



NEWSLETTER

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Rested and Connected

Dear Holy Cross Family,

As the warmth of summer envelops us, many of us anticipate a well-deserved break from our daily routines. Vacations beckon with the promise of rest and rejuvenation. However, often when we have time for a break, we find ourselves filling it with things that leave us more tired and stressed than before! This summer, we invite you to consciously choose to embark on a different kind of journey—one that seeks true rest and meaningful connection by taking Jesus with you wherever you go. Literally, and figuratively!

Our theme for this June is "Rested and Connected." It's a call to find balance and fulfillment by connecting deeply with God, with ourselves, and with our community. Let this summer be a season where we prioritize not just relaxation, but also the profound restoration that comes from genuine connections.

Connection to God: In the busyness of life, our spiritual practices can sometimes take a backseat. Use this summer as an opportunity to rekindle your relationship with God. Whether through quiet moments of prayer, meditating on Scripture, or simply being still in His presence, allow yourself to be refreshed by His unwavering love and grace. Remember to take Jesus with you, embracing His presence in all your travels and activities.

Connection to Self: Often, in our quest to care for others, we neglect our own well-being. Take time to reflect, to listen to your inner voice, and to care for your body and mind. Embrace activities that bring you joy and peace. As you carry Jesus with you, let His teachings guide you towards self-care and inner peace. Remember, Jesus Himself took time to retreat and be alone with His Father. Follow His example and give yourself permission to rest and renew.

Connection to Community: True rest also comes from the strength and support of our community. Engage with those around you—family, friends, and fellow believers. Share meals, stories, and laughter. Participate in community events and outreach programs. Together, we can create a tapestry of love and support that uplifts and sustains us. And as you do, let Jesus be present in all your interactions, bringing His love and grace into every moment.

This summer, we are bringing back a variation of "Flat Jesus" that we did a couple of years ago. This year, we are handing out little Jesus figures and encouraging everyone to take their "LilJesus" with them on all on their travels and adventures this summer. We hope you will take photos, both posting them to social media with the hashtag #LilJesus and sending them to the office so we can share them in worship on Sundays. Let's have a laugh and see how far "LilJesus" travels!

As we navigate this season, let's also remember the upcoming events designed to help us stay connected and nourished in spirit. See inside this newsletter for details.

Let this summer be more than just a break from routine. Let it be a season of intentional rest and connection, drawing us closer to God, to ourselves, and to each other. May we return from our vacations not just relaxed, but truly refreshed and connected in the deepest sense, always taking Jesus with us.

The Holy Cross Staff

Sunday Worship

8:00am – In Person Worship & Live Stream
10:30am – In Person Worship & Live Stream

Library Hours

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:30pm
Sundays: 9:15 - 12:15pm;
Wednesdays: 9:15am - 6:00pm

Sunday Classes

9:25am - Nursery
9:30 am - EYC Sunday School
9:35am - Contemporary Explorations (Lanier)
9:35am - The Wisdom Group (Holy Cross Rm)
9:35am - Children's Ministry

Wednesday Nights

ON SUMMER BREAK, EXCEPT FOR YOUTH GROUP
6:15pm - Youth Group - EYC



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Summer Reading Program</i>						1
2 <i>Summer Kick-Off Sacred Wisdom Series</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
CLASSES: See Above Outreach Focus: Feed My Sheep 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Hot Delicious Breakfast 10:30am - Worship & Summer Kick-off 11:30am - VBS Planning Meeting	6:00pm - ACA Group	6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Compassionate Friends	9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm - Dinner & Classes on break for the summer	6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm)	8:00am - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Holy Cross Rm)
9 <i>JUST Pensacola</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
CLASSES: See Above 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Hot Delicious Breakfast 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - JUST Pensacola 3:00pm - Board Games (meets every other week)	4:00pm - Pensacola Philatelic Society 6:00pm - ACA Group	9:00am - VBS 6:15pm - AA	9:00am - VBS 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm - Dinner & Classes on break for the summer	9:00am - VBS 6:15pm - AA 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	9:00am - VBS 6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm)	8:00am - ECM Monthly Meeting 8:00am - Church Workday
16 <i>Father's Day VBS</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30 <i>Youth Sunday</i>						
CLASSES: , WORSHIP, ETC. See Above						

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LIL' JESUS is asking everyone as you travel this summer to please collect all unopened hotel toiletries. Donations of the collected items may be made to HAGAR'S BASKET. Hagar's Basket will use them to create care packages for those in need. Thank you!



Adult Sunday Classes beginning June 2nd



WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?

A study examining why suffering exists if God is all powerful and His love is perfect. Featuring the work of Rabbi Kushner and Paul Glancy.

HOLY CROSS ROOM



THE BOOK OF JAMES

A study of the New Testament epistle that emphasizes practical Christian living and the need for genuine faith that produces righteous actions.

LANIER HALL



June Birthdays

- 07 - Shae Bureson
- 11 - Kyle Haskins
- 12 - Sally Collado
- 12 - Tracy Haskins
- 13 - Lynn Bason
- 14 - David Boyer
- 14 - Dallas Thomas
- 19 - Melodie Rowland
- 23 - Rachel Ausburger
- 23 - Al Bressler
- 24 - Kathy Meloche
- 25 - Ezekiel Entrekin
- 25 - Christopher Iversen
- 25 - Marly Pearson
- 27 - Carla Hardin
- 30 - Diane Persell
- 30 - Eden Ridgeway

Hey Kids! Hop into reading with me, Forest Frog. Just 15 minutes a day for 60 days. Read or be read to.



Summer Reading Program

for Children and Youth

May 26th - July 27th

LET'S START SUMMER OFF RIGHT - TOGETHER HAVING FUN!
BRING BIBLE & SWIMSUIT!

Summer kick off party

WATER SLIDE

Bring the kiddos prepared for tons of fun on a giant inflatable water slide!

BAKING COMPETITION

Get your mixers ready and bring your best dessert for a chance to win the coveted GOLDEN WHISK! Prizes await the top three winners.

DELICIOUS LUNCH

Main dish provided. POTLUCK side dishes! Bring your appetite and a dish (optional)!

SPORTS & GAMES

Get ready to cheer loudly at our Youth vs Adult basketball game! Plus, enjoy volleyball, cornhole, and family-friendly games galore!

JUNE 2 @ THE GAZEBOS
FOLLOWING 10:30AM WORSHIP
BRING A LAWN CHAIR & SIDE DISH



VBS

June 11-14
8:30am-12:30pm
Ages 4-11

- Music
- Bible
- Yoga
- Community Service
- Featuring: Sunset Wildlife Animal Encounter
- Crafts
- Science
- Games



FREE!

Free Program including Breakfast and Lunch. Register by June 4th to receive a free t-shirt! Point your camera at the QR square and tap on the link to Pre-register.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
7979 North 9th Ave, Pensacola
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June Anniversaries

- 01-- Richard & Kathy Blecker
55 Years!
- 04 - Curtis & D'Anna Entrekin
20 Years!
- 12 - Shayne & Miche'le Hendrixson
19 Years!
- 12 - Steve & Renee Roberts
43 Years!
- 14 - Walt & Gail Zimmer
5 Years!
- 15 - Rev. Rog & Liz Hungerford
33 Years!
- 17 - Lafe & Leslie Parsley
24 Years!
- 20 - Britt & Nell Landrum
60 Years!
- 26 - Bob & DeAnne Amacker
48 Years!
- 28 - Ernie & Sarah Tarkus
21 Years!

NEW SERMON SERIES:

Sacred Wisdom

3 FACES OF LIFE'S MEANING:
VANITY, SUFFERING, LOVE

STARTING JUNE 2

ECCLESIASTES, JOB, AND SONG OF SONGS ARE THREE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST RELEVANT BOOKS OF ALL TIMES. YET DO WE EVEN UNDERSTAND THEM? JOIN US FOR A VERY ENJOYABLE AND ENLIGHTENING SERIES.

YOU'RE INVITED TO BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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RESTED AND CONNECTED

this summer at Holy Cross

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Breakfast is Served!
- 9:35am Classes for all ages
- 10:30am Worship
- 3:00pm Board Games (every other Sunday)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The Book of James *Kaitlin Madigan*
A study of the New Testament epistle that emphasizes practical Christian living and the need for genuine faith that produces righteous actions.

SERMON SERIES

Three Faces of Life's Meaning: Vanity, Suffering, Love (Starting June 2) *Ecclesiastes, Job, and Song of Songs are three of the greatest and most relevant books of all times. Yet do we even understand them? Join us for a very enjoyable and enlightening series.*

Why is there suffering? *Father Matt*
A study exploring why suffering exists if God is all-powerful and His love is perfect. Featuring the insights of Rabbi Kushner and Paul Glancy.

THIS SUMMER!!!

Summer Kick-Off Celebration | June 2nd after 10:30 am Worship | EVERYONE
Get ready for fun with a giant inflatable water slide and a Dessert Competition for the coveted GOLDEN WHISK. Enjoy a delicious lunch and join in exciting sports and games like basketball, volleyball, and cornhole!

VBS | June 11-14, 9:00 am-12:30 pm | FOR KIDS PRE K-6th GRADES
The theme for this year's VBS is "Compassion Camp"! Be Kind. Be Loved. Be You. Kids will enjoy music, games, crafts, food, and fun while exploring what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. Register on ChurchConnect

Revive Youth Camp | June 17-22 | FOR 6-12th GRADE STUDENTS
Our youth students will be enjoying a week at Blue Lake in Andalusia Alabama for Revive Summer Camp!

Bowling Night | July 10 5:30 pm | EVERYONE
Join us for a fun-filled church-wide bowling night for the whole family at Cordova Lanes! Enjoy an evening of strikes, spares, and fellowship with friends and loved ones.

Guatemala Mission Trip | July 15-22 | ADULTS
Fr. Rob and Fr. Matt will be leading a mission trip to Guatemala, where we will engage with the local community repairing and building houses, hosting VBS, and other meaningful experiences. Please remember to pray for this ministry.

Beach Party and Flounders Dinner | July 28th 2:00 pm | EVERYONE
Join us at Cross Beach for a fun afternoon of sun, sand, and fellowship for the whole family. Afterward, some will gather for dinner at Flounders. Fun times!