



*Our Mission:
With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM
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Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon MO

If you want an audio recording (CD) of the Sunday 8AM service, please notify the office. We also send out bulletins, weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings (visual) to those who request them.

CHURCH OFFICE

CHECK WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES
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The First Sunday in Lent

News & Notes for March 8-9 2025

WELCOME TO EVERYONE joining us for worship today.

WE PRAY for our members:

Bob Aubertin; **Gerri** Beckmann; **Karen** Belter; **Dennis** Benassi; **Marie** Benigno; **Paul** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **George** Beyer; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Teegan** Cannon; **Doris** Coots; **Mike** Dawdy; **Shirley** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; **Rich** Franzer; **Janice** Fred; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Karen** Heckman; **Marie** Herrington; **Karen** Heckman; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Ron** Kettler; **Deborah** Kiely; **Judith** Kirby; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Jim** Kramer; **Bob** Kunz; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Shirley** Niewald; **Donna** Nordmeyer; **Don** Otto; **Debbie** Parks; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed; **Eileen** Reichert; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Carol** Santoyo; **Vita** Sayers; **Winnie** Thornton; **Charles** Wardenburg; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY for our family and friends:

Jim (John Bertram)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Norma Jean Cecil (Alice Buehne)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
Debbie Collier
Gorman Cooper (Tina Morrison)
Norma Cooper (Wendy Tentschert)
William Dafler (Wes Dafler)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Teresa Doerr
Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Jim Fowler (Lovisa Davison)
Luella Franke (Sarah Miget)
John Genola (Verna Tucker)
Peter Hernon (Elaine Alton)
Sharon Hesse (Barb Krieger)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Catherine Loney (Nicole Alton)
Sandy Longo (Randy Jones)
Lisa Markel (Grace Randazzo)
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)
Kenny & Lois Meyer
(Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Ginny, Mike Niewald (Niewalds)
Paul Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Roy Price (Chris Price)
Drew Quinn (Terry Hardy)
Loyce Sagez (Randy & Denise Sagez)
Sherrill Schlimpert (Loretta Ezell)
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)

Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)
Michelle Showe (Cynthia Menscher)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Stanika Todorova (Paul & Juliana Frerichs)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)
Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)
Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)
John Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)
Carson Aston, **Chlaara** Aston,
Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)
Joanne Bonney, **Shirley** Moore
~ (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Eddie Collier, **Bruce** Brown, **Rush**
Brown ~ Denise Collier
Maureen King, **Ryan** Wells (Kathleen Day)
Lois Jobe, **Ron** Kasten (Jan Flentke)
Laura & Mark Gilson (David Gilson)
Tim Deppe, **Rich** Waiwood
~ (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Alicia Kleb, **Marian** Schwentker; **Andy**
& **Alicia** Kincaid; **Cindy** Kincaid
(Michelle Kincaid)
George & Sandra Roberts
~ (Elma Jane Kramer)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Brian Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills
(Barb Parson)
Amy Mueller, **Larry** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**,
Dr. **Eric** Semler; Larry Kremer (Sandra
Semler)
Wilma Prifts, **John** Halverson
~ (Patrick Szopinski)
Katie & Dan Bohle (Susan Williams)

For those Who Mourn: We pray for the family of Vernon Herrington, who entered the Church Triumphant on Sat., March 1. Visitation and funeral were held March 6 in Troy, Missouri.

Holy Cross Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale

9AM TO 11AM: Public Visitation Phyllis Gronewald
 10AM TO 2PM: Quilting Fellowship (GYM)
 11AM Phyllis Gronewald Funeral
 3PM Holy Communion
 + Adult Baptism: Hannah Cotner
 + Baptism Reception in gym

Sunday, March 9, 2025

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME takes effect

Ladies Guild Flower Sale

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion
 + Preschool Sings in Preservice

Monday, March 10, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM TOPS (Rm 1&2)
 9:30AM-9:50AM Preschool Gym time
 10:30AM/2:30PM Preschool Grandparents' Day
 1:30PM-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 6:00PM Council Board Meetings
 6:30PM Handbells
 7:30PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:10-9:30AM Preschool Gym Time
 10am Women's Bible Study
 10:30AM Preschool Grandparents' Day
 12:30PM Staff Meetings
 6PM Grace Guild
 6:30PM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
 9:30AM Adult Bible Class
 11AM Holy Communion
 11-11:20AM Preschool Gym Time
 1:30-1:50PM Preschool Gym Time
 5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Grace Guild
 Beginning Bells, Confirmation
 7PM Holy Communion

Thursday, March 13, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

8AM News & Notes Deadline

9AM-3PM American Red Cross Blood Drive
 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class

Friday, March 14, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9:30AM-9:50AM Preschool Gym Time
 10AM Ladies Guild
 1:30PM—1:50PM Preschool Gym Time

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale

3PM Holy Communion

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Ladies Guild Flower Sale

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Education Hour
 10:45AM Holy Communion

Church Attendance for March 1-2, 2025

Service	Attendance	Communion
SAT., 3PM	59	51
SUN., 8AM	114	93
SUN., 10:45AM	110	86
TOTAL	283	230

Bible Class Attendance Week of Feb. 23, 2025

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	3
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	17
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	12
Sunday Adult Bible Class	51
TLC/BASICS	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	13
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	NA
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM	34
Wednesday Nights	32
20s&30s Thursday	6

Weekly Offerings: February 24-March 2, 2025

General Fund	\$ 23,519.62
Endowment	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 787.60
Missions Weekly	\$ 1,080.00
Missions Total 2025	\$ 3,756.29

Year to Date as of 11/30/2024

Income	\$ 679,220.38
Expenses	\$ 669,277.13
Surplus	\$ 9,943.25

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES

Weekly Totals: March 5, 2025
 Families: 62
 Individuals: 199

Prayer List for Active Military:

Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema; Josh Linn, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Jackson Redfield, Jesse Smith, and Matthew Thornton.

HOPE Ministries requests these items for February: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, soup, oatmeal, toilet paper. Place items in the box under the Mission Board display in the Welcome Center. No expired goods can be accepted.

MISSION BOARD

The Board provides **fresh fruits and vegetables** to the **Seminary**. Write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*. **HOPE Ministries food bank donations** are accepted in the bin **beneath the Mission Board bulletin board**.

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD

The Guild collects packaged and canned **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Bins are under or on LWML table.

MITES: Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect change for LWML grants to missions around the world.

STAMP COLLECTION: Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps to raise money for missions. Cut stamps from envelopes with about half an inch of paper left all around. Collection baskets are on the Welcome Center bookshelf and on the shelf above the coatrack by the downstairs kitchen.

PAUSE ON PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION:

The response has been GREAT! However, we must put a **pause on collecting** these items until later this year. Keep cleaning and delabeling bottles! Thanks for recycling!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2025 & **The Lutheran Witness** are available on the Welcome Center table.

SUNDAY MORNING: We welcome the Preschool and their families to 10:45AM worship. Hear the preschoolers share their songs in preservice music.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS will be presented by Pastor Kohm and Music Director David Gilson. Their topic is "Lenten Art: Palm Sunday."

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: If you were unable to attend the Build Your Own Lenten Devotional on Wednesday night, you can still pick up a bag of assembled devotion sheets in the Welcome Center today. Each dated sheet in the bag asks you to color a bookmark, reflect on a hymn, write a prayer, or create other items as you reflect on the theme of each day in Lent. The project is a creative way to observe Lent—and it's free! DCE Charity assembled the packets.

THE HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD FLOWER AND PLANT SALE continues until March 16. Many beautiful varieties are available to order. All plants and flowers are from Parkview Gardens, a long-time florist and nursery in St. Charles. Please visit the sales table in the Welcome Center before or after services. Items must be paid for when ordered and will be delivered the first weekend in May. Proceeds will be donated to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: Additional copies of the 2023 pictorial directory have been printed and are available in the Welcome Center by the registration desk. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover printing. Get to know your family members at Holy Cross.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY will be held Wed., March 12, at 6:30AM. Please sign the sheet in the Welcome Center so they know how many to expect.

ALLELUIA BASKETS: Packing Easter baskets will be on **March 21 from Noon to 1PM** at 1016 Rock Creek Elementary Dr. O'Fallon, MO 63366 (Lower Level, First Brick Building on the Right.) If you would like to **join** us, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center. If you would like to **contribute items** to fill the baskets, they are currently in need of: socks for teen boys, large print puzzle books and flashlights or night lights for seniors, and deodorant for teens. A tub for these items will be placed in the Welcome Center. Please have them in by Sun., March 23. If you have any questions call Darlene Drilling 636-293-2353. Questions: alleluiabaskets.org

CONCORDIA SEMINARY RETREAT: Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God's Word, and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat (April 6-8, 2025) geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary, or chaplain. Visit csl.edu/vocatio-retreat. Registration closes on March 21.

ELDERS AND CONGREGANT COMMUNICATION

One of the Elders' responsibilities is to address any questions or concerns from the congregants of Holy Cross. Please feel free to contact any Elder displayed in the Welcome Center if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal issues, or other issues. You may also contact either Pastor if you don't feel comfortable discussing something with an Elder. The Elders will keep personal issues confidential unless you state otherwise.

Note from Pastor Jason: Holy Cross will celebrate a special baptism for **Hannah Cotner** on Sat., March 8. I met Hannah and her husband Alex through a phone call that Alex gave the church office asking us to baptize their children, Teegan (6) and Mickey (4). Several months ago, Teegan was diagnosed with a tumor on her brain stem and given six months to live—but we rejoice that she is currently doing far better than her doctors predicted! As I got to know this family, I learned that Hannah hasn't been baptized yet, and I praise God that she desires to be baptized too. **The whole congregation is invited to attend the 3PM service on the 8th, as well as a cake and punch reception following the service to rejoice with this family that Jesus has claimed as His own!**



STUDY GRANTS AVAILABLE: Attention High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in Church work:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, has study grants available for the 2025-2026 school year. Men and women enrolled in a University or Seminary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of an English and SELC District congregation active in the LWML located in Missouri for 12 months before applying. The Study Grant program is unique as recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to Christian service. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from the Missouri District website at www.missourilwml.org (under forms) or from the CWSG chairman at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com. Completed applications must be received by mail or electronically by April 15, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

DINNER THEATER: For 45 years Our Savior Lutheran Church in St. Charles has been hosting a melodrama to entertain friends and family. On March 14, 15, and 16, they will host their 45th annual show. This year's production is "How the West was Worn...or...Black Hat Optional". The cast of 14 has been working hard on this funny show since early January. Since it is a dinner theater, fried chicken with all the fixings will be served on Friday and Saturday. For adults, wine will be served with the meal. Tickets are \$25 a person for Friday and Saturday. The Sunday matinee will feature a mostaccioli luncheon for \$12.50. For ticket and meal information, please go to <https://oslcecc.square.site> select "Melodrama". Or contact their church office at 636-947-8010.

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THE MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP BOARDS: MOTQ donations will support the Pacific Southwest District and wildfire relief. Several churches are in the path, and many families have been affected. To learn more, visit the district website, <https://www.psd-lcms.org/disaster-response>.

You will also find blank cards on the missions table in the Welcome Center where you can write encouraging notes and prayers for these families and we will mail them for you. Please return the completed cards to the box on the table.

Lutheran High School announces the hiring of **Kevin Kuehl** as Assistant Principal for the 2025-2026 school year, and **Matt Aslin** as the Director of Maintenance. See their bios on LHS' social media pages.

Student Services will host **Mental Health Matters Day on Fri., March 28**, from 12:30-2:30 and we need your support! This event provides students with valuable strategies, therapies, and resources to enhance their mental well-being. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this day a success. If you're interested and available, please apply using the following link: <https://forms.gle/4KDJcDkURayjunt28>

Congratulations to **Caleb Dyer** (Freshman!) who entered school history by becoming LHS' first-ever State Champion wrestler!

APRIL KOINONIA DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2025
Please submit articles, pictures, calendar items for April next Saturday.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME THIS WEEKEND!

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Blood Drive
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Gym
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, **MARCH 13, 2025**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **HolyCrossLC** to schedule an appointment.
Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email, & successful donations get A1C testing.
rcblood.org/March

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2787 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Seating is on First-come First-seated basis For groups or more information Call 636-384-0576 Or Email nmpassion@gmail.com Check us out: Facebook us at: New Melle Community Passion Play	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday April 6 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday April 12 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday April 13 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM</p>
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Congratulations to **Katelyn Diani-O'Day** (Senior) for being named a 2025 Most Outstanding Senior Athlete by the St. Charles County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Girls Swim & Dive State Results: Sarah Wallace: 8th in the 100-yard Free-style; 400 Free Relay: 15th place (Gross, Wallace, Hackney, Eastman) with an impressive time of 3:54.44!

Sapphires Dance Team State Results: 1st Place in Pom, 2nd Place in Jazz, and 2nd Place Overall in Division 1!

Cheer Team State Results: They finished with TWO Top 20 stunt groups in the state. They are also back-to-back Band Chant State Champions! The team finished 3rd overall in the biggest Game Day division, competing against 18 schools.

**Immanuel Lutheran
Wentzville
IS HIRING**

JOB POSITIONS

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONAL
- RECEPTIONIST

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LENTEN MEALS

Served from 5:30 to 6:45PM in the gym

March 12, 2025
Dinner Host: Grace Evening Guild
Menu: Casseroles, Bread sticks, Salads, Desserts

March 19, 2025
Dinner Host: Mission/Stewardship Boards
Menu: Sloppy Joes

March 26, 2025
Dinner Host: 20s&30s Bible Study
Menu: Soups, Fixings, Desserts

April 2, 2025
Dinner Host: Open

Lent 6—April 19, 2025
Dinner Host: Board of Elders
Menu: Pancakes & Sausages

Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.

Applications are in the Welcome Center and must be turned in by **March 31.**

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41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Omaha, Nebraska
June 26-29, 2025

Online registration for the 2025 LWML Convention opens **March 1!**