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30pm - Spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad; garlic bread & dessert.
Children's Menu: Corn dogs, green beans, and chips.
- Oct 9 - Financial Peace University** - 5:30pm - Join us for a comprehensive training on how to wisely manage your financial life. Facilitated by Dave Ramsey.
- Oct 12** - Brotherhood of Saint Andrew (BSA) Monthly Breakfast and Bible Study - 7:30am-9:30am. Meeting in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Craig Iversen at 850-206-2116
- Oct 12 - A Study of C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity** - 9:00am - Join us for a course that will answer many questions that Christians ponder throughout their spiritual journeys. (Facilitated by Tom Bossa)
- Oct 12** - WeCare - 10:00am - A support Group for those who care for loved ones with dementia or elderly family members.
- Oct 12 - A Gift of Love Series-** 2:00pm -4:00pm - Wills, Trust, & Estates including Planned Giving (facilitated by Ed Hume, Retired Attorney)
- Oct 13 - "It's the Spirit" Skate at Dreamland** - 11:30am-1:30pm - Donate a costume and skate for free. All ages are invited.
- Oct 15** - Game Night (formerly Bunco) at the Clark House - 6:00pm. If you like to play games, then this is your night! For more information please contact Sylvia Clark at 850-476-1895.
- Oct 16** - Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30pm - Mac & cheese, Caesar salad, lima beans, rolls, apple crisp.
Children's Menu: Hot dogs, green beans, and chips.
- Oct 16 - Financial Peace University** - 5:30pm - Join us for a comprehensive training on how to wisely manage your financial life. Facilitated by Dave Ramsey.
- Oct 17** - Ladies Night Out - 6:00pm at B.J. Brewhouse (5108 N. 9th Avenue). When posted, please be sure to sign up in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Brenda Brown at 850-450-4310.
- Oct 19 - A Study of C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity** - 9:00am - Join us for a course that will answer many questions that Christians ponder throughout their spiritual journeys. (Facilitated by Tom Bossa)
- Oct 19 - A Gift of Love Series-** 2:00pm -4:00pm - Funeral Planning (facilitated by Tanner Morris, Funeral Director) from Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel.
- Oct 20** - Ronald McDonald Lunch Ministry (Outreach Focus) - This ministry provides lunch to families staying at the RMD House. The team prepares and serves lunch by 11:00am on the 3rd Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Sylvia Clark at 850-476-1895.
- Oct 23** - Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30pm - Chili, tossed salad, crackers, gilled cheese, and dessert.
Children's Menu: Fish sticks, French fries, and green beans
- Oct 26 - A Study of C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity** - 9:00am - Join us for a course that will answer many questions that Christians ponder throughout their spiritual journeys. (Facilitated by Tom Bossa)
- Oct 26** - WeCare - 10:00am - A support Group for those who care for loved ones with dementia or elderly family members.
- Oct 26 - A Gift of Love Series-** 2:00pm -4:00pm - Everything You Never Thought You Needed to Know (facilitated by Elaine Gaines & Barbara Edwards.
- Oct 30** - Wednesday Night Dinner - 5:30pm - Beef tips, yellow rice, green beans, Caesar salad, rolls, and dessert.
Children's Menu: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, and green beans.
- Oct 31** - Trunk or Treat - 5:30-8:30pm - Come and spend Halloween night here at the Church! Decorate your trunk with a cool and spooky theme and hand out candy to trick or treaters from our community! Cars should arrive at 4:30pm to decorate their trunks

FALL HAPPENINGS

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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PRESENTS

A Gift of Love, Making Your Wishes Known

Saturday, October 12th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm:

Wills, Trust & Estates Including Planned Giving
Ed Hume, Retired Attorney

Probate, durable power of attorney, medical directive, living will, Florida Rules, relationship with attorney and "Planned Giving" to provide future support for parishes, schools, and other ministries

Saturday, October 19th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm:

Funeral Planning – Tanner Morris, Funeral Director
Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel

Types of funerals and costs associated with the Planning Church Services – Rev. Rog Hungerford
Types of services, communion, reception, eulogy, church-related costs, music, and ideas for planning your service

Saturday, October 26th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm:

Everything You Never Thought You Needed to Know.

Elaine Gaines and Barbara Edwards

Gathering paperwork, resources available, hospice, support groups, military, donation to science, obituaries, and what to expect when the time draws near

Register with Lorrie Wilkinson
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with your contact information
to ensure we have materials for you.

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