Liturgy Schedule Saturday 5pm

Parish Life Director Sister Amy Westbrook awestbrook@cdlex.org

Sacramental Minister Fr. Bob Damron <u>Cantor</u> Inga Turner <u>Lector</u> Brenda Marshall <u>Gifts</u> Judy and Bob <u>Eucharistic Minister</u> Sr. Amy

Announcements

- Holy Cross has been added to the Haven House Homeless Shelter dinner providers. We will be preparing and delivering a meal for the homeless shelter residents on the 2nd Thurs. of each month. Please join us Thurs. Jan. 11th to help cook a meal for our neighbors!
- Monday, Jan. 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, in accordance with the complementary norm to canon 1246 2 confirmed for the dioceses of the U.S.
- Happy New Year! No Faith Formation group this week, everyone have a blessed family celebration in Christ! We will resume the week of Jan. 8th.
- January's Pilgrimage will take place on Epiphany Sunday so we can still see their Christmas decorations. We will be leaving Jan. 7th at 8:30am for Beattyville where we will attend Queen of All Saints Mass and have our passports stamped. Please bring lunch money so we can stop for brunch somewhere in Beattyville!
- Saturday Offertory 12/23/2023 \$ 125.00

Liturgy Notes

Breaking Bread: p.53 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph **Music:**

Entrance: #99 "O Come All Ye Faithful" Offertory: #696 "Sing of Mary" Communion: #85 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Closing: #86"Joy to the World"

Psalm Response:

"The Lord remembers his covenant forever."



It's Christmas!

Joy brings baby Jesus.

Dear Holy Cross Family,

We are so grateful to our Sister Parish, St. Raphael the Archangel, in Oshkosh, WI for coming down to Kentucky to install vinyl flooring in our dorm rooms. They worked four days and it looks beautiful. We appreciate their labor of love and especially their gift of friendship and companionship on the journey.

The new year of 2024 will be arriving on Monday! Please say a prayer for renewed growth and direction as we begin our first full calendar year together. There is so much warmth, compassion, and potential here at Holy Cross... we want to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as we move forward to serve our parish, our community, and our world. May this be a great year of service and discipleship! Yours in Christ, Sr. Amy (614-282-2103)







Working together to remolel our church, thank you Paul and Dennis from Oshkosh!

Gospel Reflection:

The Gospel reading begins with the simple scene of a devout Jewish family obeying the Law. The holy man Simeon then meets them and says that this child will fulfill the hopes of Israel. Not only that, but he will also be a "revealing light to the Gentiles" One of Luke's dominant themes is salvation for everyone, Gentiles as well as Jews. This simple and strong description of the Holy Family concludes with their return home to ordinary life in a small village. (*Faith Sharing for Small Communities* by Baranowski)

Reflection Question:

Think of an experience when you, like Simeon, could grasp the value of another person and the good that person could bring about.

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Feast of the Holy Family Vigil, December 30, 2023



Bob & Judy share promises of love and fidelity. Congratulations!