



THE CRUCIFER

Monthly Newsletter

The Great Amateur!

"You are such an amateur! Just get out of the way and let me do it!" Oh! How I used to *hate* when my big brother or sister would say that to me as a child! To be honest, I don't think I would like it very much today either! To say that you are an "amateur" is to say that you lack the overall competence to be a *professional*. No one wants to be an amateur. There is no money, recognition, or reward in it! Besides, to say that you are an *amateur* also suggests something truly unbearable – **that you are imperfect!** (Gasp!) Yet, both John Claypool and GK Chesterton write affectionately about *becoming amateurs* in life. They even both implied that God Himself is an amateur. What are we missing?



In one of his published sermons, Claypool explains, "Our English word 'amateur' comes from the Latin root *amour*, which is the verb for 'love.' In its original intent, an 'amateur' was a person who did whatever she or he did 'for the love of it;'

that is, their motivation came from within and not from without." When we read Genesis with this in mind, it is easy to see that God is indeed a Great Amateur who sits with endless possibilities before Him, and who chooses to act. He chooses to create and to bless and to save, and "then he finds abundant delight in reflecting on all of it." He acts not for personal gain but simply for "the love of it."

Claypool taught, "This vision of God has practical relevance for each one of us, because the same book of Genesis goes on to affirm that we humans are made in the image of the Great Amateur; that is, we

come to the fullness of our potential when we understand ourselves as having the same capacity to choose freely among many options, to act creatively on something that we want to do, and then to experience the delight that comes from such a way of life. The possibility of being an amateur is within the reach of every one of us, and I believe that the idea of the amateur best explains what it is we were meant to be."

If you are like me, you tend to stink at doing things simply for the "love of them." Even the hobbies that I maintain are often, in a sense, professional activities. After all, my true motivation for taking time for them is just to force myself to rest *so that* I can then return to work and be productive again. I often treat rest as if its value lies solely in the work it helps to support. Yet, as I am sure is true for you, there have been times in my life when this was not true – times when I have succeeded in living like an "amateur" – and those times have blessed me richly. It was actually this sort of *living for what I love and am passionate about* that led me to this life as your priest, a life I am so blessed to have! Therefore, although I tend to "stink" at this, I also deeply agree with Claypool's assertion that our calling is to live lives motivated by our doing the things we love.

Do you spend time being an "amateur?" If so, then be encouraged! The time you spend on your hobbies imitates your creator! They are of value and worth in your life and in this world. If not, if you do not have any healthy activity that you do for the sheer love of it, then I encourage you to join me on my quest to stop worrying about being perceived as perfect and to be "*such an amateur*" in life, just as you were created to be.



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MINISTRY BYTES



MUSIC MINISTRY

Samuel Klauss, our pianist at Holy Cross, worked with our VBS children in the music area for our VBS program. He assisted the children in learning the lyrics of the songs, the music, and the movements. The music rotation was enriched with musical games and lots of silly fun! We are so blessed to have Samuel as our pianist at Holy Cross. Our VBS children had so much fun with "Safari Sam"! We thank you Samuel for sharing your talent with Holy Cross during our worship services and during VBS. Your talent and kindness are greatly appreciated!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Holy Cross was a whirlwind of activity from June 17th-24th as we celebrated our weeklong Vacation Bible School. The theme this year "In the Wild" led the way for the children to have an adventure with Jesus. Leanne and her AMAZING group of volunteers and the youth group provided Bible, Music, Art, Recreation, and Snacks for our children. We also welcomed Nonie's Ark who brought many animals that the children could interact with. It was so much fun! The children were photographed by Renee in our special Holy Cross Photo Booth. We welcomed many Holy Cross children as well as children from our surrounding communities. The children learned that God knows who they are, He knows their names, and they are important to Him! We discovered the value of being a blessing to those in the VBS camp through kindness, those in the community through donations to our food pantry, and those in the world by working on a mission project to build wells for clean water in Mozambique. All of our children were taught the value of blessing others during this special week. It was a beautiful adventure in the Wild at Holy Cross VBS 2019!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Let me first begin by saying a huge "Thank You!" to all of the youth who volunteered to help with this years VBS: In The Wild! We had a really good turnout and I have heard only great reviews about the energy and help all of you helped bring to the atmosphere. It is these types of things that build and promote the next class of kids to get involved and become active in a youth group, whether that is here at Holy Cross or at another church!

We have a lot of great things planned for July and I promise to have a calendar out soon so you can stay up to date on our youth events. One big event I want everyone to be able to attend is...

July 11 - 10:00am-5:00pm - Blue Angel Show at Jerrem's

We are going out to watch the Blue Angel Show from the beach/dock of the Jerrem's house along with some of the youth group from Christ Church. Come out and have some fun and make some new friends perhaps!

Parents: If you are unsure as to whether or not I have your email or other contact info, please give me a call or email me so I can add you to my contact lists.





Help Us Spread this Wonderful Food Ministry for Those in Need!

We need you to help spread this ministry, so it is not carried by just a few volunteers.

TakeThemAMeal.com is an online tool for coordinating the delivery of meals to loved ones. If someone is ill, has had a new baby, or is grieving the loss of a loved one, oftentimes family, friends, co-workers, church members rally around these families to take them meals. In the past, one person would coordinate (by phone or email) the scheduling of the meals. Now, the meal coordinator can use **TakeThemAMeal.com** to allow the meal providers to sign up for the day or days when they will provide meals to the meal recipients. Meals can be purchased or prepared at home and then you deliver the meal to the recipient.

When a sharing opportunity arises, you will receive an email request to sign up to provide a meal. There will be a link to click on to sign up to bring a meal.

The next time we have an opportunity to share a meal, won't you please provide a meal and share the love ?



VBS "In The Wild" - 2019

Another Successful Summer of Vacation Bible School Has Come and Gone!

We would like to thank each and every one of you for all of your dedication and long hours put in by the Teachers, VBS volunteers, Youth, Clergy, Musicians, etc. And a special thank you to Leanne for her hard work and vision with a purpose that she put in to make this a VERY positive experience for our most precious children.

The smiles and happy faces said it all and made it all worth it!





2019

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
	1	2	3 SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE	4 Independence Day
	4:00pm – Ladies Cursillo Reunion Group 6:30pm – Theology on Tap – Off for the month of July		9:00am – Food Pantry 9:00am – Cursillo Reunion Faith Group 10:00am – Worship 10:00am- 4:00pm - Library Hours 11:00am – LAG Lunch - O’Charley’s	
7	8	9	10 SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE	11
Sunday Worship & Classes **Schedule is Above** Outreach – Feed My Sheep 9:15am-12:30pm - Library Hours 5:00pm – Ultimate Frisbee at UWF	4:00pm – Ladies Cursillo Reunion Group 6:30pm – Theology on Tap – Off for the month of July	6:00 pm - Youth Movie Night: Toy Story 4	9:00am – Cursillo Reunion Faith Group 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am – Worship 10:00am-4:00pm - Library Hours	10:00pm - 5:00pm Youth Group - Blue Angel Show @ the Jerrems
14	15	16	17 SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE	18
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21	22	23	24 SUMMERTIME SCHEDULE	25
Sunday Worship & Classes **Schedule is Above** Outreach – Ronald McDonald House 9:15am-12:30pm - Library Hours 5:00pm – Ultimate Frisbee at UWF	4:00pm – Ladies Cursillo Reunion Group 6:30pm – Theology on Tap – Off for the month of July	6:00pm - Holy Cross Vestry Dinner & Meeting	9:00am – Food Pantry 9:00am – Cursillo Reunion Faith Group 10:00am – Worship 10:00am-4:00pm - Library Hours 5:30pm – Church Dinner - Gazebo Night	
28	29	30	31	
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Please Note: The calendar is subject to change at ANY TIME to fit the needs of the Church. For updates, please see our website, www.holycrosspensacola.org. Thank you!!

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS:

- Theology on Tap* - 6:30pm - Off for the month of July.

WEDNESDAYS: RELAXING FOR THE SUMMER!

- Food Pantry & Resource Center of Holy Cross* - 9:00am-11:00am
- Worship* - 10:00am
- Library Hours* - 10:00am-6:00pm

FRIDAYS:

- Coffee, Chat & Coloring* - 10:00am-12:00pm - This group gets together every Friday morning. They have coffee together, chat and 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.

SATURDAYS:

- 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
- Library Hours* - 10:00am-12:00pm

SUNDAYS:

- 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



02 - Samuel Klauss; 02 - Amy Simpler; 05 - Greer Mims; 06 - Jane Briscione; 06 - Lois Rohrer; 09 - Leanne Klauss; 10 - Christina Nelson; 13 - Eric Bettinger; 14 - Andrew Umbreit; 16 - Sylvia Clark; 16 - Daniel Simpler; 19 - Kris Karl; 20 - Daniel Ballow; 20 - Amanda Dixon; 20 - Cecil Lanier; 20 - Polly O'Neill; 21 - Karen Backes; 21 - Keith McMahon; 24 - Sabrina Merritt; 24 - Selene Roberts; 25 - Chris Coates; 27 - John Briscione



05 - Jerry & Suzanne Holzworth; 10 - Brad & Linda Bish; 15 - William & Olga Stone; 17 - John & Robyne Peacock; 18 - Steve & Beth Ramirez; 22 - Jim & Marcy Winters

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6
10:00am – Coffee, Chat & Coloring	7:30am - Running Club 8:30am - Yoga/ Pilates - Cancelled 10:00am-Noon - Library Hours 10:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
12	13
10:00am – Coffee, Chat & Coloring	7:30am – Brotherhood of St. Andrew 7:30am - Running Club 8:30am - Yoga/ Pilates - Cancelled 9:00am - DOK 10:00am - WeCare 10:00am-Noon - Library Hours 6:00pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
19	20
10:00am – Coffee, Chat & Coloring	7:30am - Running Club 8:30am - Yoga 10:00am-Noon - Library Hours 1:00pm – Holy Cross Best Ball Golf Tournament 6:00pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
26	27
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CALENDAR DETAILS BY DATE

July 3 - Ladies and Gents (LAG) Luncheon -11:00am at O'Charley's. Please sign up in the Narthex. For more information please contact Brenda Brown at 850-450-4310

July 4 - Independence Day

July 6 - 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.

July 13 - 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

July 13 - Daughters of the King Monthly Meeting - 9:00am

July 13 - WeCare - 10:00am - A support Group for those who care for loved ones with dementia or elderly family members.

July 16 - 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.

July 18 - Ladies Night Out - 6:00pm at La Trattoria. When posted, please be sure to sign up in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Brenda Brown at 850-450-4310

July 20 - Holy Cross Best Ball Golf Tournament - 1:00pm at Marcus Pointe Golf Club

July 21 - 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 or to help, please contact Sylvia Clark at 850-476-1895

July 23 - Holy Cross Vestry Dinner and Meeting

July 24 - Church Dinner - Gazebo Night - Fish fry; hush puppies; cheese grits; baked beans; & dessert.

July 26 - Baseball Game - Episcopal Night at the Wahoos - 6:30pm. Get there early for all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas from 5:35pm to 7:05pm! Gametime is at 6:35pm.

THIS SUMMER'S THEME:

Relaxed & Awesome!

My friends, every church needs time of rest built into their year. The summer is ours! And, while things will be a lot more "relaxed", we will still maintain some "awesome" opportunities for you to worship, grow, and serve. *Relaxed & Awesome!* Have a restful and blessed summer! We are excited to see what God will do through us at Holy Cross next fall!

Sunday BREAKFAST: while it will be a little lighter, we will still serve a scrumptious breakfast before Sunday School every week!

Sunday Classes: we still have a full offering of Sunday classes for all ages.

Wednesday Dinners = Monthly Gazebo Nights: while we will not have our weekly dinners, we will have monthly Gazebo Nights! More info soon.

Wednesday Classes: resting for the summer!

Choirs – No Rehearsals! Yet, they are still serving our worship on Sundays by singing together.

Youth Group: while they have a very good summer planned for all 6th – 12th grade youth, their routine will be dynamic. So stay in touch with Ryan, our youth minister! Ryan at youth@holycrosspensacola.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Marcus Pointe Golf Club Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 1:00pm

Come and join the fun as we play a 9 Hole, Best Ball, Bragging Rights golf tournament!

What is Best Ball some of you may ask? Well...Best Ball (also known as fourball in the Ryder Cup) involves 2-person teams where each player on the team plays his or her own golf ball throughout the round. After each hole the player with the lowest score on the hole (or "best ball") out of the 2-person team serves as the team's score. The higher scoring player's score is thrown out for that particular hole.

EPISCOPAL NIGHT



Episcopal Night at the Ballpark Friday, July 26th at 6:30pm

Let's get together and root on the Wahoos at Episcopal Night, against Mobile BayBears! Each ticket includes seating on the Winn Dixie Party Deck; all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas from 5:35pm to 7:05 pm; and a souvenir ball cap. Gametime is 6:35 pm, but get there early so you don't miss the first pitch prior to gametime. Cost \$32. Children 3 years and up is \$12. Children 2 years and younger are FREE.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

The Biltmore in Asheville, NC *Won't You Join Us in December?*

Build great friendships and spread joy one trip at a time! Our first trip together will be to the gorgeous Biltmore!

Sign up in the Narthex or by emailing the Church Office.



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