



NEWSLETTER

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Back To Better!

By Ryan Etheredge

Can you feel it around you? That Joy, Energy, and the Happiness that is finally starting to come back into people's lives? It is beginning to trickle out and spread from one person to the next like a slow burning fire as we begin to see life start to return to "normal" here in our church, our communities and throughout our nation. Music is returning to the streets, laughter and voices can be heard in the pews, and maybe most importantly of all: *smiles* can be seen. People seem more thankful for the everyday things and filled with more gratitude than perhaps they were before we were all forced into our own bubbles and it is truly a beautiful thing to see. I suppose it is similar to how we often emerge stronger as a community after a tragic event like a severe hurricane, such as: Sally, Ivan, or Opal (here's a friendly reminder to prepare and check your hurricane supplies and procedures list, the 2021 seasons as officially started and we all have season tickets! Pick one or two people/families nearby you who you can check up on before, during and after a storm, it could be a lifesaver).

We are moving forward, pressing ahead. We are getting back to "normal". I want to propose a question though: *What if we shouldn't go back to normal for some things?*

Spiritually, this year has been very hard to traverse through, for many different reasons, some unique to the individual and some we all share across the board. For me, trying to be a role model, leader and teacher for the Youth has been terribly difficult, especially with how much time we had to endure completely virtually. It's hard to be an example for someone when everyone is in the comfort of their own home and we weren't sharing real moments together in the same physical location. Something I have vowed to do is to not go back to a "normal" view of my role in this church and in the lives of these youth, but instead to aim for something even better than what we had before. The same is true with my personal

relationship with Christ (maybe you can relate to this as well)- I think I have maintained my relationship at best, but if I'm being honest it's not as strong as it once was. With so much isolated time and energy you might expect someone in a position of leadership at the church such as a youth minister, priest or lay leader to come out of the pandemic with a stronger and better spiritual one-on-one relationship with God, but it's not the case for me and I know I'm not alone in this boat. We are so glad to start to be able to interact with the Church again without fear or uncertainty. Our ministries are so rooted in real contact with people, being people persons and connecting on an eye contact level! We get our energy from and feed of connecting with large groups of people as well as individuals in a real way; being with and around people feeds our souls.

My hope is that as life around us starts to slowly return back to what we once knew as normal that we would find those areas in our life that we don't want to return back to normal, but instead go back to better! Perhaps that means being real with yourself about a bad habit or personality trait that you know you need to work on. Maybe it looks like just spending 15-20 minutes of your day truly alone and trying to be present with God? Dive into His Word daily and you will not regret it. It could even be giving grace and forgiveness to that person who has hurt you in the past, reconciling a relationship by providing a second chance. Or as I have had to painfully do in the past many times, maybe it's reaching out and *seeking* forgiveness and reconciliation to someone that *you* have hurt?

In everything in life, let's not try to go back to normal, but let's go back to better.

--- With Love,

Ryan Etheredge
Youth Minister

Sunday Schedule

Worship

8:00am – In Person Worship & Live Stream
 10:30am – In Person Worship & Live Stream
 10:30am - Children's Chapel during worship
 5:00pm - Outdoor Worship (Worship Band)

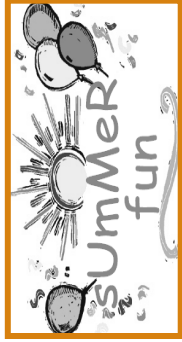
Classes


9:30 am - Youth Sunday School @ the Volleyball Court
 9:35am - Rev. Roger's Class - IN-PERSON & ONLINE
 9:35am - Chris Duke's Class - IN-PERSON & ONLINE
 9:35am - Melodie Rowland's Class - IN-PERSON ONLY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:15pm -AA 6:30pm - Compassionate Friends	2 **Youth Pool Party** 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am - Worship 4:30 - 7:30pm - Youth Pool Party 6:15pm - Class with Fr. Rob (Via Zoom)	3 6:30pm - <i>THE POINT</i>	4	5 7:30am - Running Club 9:00am - Holy Grounds Coffee 6:00pm - AA
6 **Holy Cross Goes Coastal!** Sunday Worship & Classes **Schedule is Above** 10:30am - Children's Chapel during worship 6:00pm - Holy Cross Goes Coastal (See Details Below)	7 5:30pm - Girl Scouts 4:00pm Pensacola Philatelic Society (Stamp Club)	8 6:15pm -AA	9 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am - Worship 5:30 - 7:00pm - Youth Group 6:15pm - Class with Fr. Rob (Via Zoom)	10 6:15pm -AA 6:30pm - <i>THE POINT</i>	11	12 7:30am - Running Club 9:00am - Holy Grounds Coffee 8:30am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00am - DOK 10:00am - We Care 6:00pm - AA
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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 & BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES







YOUTH GROUP! POOL PARTY!

WHERE: At Steve & Renee Roberts!
 WHEN: Wednesday, June 2 from 4:30 - 7:30pm!

You have made it to the end of by far the craziest, and strangest school year of your life! Now, let's start the summer process of kicking back and taking it a little easier by having a really fun event with swimming, games, grilled food and friends!



COMING FUN EVENTS <i>For Family Enrichment after a long year!</i>			
JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	
June 6th Holy Cross Goes Coastal! Dinner Together at Coastal Brewery on Olive, following our 5:00pm Worship Service!	July 10th Beach Invasion Set this Saturday morning as a one of your Summer Beach Days with your church family! Lots of activities and groups. More info to come!	August 8th Blessing of the Backpacks, Students, & Teachers In the world we live in, we take this blessing seriously. Be sure to join us for worship on this day!	
June 20th Father's Day Worship on the River! Worship, water skiing, picnic, playground, volleyball... More info to come!	July 30th Parents Night Out 	August 14th Fall Festival! Kick-off Fall with a fantastic festival! Tons of food, games, dunking booth, and opportunities to get involved with different ministries of Holy Cross.	

- ### June Birthdays!
- 07 - Shae Burlison
 - 12 - Sally Collado
 - 13 - Lynette Bason
 - 14 - David Boyer
 - 14 - Dallas Thomas
 - 19 - Melodie Rowland
 - 23 - Al Bressler
 - 24 - Kathy Meloche
 - 25 - Christopher Iversen
 - 25 - Marly Pearson
 - 26 - Sherry Jo Spencer

- ### June Anniversaries!
- 01 - Richard & Kathy Bleeker -52 Years!
 - 12 - Sean & Gordon Haight - 11 Years!
 - 12 - Shayne & Michele Hendrixson - 11 Years!
 - 12 - Steve & Renee Roberts -40 Years!
 - 14 - Walt & Gail Zimmer -2 Years!
 - 15 - Rev. Roger & Liz Hungerford -30 -Years!
 - 20 - Britt & Nell Landrum -57 Years!
 - 23 - Pamela James & Tony Brown (RIP) -19 Years!
 - 26 - Bob & Deanne Amacker - 45 Years!
 - 28 - Ernie & Sarah Tarkus -28 Years!

Join us for dinner at



COASTAL COUNTY Brewing FLORIDA

3041 East Olive Road

June 6th after the 5:00pm Worship Service



Father's Day Worship on the River

Sunday, June 20th - 11:00am at Russell Harbor Landing Park - 6016 Old River Road, Milton

JOIN US for a special outdoor Father's Day Service on the river with full-immersion baptisms. Followed by a picnic, water skiing, volleyball, and many other activities.

HOLY CROSS GOES COASTAL!

After our 5:00pm outside worship (so around 6:00pm), we will meet behind Coastal on Olive Road for dinner and a fun time together (3041 E. Olive Rd). Eat a snack before you come! We will likely overwhelm their kitchen, but it isn't about the food. Join us for a relaxing time with good people.

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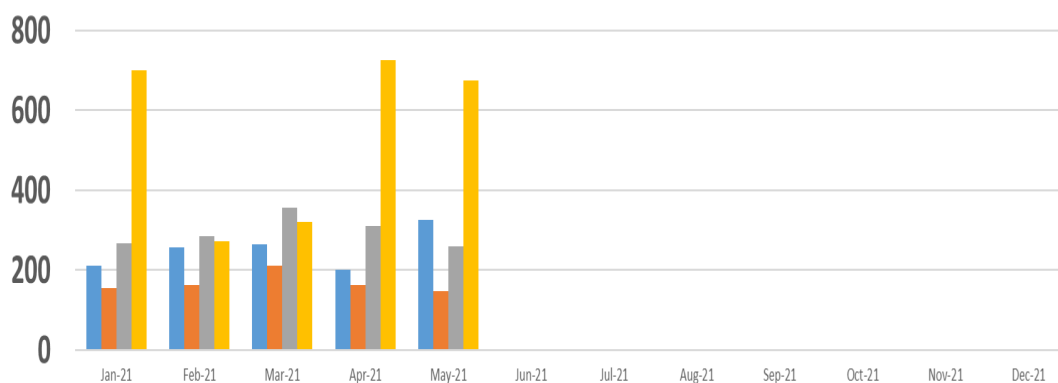
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Holy Cross Food Pantry 2021

**Total Number of People
Served YTD: 2,695**



	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
■ Age 0-18	212	258	266	201	327							
■ Repeat Recipients	155	163	211	162	147							
■ Age 60+	268	286	357	311	259							
■ Number of People in Household Served	700	272	320	727	676							