

# Our Lady of the Holy Cross

## Newsletter

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### A PASTOR'S REFLECTION

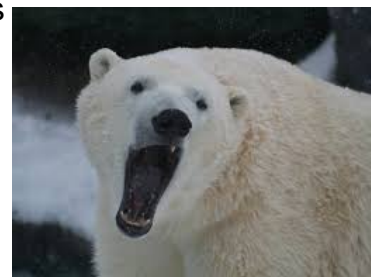
## Facing Our Bears



I don't know if you had much camping experience when you were young, but as a kid, my family was all outdoors and liked to camp for a few weeks each Summer out west where I grew up. Sometimes while hiking we might see mountain lion or bear tracks. We were schooled what to do, but the key was always stay together. We all knew that when confronting a bear not to run, especially going uphill. We also knew that we would not be able to out swim a bear, nor should we ever try to climb a tree as a way to escape from it. I never wanted to meet a bear, and for some time, I never did, even after many hiking and fishing adventures in the wild. Later in life, I stayed in the wild for a few weeks in bear-infested forests in Alaska, but still, never encountered one. Nature had been too kind.

One Summer, during my seminary years when classes were in hibernation, I travelled to Pennsylvania where I took a two-week course on painting icons. We were taught that prayer and fasting were important in the artistic process. So, after lunch one day, I made a visit to a grotto nearby where I relaxed and prayed. On hearing something behind me, I turned around only to see a black bear hurrying toward me about 20 yards away. Instinct just took over as I stood up and yelled at the bear, as I might do to a mean dog. I remember the bear growling, but it stopped. It moved side-ways, and that's when I got telepathic. I asked it to get the hell away, and it heeded my request to my amazement. I think the sounds that came from the depths of my being scared me more than anything. As soon as the bear hobbled away, I ran for daylight.

When I returned to class, I related all that had just happened to me. Everyone joked about it. There was an icon painting on the wall that showed a saint conversing with and feeding a wild bear. My head was cross-examined and some thought I was changing my story. They were confused whether it was a Grizzly or a Polar Bear, and whether I had actually seen the teeth of the bear or the white of its eyes. Yes, bears come in many forms, but really, it does not matter. Ultimately, we must face our bears, get our true narrative right, and believe in ourselves. Cultivate a safe, warm heart . . . embrace what is thrown at you and celebrate your best efforts. Remember, too, that there is nothing like a bear hug. You may ask: are there any bears in Baden? Yes, they're on the highways all over the place, so be prepared. Remember, too, it might be better sometimes to play dead and let 'em pass.



*Father Vince*



### YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION!

Last week, July 16-20, we were visited by twelve youth and their sponsors from Michigan and Wisconsin. This was their fifth year visiting us in the summer; they always come as young missionaries to assist with daunting tasks we never seem to get to around the campus.

Every year they serve our parish family by performing tasks on the parish campus, in the community or our surrounding area; they refer to this as a "service retreat". This year they assisted Fr. Vince with the "Sophia Butterfly Garden", our educational garden, and, also, our meditation and community gardens. So many willing volunteers were present, we were also able to tackle cleaning up some of the school building. Going through each room, sorting its contents, pitching broken or unusable items, consumed a large part of their time.

On Tuesday they accompanied Fr. Vince and our "Hospitality Tuesday" crew to meet our neighbors on Broadway. This is always a request they ask to participate in and seem to enjoy the interaction with our neighbors. Their enthusiasm was visible as they actively joined in our "Circle Sharing" following our conversations with our neighbors.

We pray for their safe journey home and want them to know what a pleasure and delight it was to have such wonderful young adults grace us with their presence. We truly **THANK YOU** for all your hard work, enthusiasm and confidence they displayed this week.



## REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Let us pray for all those who have died during the month of July, especially,*

*Ralph G. Klocker - June 11*

*Edmond Webb - June 20*

*Darron "DJ" Johnson - July 3*

## PARISH NEWS...



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Last week with the Young Neighbors in Action's help we made great progress with our "Sophia Butterfly Garden" but we still have quite a bit to do on the community and meditation gardens. We are

looking for some volunteers to help with maintenance items on the campus grounds. If you can help us with any of these tasks; i.e., pick up twigs, weed, water, plant, sweep side walks, cut the Bittner-side hill, or weed-eat, please contact the rectory office and ask for Father Vince or Lynda, 381-0323. Thanks in advance for helping where you can.

Many hands make light work.



**AUGUST 7**

### PRIMARY ELECTION

*In just a few short weeks we will once again be going to the polls to cast our ballots for our U.S. senatorial candidate and other state and local issues. ONLY BY VOTING CAN CHANGE BE BROUGHT TO REALITY. SO PLEASE VOTE!!!*



### OLHC ANNUAL HOMECOMING-FLEA MARKET SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

**11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**New this year at our  
Homecoming is our FLEA**

**MARKET.** We have started collecting items for our Flea Market, so please call the rectory for delivery options. The cut-off date on receiving items for the Flea Market is August 13—so get your items in and beat the crowd. ANN COWPER AND SHEILA JOHNSON ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLEA MARKET and Eddiemae Brown and Lou Coffman are handling the Homecoming should you have questions or ideas. The signup sheets are in the back of church if you can volunteer an hour or two.

We ask that you please help us push the sale of our Grand Raffle Tickets.

We **thank you** for your participation in whatever manner you can.



**AUGUST 15 IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### LABOR DAY



Labor Day is Monday, September 3, this year. **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in the church that morning.** Come and thank the Lord for your job or pray for those who are searching for employment.



Friday summer meditation in the rectory will be suspended until fall. **However, we will still celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. each Friday afternoon.** We encourage each of you to spend some time meditating on your own and then attend Mass.

## STEUBENVILLE ATLANTA YOUTH CONFERENCE



On Friday, July 6, three of our youth group and four sponsors left St. Louis for the 2018 Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference. Following are some quotes from the mouths of OLHC's youth participants regarding

this weekend:

"Two things that stood out to me were the giant parties by the stage before every general session. They would play music and we would dance to it. The live band would come and play music as well and we would keep dancing. Something else that stood out were the clothes pins that everyone was passing around with nice messages." (Brayden Taylor, Age 14)

"One thing that stood out to me was the Eucharist Procession; this stood out to me because the priest came up to me and had me touch the monstrance and prayed with me. Another thing that stood out to me was the talks that the hosts and speakers had with us, they were very deep, funny, and meaningful." (Julian Francis, Age 16)

"Two things that stood out to me during the conference was how the priest told us about giving God our minimum and giving him our best. He said that giving God our minimum is like giving God what we want to give him and giving him our best is giving God what he wants us to do. Also what stood out to me was when we saw Jesus. His presence uplifted." (Kentrell Wallace, Age 14)

We thank God for this opportunity, Pope John Paul II and LifeTeen scholarship and all who supported us here at the parish!



## GIVING WITNESS

This summer when I made my yearly retreat I was grateful for the Retreat Director's theme, "Living in Hope in an Anxious World". Right on target for me. I would like to share his closing summary:

"Confident assurance: Faith is the confident of what we hope for, confident assurance of things unseen. (Hebrews 11:1) In the midst of life's uncertainties, we need to cultivate a quiet 'confident assurance' that with those who got us to this point in our lives and the eternal endless communion of saints, we are in good company. Confident does not mean 'cocky' and assurance does not mean guarantee.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today!

**Fr. John Maher, CM**  
**Article Submitted by Sr. Carlene Welker**

## FOR HEALING . . .

"What joy is left for me any more? I am a man without eye sight. I cannot see the light of heaven, but I lie in darkness like the dead who no longer see the light! Although still alive, I am among the dead. I hear people but I cannot see them.' But the young man said, 'Take courage! The time is near for God to heal you! Take courage!'" (Tobit 5:10)

**Submitted by Louis Coffman**

## Heavenly Father,

We thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish.

**Amen.**



# OUR LADY OF THE HOLY CROSS

# HOME COMING

AUGUST  
26,  
11:30 a.m.-  
6:00 p.m.



## ENTER TO WIN!!!

This year our **Raffle Ticket is again only \$1.00 or six (6) for \$5.00 or 20 raffle tickets for \$15.00.** To register, complete the form below and return it with your registration. We will enter your name for the number as designated below. That's all there is to it! You do not need to be present to win! **Remember, this is a major fund raiser for our Parish.** We thank you for your continued support. This year's prizes are:

1. **\$500.00 Cash!!!**
2. **\$250.00 CARDINALS gift card**
3. **a beautiful, hand crocheted Afghan**

Yes, I want a chance to register and support "Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish Homecoming"  
(Please print clearly – cut on dotted line – and send in.)

**Please register me. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number is important: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your checks payable to **Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish** and return this registration form with your check.

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HAVE SOME ITEMS FOR  
OUR FLEA MARKET . . .

WE ARE NOW  
ACCEPTING ITEMS UNTIL  
**AUGUST 13** AT THE  
RECTORY.

DROP OFF AT THE  
RECTORY IS AVAILABLE  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:30 a.m.  
UNTIL 3:00 p.m.



HAVE SOME ITEMS FOR OUR  
FLEA MARKET . . .

ARE YOU IN NEED OF  
SOMEONE TO PICK THEM  
UP . . .

CALL THE RECTORY,  
381-0323 TO ARRANGE FOR  
PICKUP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
**OUR LADY OF THE  
HOLY CROSS!**

## GREGG'S CHICKEN DINNERS

### DINNER INCLUDES:

- 3 Pieces of Chicken  
(breast, thigh, and a leg or wing)
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Bread/Roll & Butter
- Lemonade, Tea or Coffee
- Dessert

ADULTS—\$10.00

CHILDREN—\$5.00\*

\*Children's dinner 2 pieces  
of chicken

# 2018 GRAND RAFFLE PRIZES

**\$1.00 each ticket**

**6 tickets for \$5.00**

**20 tickets \$15.00**

**\$250  
Cardinal  
Gift Card  
Second Prize**



## First Prize



## \$500 CASH

Crocheted  
Afghan



## THIRD PRIZE

# 1st Prize \$500

# August 2018

# 2000 PRIZES 2000 PARADES \$2500 GIFT CARD

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

## HOMECOMING PICNIC

### AUGUST 26 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## 3rd Prize Hand Crocheted Afghan

**BIG RAFFLE TICKET PRICES!**

\$1.00 per ticket

\$5.00 for six tickets

\$15.00 gets you 20 tickets

### GRAND RAFFLE PRIZES

First Place Prize - \$500

Second Place Prize - \$250 CARDINALS Gift Card

Third Place Prize - Hand Crocheted Afghan

**5** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. Tom Krosnicki  
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

**12** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. Frank Russ  
11:00 a.m. Jonah Ministries

**19** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m. "Circle" Sharing

**26** Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. Mass followed by Parish Homecoming-Flea Market from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**6** The Transfiguration of the Lord  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass  


**13** Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass  
6:30 p.m. Revitalization of Baden Association

**20** St. Bernard  


**27** St. Monica

**7** St. Sixtus II & Companions  
St. Cajetan  
8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction

**14** St. Maximilian Kolbe  
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday  
3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

**21** St. Pius X  
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday  
3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

**28** St. Augustine  
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday  
3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

**1** St. Alphonsus Liguori  
8:00 Mass  
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study  
1:30 p.m. St. Monica's Sodality

**8** St. Dominic  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass  
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study

**15** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study  
6:30 p.m. Mass

**22** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study  
10:30 a.m. Social Justice

**29** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**2** St. Eusebius of Vercelli  
St. Peter Julian Eymard  


**9** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass  


**16** St. Stephen of Hungary  


**23** St. Rose of Lima  


**30** THANK THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GIFTS!

**3**  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass

**10** St. Lawrence  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass  


**17**  
4:00 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. USCCB Listening Sessions at St. Louis University, Social Works Building

**24** St. Bartholomew  
4:00 p.m. Mass

**4** St. John Vianney  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass

**11** St. Clare  
7:00 a.m. Mount Grace for Mass

**18**  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Ward 2 Meeting

**25** St. Louis  
St. Joseph Calasanz  
4:00 p.m. Mass for Homecoming-Flea Market Workers



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**25/25 Club Fund Winners June, 2018**

June 1	Edward Knopf	5606257	June 16	Dorene Cierpiot	5605517
June 2	Mary Schott	5606080	June 17	Judith Childress	5605544
June 3	Otis Holloway	5606156	June 18	Rochelle Schneider	5605804
June 4	Msgr. Walter M. Whited	5605635	June 19	Mark West	5605966
June 5	Joan Bliss	5605957	June 20	Rochelle Schneider	5606264
June 6	Jodi Woods	5606019	June 21	Donetta E. Calloway	5606307
June 7	Ronald Brendel	5605997	June 22	Monica Vogel	5606226
June 8	George & Jan Bathe	5606375	June 23	John & Melinda Ghirardi	5606178
June 9	Alice Dachroeden	5605551	June 24	Lois Morgan	5605770
June 10	Ann Cowper	5606403	June 25	Codie Orberon	5605994
June 11	Vince Grelle	5605571	June 26	Rich Burgdorf	5606314
June 12	Bob & Cathy Zinkel	5605507	June 27	M. L. Becker	5606331
June 13	Dave & Cathy Thomasson	5606944	June 28	James Grosch	5605908
June 14	Bob Proost	5605660	June 29	Gene & Grace Porter	5606013
June 15	Bob & Cathy Zinkel	5605879			

**\$\$\$ JUNE 30 - JOHN GONZALEZ (5606236) - \$100.00 \$\$\$**