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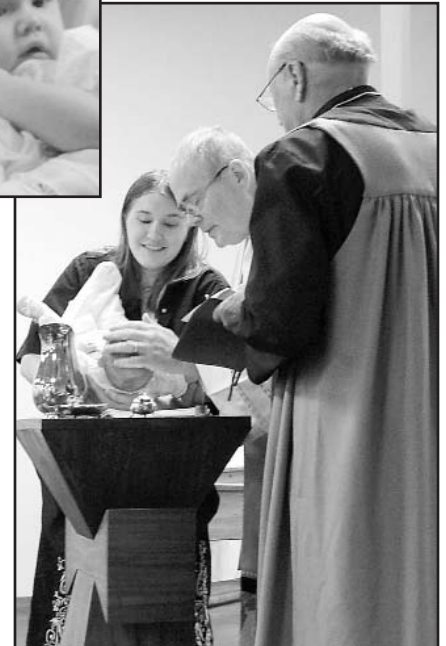
Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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Reflections at Holy Cross...

Birthday blessings, a former youth marries, ministry fair signups, mother and son sit quietly on a swing newly made by a volunteer, and Fr. Jeff kisses the newly baptized.



Rector's Meditations

My Dear Sisters and Brothers;

It is common to all Churches to compare a new pastor with a former pastor. Sometimes there are similarities and sometimes vast differences, because no two personalities are alike. I can just imagine what it will be like when the new rector arrives at my former community at St John's. After being there for over twenty years I am sure that the new priest will have his or her share of "Fr Jeff never did it that way", or "Fr Jeff always did it this way"! I pray the idea of how Fr Jeff, "did" things does not last for long. The new priest will have to establish a presence and a renewed trust that God is also in the picture. I would hope the Gospel message I shared with them over the past twenty years would overcome personality traits and different styles of ministry.

In 1 Corinthians 1:17-21, St Paul becomes distressed at his community because some people are fighting among themselves and picking sides. Some are for Paul, some for Apollos, some for Peter and so forth. Paul boldly asks the question if they have chopped up the Messiah into little pieces or interest groups. Paul asks his audience if Paul was the one that was crucified for them or if they were Baptized into the name of Paul? Paul tells them that God did not send him out to collect a following for himself, but to preach the message of following the Christ. Paul even asserts with humility that he did not come with bold rhetoric least the powerful action at the center ...-Christ on the Cross- be trivialized into mere words. Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in His wisdom took delight in using what the world considered dumb-preaching of all things! -to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation. (quoted from The Message Bible)

I will be different from all your former pastors...my educational background is different...my past is different (I was born and lived in the North). My life experiences are radically different from any pastor you have ever had; because of my military experiences and celebrating Holy Eucharist in a war zone. That difference however should never take away from why I am here among you. I am here to preach the Gospel, to teach the Gospel and to heal in the name of Christ. This is where all pastors should reflect the image of Christ.

Let us venture to discover the potential of the Holy Gospel and the way we serve Christ together as a community. I am here to serve Christ and to minister to you in His holy name. That Biblical imperative should be the same as any other pastor that has served Holy Cross before me and it should be for the pastor who serves the Lord here after me.

Love-Fr Jeff

Kitchen Corner

Nettie Umbreit, *Great Wednesday Coordinator*

Hello Holy Cross Family! Wow, this month has absolutely flown by. We had a fabulous turnout for our first two Great Wednesday Dinners, but there is still room for more. John & Jane Briscione, our family host for August, treated us to an amazing Italian meal that included, Broccoli "the Italian way" and baked Ziti. Thank you John & Jane. Kandy Kattau won two free bowling passes to Cordova Lanes. Would you like to know how she did it? Come and join us in fellowship on Great Wednesday to find out how. I would also like to thank Kandy Kattau & Angela Hinkle for helping with clean-up, Alicia & Andrew Umbreit for helping with set-up and serving.

September Menu

September 3rd - Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits and Ice Cream
September 10th - Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread & Brownies
September 17th - POT LUCK - Hot Dogs & Ice Cream novelty provided. Please bring your favorite side or topping for hot dogs. Suggested items to bring include; chips, relish, sauerkraut, chili, pork & beans, baked beans, chopped onions, Cole slaw, potato salad, etc..... Everyone is welcome.
September 24th - NEED A FAMILY HOST!!!!!! Please contact me at Nettie4pta@cox.net , 607-4308 cell, 857-3760 home.

Summer Updates

Sarah Eagle Heart,

Parish Administrator/Commissioner/PLSE Mentor

This summer was very busy and I am so excited for Fall at Holy Cross.

As a member of the national Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation, I attended a meeting in Salt Lake City in June and a Charter Writers in Chicago in August. Our next meeting will be in New York City in October and will prove to be very hectic as it will be our last face to face meeting before the deadline for the Blue Book Report handed out at General Convention next summer.

The office team has been very busy preparing for Fall programming and you'll be very excited at all the great activities planned. In addition, we are inputting all the disaster contact information-if you have not filled out a green profile card, please do so! They are located on corner tables.

Many thanks to those who helped in the office while I was away including Ede Craig, Bonnie Parson, Rachel Iversen, and Ann Young. Also thanks to my junior office volunteer: James Craig, who has found labeling to be his calling.

Junior Warden's Message

Warren Post, *Junior Warden*

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane preparedness continues to be paramount. We have seen Fay dwindle away with only rain and Gustav pack a punch in Louisiana. We can expect more storms to build in the Atlantic and some may enter the Gulf. As you may remember, when they get into the Gulf they build fast and move towards land. Please take a look at the preparedness reminders that we have provided and if you have not given the Office your updated information, please do so soon.

A Message from the Senior Warden

Scott Wilson, *Senior Warden*

A year without our Rector, and with Fr. Jeff here for one month, things feel normal once again. Since last month we have returned to our two service format, we have had our ministry fair, programs are in place for adult and youth Christian formation classes and we have returned to Great Wednesdays. All of this in one month! We now can anticipate some other events coming soon. The week you receive this Crucifer we will have the first of our studies in the Alpha Program that many of you have signed up for. This program on Wednesday evenings will run until we get to advent. Starting on Sunday after Labor Day, we will have the adult study program based on the book "Why" led by Fr. Jeff and other laity.

On Friday September 26, Bishop Duncan and clergy descend on Holy Cross for the installation of Fr. Jeff as the Rector of Holy Cross. We will be joined in this celebration with many of the parishioners of St. John's Cumberland. A bonus on that weekend will be the celebration of Holy Cross Day. The liturgical Holy Cross Day will be observed on September 14th however we will observe it in celebration on the same weekend of the installation. Plan now to spend the afternoon on the grounds after church for a picnic and fellowship. If we can roust out some strong backs, we may even have the water slide up again for the kids.

Warren Post, Al and Jean Rognstad have planned grounds clean up days. We are looking at the Saturdays of September 20th for this. Hopefully we will start to see some cooler weather so we can turn out and make our grounds as pretty as they can be for the installation and Holy Cross Day!

Did you know that our younger EYC kids have their own special place? This is new for them to have their own room! Seek out Rachel or Ede and stop in to see what they are doing. Perhaps they can have an "Open House" on Holy Cross Day to show off their. A BIG THANK YOU to Rachel, Ede and our parents for creating this special place for our youth. While you are at it, when was the last time you saw the Senior EYC room? Stop in to see what they have done. It has been transformed!

Have you seen our Web site lately? Go to www.holy-crosspensacola.org and look at the tremendous work done by our very own Jim Winters! Jim continues to find new ways to

I am also looking for volunteers to help prepare and or clean up the Church and grounds should there be a need. Please call the Office and give your name and number with your choice.

Church Grounds Clean Up

We are planning to have a cleanup on Saturday, September 20th in preparation for Fr Jencks induction on Friday evening September 26th. All able to help either with touchup painting, repair or outside clean up are cordially invited to participate. More information to follow as the

show us the life of the parish. One Sunday recently I met a couple that visited us after they found us on the Web. Attaboy Jim, Great Work! Also many thanks to Kandy Kattau for taking many of the photos we are now using. Please get in the habit of using the website to stay current on our activities. It will prove to be very useful. Betty Enfinger is organizing ministries on the web, please contact Betty at bettyenfinger@cox.net to get your ministry and photo up on the website.

Fr. Jeff has shared with me his thoughts on how WE DO IT at Holy Cross. Fr. Jeff is encouraging the Vestry, ministry commissioners and ministry heads to continue on the path that we are currently on. What this means is that Fr. Jeff is looking to US, the laity of Holy Cross to make sure that we take care of those things necessary to run the programs and ministries of Holy Cross. Specifically this means that you will need to be aware that the authority for various aspects of the church lies with the Vestry Commissioner and ministry chair person. This does not mean that Fr. Jeff will not know what is going on, quite to the contrary. Fr. Jeff will meet on a regular basis with the Vestry commissioner and chair persons in order to hear what they are doing as well as for him to share his vision for those ministries. Please become familiar with the Vestry roster so you will know whom to contact. Fr. Jeff will have his hands full maintaining his teaching, preaching, pastoral care and visitations. If we ALL continue to take authority for the work of the parish just think of how much more time Fr. Jeff can give us towards building us up. Please remember that in a month it will be time for our Annual Parish meeting. At that time we will elect four persons for the new vestry. Please consider a position on the vestry. If you are interested in having your name placed into consideration, please contact Fr. Jeff or one of the members of the vestry. As a member of the vestry you will be expected to make a commitment of your time and effort. It is indeed a lot of work but it is also very gratifying to see the fruit of the work. I highly recommend it to you.

Is there anyone you have missed seeing in Church? Give them a call to get them back in church and tell them how much they are missed. That is all I can think of that I should share with you at this writing. See you in Church!

Music Direction

Bill Brown, *Music Director*

I'm pleased to announce that on Sunday, December 14, at 10:00 AM, the choirs of Holy Cross will present a service of lessons and carols. Guest musicians will include members of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra.

And on Wednesday evening, December 17, at 6:30 PM, the Children's Choir will present a multicultural delight entitled "It's Christmas Everywhere," by Ruth Elaine Schram. Musical will feature the carols and traditions of Germany, Japan, Australia, Africa, Mexico, Canada and Spain. This year, we'll all learn how different cultures and countries celebrate Christmas. Program will begin with our annual



Children's Recital.

August is the best time to join a choir because we're beginning a new year of activities and projects. Here's our fall schedule for choirs.

Children's Choir - Wednesdays at 5:00 PM
Handbell Choir - Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Adult Choir - Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Thank You! Thank You!

Jonathan Ziegler, *Organist*

I wanted to write just a few lines to say thank you to everyone at Holy Cross for being so friendly and welcoming the past few months since I joined the staff as Organist. Holy Cross is truly a special congregation, and I am happy to be able to assist in worship. I hope that through music I am able to help direct minds forward and upward.

To that end, I will need help from you all. Being new to Holy Cross, I am not yet familiar with which hymns are favorites and which ones aren't. Please feel free to let me know which hymns you would like sing, and I will do my best to place them during appropriate services. Since I am also new to Episcopal worship, I'm also looking for feedback from the congregation about exactly how much music

you would like to sing during the 10 o'clock service. For example, I understand that the Psalms have been sung previously; would this be something the congregation would be interested in doing again? My personal inclination is to sing service music wherever there is an option to sing it, but I won't know if this would help the congregation worship until the congregation shares its opinion. Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to become involved in your music ministry, whether that be through participation in the Chancel or Handbell Choirs, or singing joyfully (and loudly!) within the pews.

Thanks again to everyone for such a warm welcome, and I look forward to getting to know each of you at Holy Cross.

Sexton's Corner

Vance Luedeke, *Sexton*

Hello Holy Cross! Here's an update on our wonderful volunteer work this summer.

Warren Post finished the job of putting the concrete bricks back in the soil in the garden beneath the large sign at the church entrance. Someone had backed into it. • Jay Hoffman and Max Turner are fixing the blower (which Jay is lending to the church). • Dan Krueger has installed motion sensors in the Ladies and Gentlemen's restrooms. This system automatically turns the lights on and then turns off after 15 minutes has elapsed. This is to prevent the lights being on overnight or over part of the weekend. • I have donated a battery holder/tester to the church and is located in Ann's office on top of the file cabinets. I'm also planning on donating ceramic toadstools for the pots outside the doors to the sanctuary. • Al Rognstad has spent

hours straightening out the sprinklers timers and duration of the sprinklers. Al, you have done so much to clean the Rebecca fountain bowl to make and set out the Stations of the Cross (which he made). Thank you for the replacing the old swing. Al, you have done so much for the church. Thank you!!! • John Briscione and the Varner family (Brian works for PR Supply) are continuing to organize and stock all our paper goods in my office and the shed. Many thanks, y'all!

Oh we still need a new pump for Rebecca. Would anyone be willing to foot the bill for it?

If I've forgotten anyone's contributions, forgive me.

Children's Christian Education

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Happy belated Birthday to Chelsea Hotopp (August 28)
Happy Birthday to Evan Lands (Sept. 1) and Gracie Mims
(Sept. 5)!

Dates to Remember:

September 7 – Children's Sunday School returns

October 29 – Fall Festival

November 2 – 'auditions' for Christmas Pageant

December 17 – Christmas Pageant

Remember, Sunday school begins at 9:00am, before the second church service. Please meet in Classroom #2. We will be following the "One Room Sunday School" curriculum. It is designed specifically for children's Christian education programs where four or more age groups are taught

in one classroom, like ours. It includes materials that children ages 3-12 can experience God's Word and share their growing faith. Although I have just eight children signed up from the Ministry Fair, I anticipate at least a dozen. With the kids in Sunday school and infants in the Nursery, this will give more parents the opportunity to attend our Adult Bible Study or more fellowship time.

Thank you to those who signed up to volunteer this year. I will be calling and/or email you to set up a schedule in the areas that you have requested to help with.

Please contact Ede Craig if you have any questions at cell# 341-2402 or via email at edecraig@cox.net.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

New Young Adult ministry for ages 18-35. This ministry will be completely guided by the Young Adults and our first gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Starbucks on Bayou next to the Rave movie theatre. Invite your friends! To be a part this new ministry, contact Sarah at 384-6357 (texting welcome) or find her on Facebook under seagleheart@plse-episcopal.org.

EYC Calendar of Events to Relish, Remember and Repeat

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

Here's our Episcopal Youth Community Calendar of Events to Relish, Remember and Repeat.

Sept 7 - Sunday School Starts at 9:05 & Parent Meeting at 11:30 in the Youth Room

Sept 10 - EYC EYC Kickoff! EYC EYC Kickoff! Be Yourself! 6:15-7:30 p.m.-FREE ROOTBEER FLOATS

Sept 14 (Sunday) - 11:30 a.m.- Guitar Praise Band Practice

Sept 17 - Praise Eucharist with Youth Group Guitar Praise Music

Sept 21 - Senior EYC (9th-12th Grade), 5-7 p.m., Swimming at the Youngs

Sept 24 - EYC for 6th -12th Grade, 6:15 until 7:30 p.m.

EYC Fall Focus...Be Yourself!

Junior High Sunday School with Mr. Dean Craig - "*Called through Faith*".

Senior High Sunday School with Mrs. Rachel Iversen - "*Responding to Injustice*".

Calling all EYC Parents for at 30 minute meeting to share our plan and to get your input on September 7 at 11:30 in the Youth Room.

Our Guitar Praise Band continues to practice. We need singers and musicians. Looking for a drummer, base guitarists and singers. Please contact Rachel if you're interested in being in the band.

My office hours are on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 until noon. Please feel free to drop by and see me or call me if you need anything.

Upcoming Diocesan Youth Events

*October 10-12. Octoberfest is well worth the time. Fran MaKendree is an awesome musician and lives and talks the walk. Let me know if your child is interested so we can get their registration fee in to hold their spot.

*November 15-16. JumpStart is for 6th through 9th grade. Tim Winters from Holy Cross will be the Shepherd for the weekend.

* These 2 items the Holy Cross Van will be used to transport our children. Also, Rachel is planning on attending.

Prayers of the People

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST (Said at each SUNDAY and WED. services for at least two weeks)

Sherry Atha • Bill Barnard • Krista Battalio • Aaron Biles • Linda Biles • Oliver Gene Byrd • Melba Cooper • Dixie Edwards • Wayne Elwood • Pam Herberer • Carol Hoffman • Jamie Johnson • Keith Jones • Patty Krueger • Charlie Lee • Debbie Leslie • Julia Bell Livingston • Bill Martin • Robert Neal • Bill Newman • McKenzie Oerting • Louis Pagnanella • Norm Perrin • Connie Pollard • Skip Rew • Sara Rore • Christopher Scanlon • Sellina Scanlon • Fay Scordato • Aaron Teel • Rebecca & Tim Wise

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST (Said at WED. services for three months and for personal daily prayer and other services.) Names may be removed or renewed, according to circumstances.

Our Members: Amanda Harper • Dottie Adams • Bill Barnard • Heather Duncan • Edda Glosque • Mary Harrison • Norm Perrin • Bob Pollard • Linda Rupert • Beverly Smithee • Jack Stenger

Our Extended Family & Friends: Jimmy Clark • Chris Cochran • Margaret Cockman • Greg DiGiralamo • Jim Dorsey • Pauline Elwood • David Fouts • Joan Garneau • Kay Gartman • Keith Gilson • James Glover • Victoria Godwin • Jim Goodson • Javier Herdia • Valerie Hood • Neil Iversen • Jared Johannsen • Lowell Johannsen • Jessica Knott • Veronica Lane • Louise Mazzara • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Jodey McMillan • Carol Nix • Lucille Osborne • Katie Potter • Steve Ramirez • Kevin Reid • Mary Royalty • Emily Silverwood • Gary Smith • Iris Suber • Martha Trammel • Philip Trammel • Tommie Turner • Madeleine Varner • Ariel Walker • Christine Whetston • Carl White Sr. • Ruth Wilson

Our Homebound: Ed Boyington • Dixie Edwards • Joyce Fulton • Carlene Johnson • Jamie Patrick • Maybelle Scholle • Mig Smith

MILITARY PRAYER LIST for all service men and women on duty here and abroad, especially:

Josh Asselin • Ben Boyer • Lance Breeding • Ryan Broome • Raymond Buckalew Jr. • Travis Collard • Richard Cuny • Mike Darrah • Karin Eagan • Daniel Einsphar • Brian Fitch • Jason Fitch • Logan Fleming • Tyler Gardner • Ryan Garrison • Nick Gibson • Tim Gilson • John Glover • Alonzo Gonzales • Jeremy Harper • Zane Higgins • Jay Hunter • Grey Jewett III • Richard Kattau • Michael Lewis • Ken Libbin • David Lukavsky • Gary Marsh • Chris Miller • Mark Mitchell • Daniel Newsome • Marc Orgain • Nathan Pierce • Brad Post • Chase Rudd • Jason Sjodin • Shaun Southall • Ben Walton • Doug Wiessman

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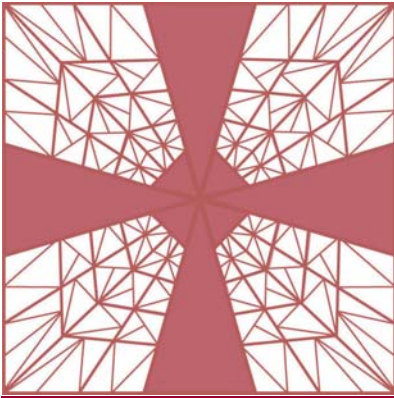
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CLOSED Labor Day Holiday	2 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders	3 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	4	5 6:30 p.m. Shepherds 4 Meeting	6
7 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School EYC Parent Meeting	8	9 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	10 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	11 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Club 55 Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders	12 6:30 p.m. Shepherd 7 Meeting	13 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King 5:30 p.m. Ladies & Mens Night 7:00 p.m. Shepherd 11 Meeting
14 Holy Cross Day 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	15	16 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	17 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. Evening Eucharist	18 6-8 p.m. Acolyte Training	19 7:00 p.m. Shepherd 5 Meeting	20 8:30 a.m.-NOON FAST CLEAN UP
21 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 5-7 p.m. Sr. EYC Pool Party	22	23 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	24 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	25 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall Reserved	26 6:30 p.m. Fr. Jeff's Installation	27 6:00 p.m. Campus Ministry
28 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	29	30 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	Great Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Great Wednesday Dinner 6:15 p.m. Episcopal Youth/Children's Programming 6:15 p.m. Adult Christian Formation 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal			

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WORSHIP

Schedule

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

ON AUGUST 17, WE RETURN TO:

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Dear Holy Cross Family,

I want to thank you for the peaceful music and wonderful food of Dan's mass and reception. Your prayers and thought have given me and my family much comfort. These kind gestures show how much a church family means.

*Love,
Barbara Kessinger*

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please see calendar for details)

Sept 7 Christian Education Begins
Parent Meeting
Sept 11 Club 55
Sept 13 Men's Night & Ladies Night
Sept 14 Holy Cross Day
Sept 17 Evening Eucharist
Sept 18 Acolyte Training
Sept 20 FAST Clean Up
Sept 23 Vestry Meeting
Sept 26 Fr. Jeff's Installation
Sept 27 Campus Ministry

Club 55 - Holy Cross Seniors are invited to partake in fun, fellowship, and food on Thursday, September 11, at noon. Come share a potluck luncheon with all us friendly folks. Contact Betty for details at 438-2842 or bettyenfinger@cox.net.

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20TH OF EACH MONTH**

**Sign up for Adult
Bible Study Now-
Classes Begin
September 7!**