

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun	10/4	9:00 AM	Flu Clinic Day - RC
		10:00 AM	PreS/K Rel. Educ. - EW
		11:15 AM	HS Rel. Educ. - EW
		11:15 AM	Confirmation Prep - EW
		1:15 PM	Youth Meeting - P
Tue	10/6	7:00 PM	Liturgy Planning Meeting - P
Wed	10/7	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting - P
Thu	10/8	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - WS
		6:30 PM	Set up for Fish Dinner - RC
Fri	10/9	4:30-7:00	Fish/Shrimp Dinner - RC
Sat	10/10	9:00 AM	Elem. Rel. Ed. - EW
Sun	10/11	10:00 AM	PreS/K Rel. Educ. - EW
		11:15 AM	MS Rel. Educ. - EW



May the LORD bless us all the days of our lives

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Adult Faith Formation Class: "The Stories of Jesus' Birth". Father Scott will offer a 5 week mini-course on the Infancy Narratives. It will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. The mini-course begins November 3. Registration is a requirement since space is limited. There is a fee of \$20 to cover the cost of the books. Call the office (474-2605) to register by October 27th.

WHY CATHOLIC? Are you still debating whether you should participate in **Why Catholic?** You'll be glad you did. Groups will be meeting in the morning, afternoon and evening. For additional information and answers to your questions, call Peg at 838-9020.

Kids of the Cross children's choir is gearing up for the Holiday Season. The first rehearsal is Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10:30-11:30 AM. Children in grades 2-6 are welcome. Rehearsal schedules for the entire season can be found on the table in the Gathering Space. For more information, contact Janice at 835-8108 or hcmusicministry@gmail.com.

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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK -
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Marriage

Adult: What do I do to promote, protect and nurture marriage?

Child: How have my parents helped me to understand how much god loves me?

Holy Cross Oktoberfish Fish/Shrimp/Combo Dinner coming this Friday, October 9, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Workers are needed to set up on Thursday (6:30 p.m.) and to work in the dining room on Friday (either 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and clean up (7:00 p.m.). Dinners include homemade coleslaw, potato salad, roll & butter and your choice of beverage and dessert. Adults \$8, children \$5.00 and Macaroni & Cheese \$5. Takeouts are available.



We extend a welcome to newly baptized Karla Rae Diehl, daughter of Adam and Kelly Diehl who was received into the church at the 5:30 pm Mass on September 26. Together as family and as Church, the community of Holy Cross celebrates our newest member.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
PRESIDER:	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch
LECTOR:	Mary Conti and Barbara Walk	John Folga and Pat Davis	Fred Williams and Frank Hodas
CO-ORD:	Jan Agnello and Peg Mallin	Chuck Smith and Chris DeSantis	Rose Maas
EUCH. MINISTERS	John and Pat Timon, Judy Gido, Mary Agnello, Jennie Agnello, Ellen Schauerman, Shirley Loeslein	Linda and Rick Graziani, Raymond Smith, Michelann and Pat McGowan, Sylvia Smith, Dan and Opie Wuenschel	Don and Fran Buseck, Paul DiFuccia, Paul Duberow, Ken and LuAnn MacIsaac, Ann Moore, Joe Maas, Betty Healy, Suzanne Sitzler, Martha Wetick
SERVERS:	Lewis Kerner, Amanda Woodman, Bridgett Palo	Shelby Folga, Katie Michael, Melissa Schneider	Andrew Walker, Thomas Connell, Michael Connell
MUSIC:	Cantor	Cantor	Crossroads
MINISTERS OF CARE:		Karen Kocjancic	
NURSERY:	<i>Nursery is available at the 10:00 a.m. mass only</i>		



Mass Intentions

Monday October 5, 2009
 8:00 AM Joan Weislogel
 Req. by Peg Mallin

Tuesday October 6, 2009
 8:00 AM Ellen Condon
 Req. by Family

Wednesday October 7, 2009
 8:00 AM Lucille Bleil
 Req. by Grandchildren

Thursday October 8, 2009
 8:00 AM Communion Service

Friday October 9, 2009
 8:00 AM Vincent and Marion Loscalzo
 Req. by John and Monica Fill

Saturday October 10, 2009
 5:30 PM Harold Sczepanski
 Req. by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kubiak

Sunday October 11, 2009
 8:00 AM Holy Cross Parish Family
 10:00 AM Robert C. Tome
 Req. by John and Monica Fill

Readings for the Week of October 4

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:1,11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of
ANTHONY PREGLER
 Requested by George and Judy Gido
(If you wish to request that the candle burn in memory of a loved one or for some other shared intention, please call the office. Donation \$10.)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

223/590 Adult Env. Received	Average \$24.25
29/257 Children Env. Received	Average \$1.13
Budgeted Average Weekly Expense	\$7,300.00
Actual Offertory Collection (\$239.25 Loose).....	\$5,441.35
Difference	-\$1,858.65
Year-To-Date Budget (13 weeks).....	\$94,900.00
Actual Year-To-Date Collection	\$85,457.90
Year-To-Date Difference	-\$9,442.10

Catholic Services Appeal

# Responses	260
Total Amount Pledged	\$90,416.00
Payments on Pledges	\$67,528.50
Balance Due on 2009 Pledges by 1/31/10	\$22,887.50

S.M.A.R.T. FAITH

[Strengthening a **M**ature **A**ppreciation of our **R**eligious **T**radition]

Topic: Who Are the Angels?

So much in our tradition speaks about the angels of God. This past week the Church celebrated the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (September 29) and the Feast of the Guardian Angels (October 1). Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, just before we sing the "Holy, Holy," the priest prays to God, "And so we join the angels and saints in proclaiming your glory as we sing..." Growing up we were told about our guardian angel and we might have been taught the bedtime prayer that begins "Angel of God, my guardian dear...." Who exactly are these angels and what does it mean to believe in their existence?

First of all, we need to remember that God is the creator of all that exists, both in the spiritual realm and the corporeal (physical/bodily) realm. Angels are creatures of God in the spiritual realm. Plants and animals are creatures of God in the corporeal realm. Human beings, however, share in both realms since we are made up of both body and spirit. Therefore, we have an inner connection to all spiritual beings – God, the saints in heaven, and angels. Since angels are pure spirit, they are creatures of God that enjoy an intimate closeness to God.

Secondly, this closeness to God allows angels to be "conduits" or channels of God's word to humanity as well as God's love, healing, and protection. This is why we invoke the angels in our prayers. We do not pray to angels as much as we seek to share in their closeness to God through our prayer that calls upon them. Nor are we to consider angels as some magical fairies that supernaturally stop bad things from happening to certain people. What they do for us is draw us into the strength, the hope, the wisdom, and the inner peace that come from experiencing closeness to God. These gifts are what protect our spirit from collapsing into despair and our willpower from making bad choices. But we must be open to what the connection to angels offers us. It does not happen magically.

Finally, our connection to angels is part of our belief in the Communion of Saints. In the Communion of Saints all the creatures of God who are connected to Christ are connected to each other. Those creatures in heaven, therefore, assist the creatures on earth whose faith in Christ leads them on their pilgrim way to heaven. In their connection to us angels help us even now to participate in the final destiny that awaits all of us – eternal, intimate closeness to God.