

NEWSLETTER

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Revive Summer Camp

Dear Holy Cross Family,

On June 17th, we packed two vans full of middle and high school students and set off for Blue Lake in Andalusia, Alabama, to attend Revive Summer Camp. Our Youth Group Camp was filled with all the typical elements: bunk beds shared with 20 others, swimming in the lake, color war games, cafeteria-style food, endless fun activities, and not much sleep. Each participant received a lanyard with a nametag detailing the week's schedule, which included the mysterious "main session" twice a day. When asked, I explained that the "main session" was a time for worship and a sermon. While it wasn't what they were initially most excited about, I was surprised when, upon returning, most students cited "the worship" as their favorite part of camp.

The worship at Revive was led by an incredible band, whose talent was matched by their ability to guide the students into genuine moments of praise and prayer. While the concept of feeling God's presence can be abstract for young people, I was privileged to watch them grasp the tangible experience of communal worship—being arm in arm, praising God together, kneeling in prayer, supported by the hugs and hands of their peers, and being reassured by leaders who pray with them. Through these shared experiences, the lyrics "when the Spirit fills the room" become more than words—they become a felt reality.

Communal worship is more than a routine; it is a lifeline that feeds our souls and binds us in love and purpose. In these moments of togetherness, we experience God's presence, offering comfort in sorrow, strength in struggle, and joy in celebration. Moreover, communal worship fosters a sense of belonging and support essential to our spiritual well-being. It provides a safe space to share our joys and sorrows, pray for one another, and grow together in faith. This mutual encouragement and accountability help us remain steadfast in our walk with Christ, even amid challenges and uncertainties.

In these sacred gatherings, we also learn from one another. Each sermon, prayer, and song offers new insights and perspectives, enriching our understanding of God's word and His will for our lives. The diverse voices within our community reflect the multifaceted nature of God's love and grace, reminding us that we are part of a larger, interconnected body of believers.

The experience at Revive Summer Camp was a vivid demonstration of the transformative power of communal worship. Our students not only participated but were profoundly moved by the Spirit during worship and prayer. They absorbed the sermons with enthusiasm and were eager to discuss them. Several high school boys described the camp as life-changing, and all of our seniors expressed their intention to apply as interns next year. The middle school girls were deeply impacted by the love and connection they received from the staff, forging relationships that will draw them back to Revive for years to come. These experiences highlight the importance of worshiping together and how it can significantly shape and strengthen our faith.

As we worship together, let us remember the words of Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Our presence together not only strengthens our own faith but also inspires and supports our fellow believers.

I invite you to join us this month in experiencing the profound impact of communal worship. Let us come together with open hearts and minds, ready to be nourished by God's word and uplifted by the collective spirit of our Holy Cross family.

God's grace and peace be upon you all.

-Janelle

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

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

Wednesday Nights

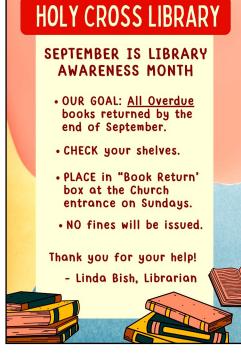
ON SUMMER BREAK, EXCEPT FOR YOUTH GROUP 6:15pm - Youth Group - EYC



| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Summer Reading Program | 1 Just Pensacola | 2 | e | 4 Indepencence Day | S | 9 |
| | 4:topm - Pensacola Philatelic Society 6:00pm - JUST Pensacola Celebration at St. Josesph's 6:00pm - ACA Group | 6:15pm - AA | 9:00am – Food Pantry 10:00am - Worship 10:00am - Hagar's Basket (Rm 3) 5:30pm - Youth Group Only 5:30pm - Dinner & Classes on break for the summer 6:30pm - Choir Book Study | Office will be closed 6:15pm - AA | 6:00pm - ACA Group (Youth Rm) | 10:00am - Heavenly Handmade 10:00am - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Holy Cross Rm) |
| 7 | 8 | 6 | 10 Bowling Night | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| CLASSES: See Above Outreach Focus: Feed My Sheep 8:00am - Worship 9:00am - Breakfast 10:30am - Worship & Summer Kick-off 3:00pm - Board Games | 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) 4:30pm - Bowling Night at DeLuna Lanes 5:30pm - Youth Group Only 5:30pm - Dinner & Classes on break for the summer 6:30pm - Choir Book Study | 6:15pm - AA | 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) |
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OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

















July Birthdays

- 01 Janet Ridgeway
- 02 Amy Simpler
- 05 Jim Maddox
- 05 Greer Mims
- 06 Jane Briscione
- 10 Rev. Matt Dollhausen
- 16 Sylvia Clark
- 16 Karla Keesler
- 16 Daniel Simpler
- 18 Lynn Neill
- 19 Kris Karl
- 19 Tricia Momany
- 20 Amand Dixon
- 21 Keith McMahon
- 21 Leslie Parsley
- 24 Sabrina Merritt
- 24 Selene Roberts
- 25 Fr. Chris Coats
- 27 John Briscione
- 27 Carolyn Igo
- 28 Annabella Rider
- 28 Elain Scharnit
- 31 Kevin Jacovino



July Anniversaries

04 - Bill & Diane Henehan

42 Years!

15 - William & Olga Stone

58 Years!

17 - Jonathan & Robyne Peacock

14 Years!

18 - Steve & Beth Ramirez

38 Years!

23 - Paul & Janet Ridgeway

30 Years!

28 - Tony & Anna-Francis Apap

34 Years!

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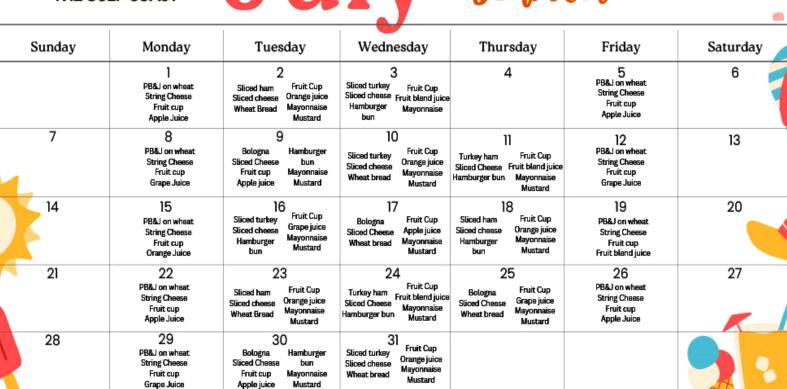
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