

### **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

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

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

### **Sunday Classes** 9:25am - Nursery

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

## Wednesday Nights

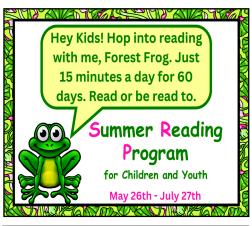
ON SUMMER BREAK, EXCEPT FOR YOUTH GROUP 6:15pm - Youth Group - EYC



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Summer Reading Program *						Į.
						10:00am - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Holy Cross Rm)
2 Summer Kick-Off Sacred Wisdom Series	ъ	4	5	9	7	- ∞
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	6:30pm - 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 - Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Lanier Hall) 9:00am - Daughters of the King (Holy Cross Rm) 11:00am - We Care (Holy Cross Rm)
<b>9</b> JUST Pensacola	10	<b>11</b> <i>VBS</i>	<b>12</b> <i>VBS</i>	<b>13</b> <i>VBS</i>	<b>14</b> <i>VBS</i>	15
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<b>30</b> Youth Sunday						
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!

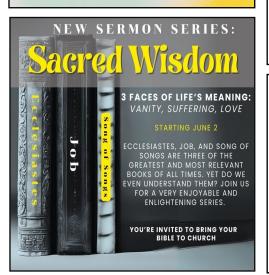


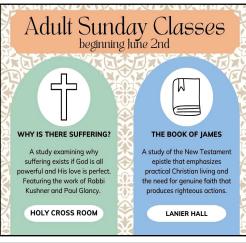


### **MONTHLY MEETING** June 9th after 10:30 am Worship

The Justice Ministry at Holy Cross is a group of individuals committed to promoting social justice and advocating for marginalized communities. This meeting is an opportunity for anyone interested in joining the Justice Ministry to learn more about the group's mission and upcoming events.

> Please Join Us. All are invited!









### FREE!

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

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### June Birthdays

- 07 Shae Burleson
- 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



### Anniversaries

- 01-- Richard & Kathy Bleecker 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!

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### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Breakfast is Served!

Suffering, Love (Starting June 2) Ecclesiastes,

Yet do we even understand them? Join us for a

very enjoyable and enlightening series

greatest and most relevant books of all times.

Job, and Song of Songs are three of the Three Faces of Life's Meaning: Vanity,

> Classes for all ages 10:30am 9:35am

Worship

### Board Games (every other Sunday)

3:00pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES The Book of James Kaitlin Madigan

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

### 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

Get ready for fun with a giant inflatable water slide and a Dessert Competition for the coveted Summer Kick-Off Celebration | June 2nd after 10:30 am Worship | EVERYONE THIS SUMMER!!!

# VBS | June 11-14, 9:00 am-12:30 pm | FOR KIDS PRE K- 6th GRADES

GOLDEN WHISK. Enjoy a delicious lunch and join in exciting sports and games like basketball

volleyball, and cornhole!

enjoy music, games, crafts, food, and fun while exploring what it means to have compassion for The theme for this year's VBS is "Compassion Camp"! Be Kind. Be Loved. Be You. Kids will 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!