

The Crucifer

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Rector's Meditations

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.

I am telling you the solemn truth; whenever
you did one of these things to someone overlooked
or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.

Matthew 25 14-36-41

I think it was two weeks ago that I asked for donations to help with the beginning of a new food pantry in my former Church in Rhode Island. You have been so generous with your gifts. As of today we have sent just over \$1400.00. This is discretionary money that the pastor receives to help with those who are in need. I am truly blessed to have the ability to help people who have needs. I am sending a discretionary check to support a breakfast in Rhode Island for bereaved parents. Our logo, with the symbol of Holy Cross, will be in that booklet as a guest speaker talks about what it is like not to have a child due to death. I get emotional just thinking about it.

It is also our annual stewardship appeal, and I am confident that you will take your commitment to Holy Cross seriously. It really isn't about money; it's about how you see the world and your participation in it. God has given us abundance and sometimes we think that God has shortchanged us. I remember people telling me that they live on a "fixed income" and then I have

to remind them that the majority of the world would "love" to have a check every month. Over the past few months we all have been hurt by the financial condition of the world. People stole from us and some receive incomes that are out of balance with life. Is a football player's salary worth more than the man or woman fighting for our freedom around the world or the police, firefighters.... that put their life on the line for you? Life is out of balance. Stewardship is a time in which we balance our priorities and commitments. Is God a priority? Is Holy Cross a part of your family? Do you see your Church living up to the beatitudes of St Matthew? You know what to give back to God for all the gifts that He has given you.

The words of Jesus at the final day should not come as a surprise to us. We should be working the list of charitable duties. There should be a voice that reminds us about where we will spend eternity.

Love, Fr. Jeff

2009 New Vestry

Craig Iversen
Howard Johnson
Jo Spencer
Jan Van Winkle

2009 Convention Delegates

Kandy Kattau
Jane Briscione
Tom McLeod
Alt. Mike Varner

Kitchen Corner

Nettie Umbreit, *Great Wednesday Coordinator*

October was another wonderful month of fellowship for Great Wednesday Dinners. I have heard many times over the years that Holy Cross is known throughout the Central Gulf Coast for parishioners who give of their time and talents. It is no different in our very own kitchen.

Thank you to Craig & Rachel Iversen for hosting “Chinese Night”. Thank you to brotherhood, especially Warren Post and Barry Rupert for cooking and serving hamburgers and hotdogs at our Fall Festival. Many other brotherhood members donated their time with serving and clean-up. I cannot thank you enough. I did not have to do a thing.

Our October “Pot Luck” had a fabulous turn out. There were nine scrumptious chili to choose from. We had two top chilis. Thank you to our judges; Angela Hinkle, Warren Post and Michael Drinkwater, youth director. In second place was, Ms. Kandy Kattau’s chili and in 1st place was Mrs. Linda Rupert’s chili. Mrs. Rupert was nice enough to give us her recipe for publishing, printed below.

CHUNKY CHICKEN CHILI

Vegetable cooking spray
1 ½ cups chopped onion
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
3 jalapeno peppers, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons ground cumin
½ teaspoon dried whole oregano
2 cups bite-size cooked chicken (about 1 lb skinned, boned breasts)
2 cups bite-size cooked chicken thighs (about 1 lb skinned, boned thighs)

1 cup water
½ teaspoon ground red pepper
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 (14 ½ oz) can no-salt-added stewed tomatoes
1 (13 ¾ oz) can no salt added chicken broth
1 (12 oz) bottle reduced calorie chili sauce
1 (16 oz) can Great Northern beans, drained
Coat a Dutch oven with cooking spray; place over medium heat until hot. Add onion and next 3 ingredients; sauté 5 minutes. Add chili powder, cumin, and oregano; cook 2 minutes. Add chicken, 1 cup water, and next 7 ingredients; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes. Add beans, and cook 5 minutes.

November Menu

November 5th - Family Host: Sarah Eagle Heart and members of our “Young Adult” group, will host “Native American” night.

November 12th - Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Pasta Salad

November 19th - Holy Cross Thanksgiving Dinner Menu
Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy & Assorted Pies

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served family style. To assure that there is enough food and seating, we are asking parishioners to RSVP by calling Sarah, (477-8596) or signing up in the Narthex. All are welcome.

I need a few parishioners to bring a 15-20 pound cooked turkey. Please contact me at 607-4308 or nettie4pta@cox.net.

November 26th - No Great Weds. Dinner, Happy Thanksgiving

Jr. Warden’s Message

Warren Post, *Junior Warden*

We are now officially out of the Hurricane season. We have been fortunate in the past several years. It still behooves us to get out emergency data up to date with the Church Office.

We are in the process of repairing roof leaks over the cry room and I expect that there will be other areas requiring attention in the coming year. Also in need of attention are the bathrooms. Coordinating colors are being selected.

Those willing and able to help in painting are asked to contact me so that I can coordinate the effort. The FAST team is working on various projects and keeping the church facilities sound. Max Turner is currently working on the small bathroom in the education building, and is near to having it in working order.

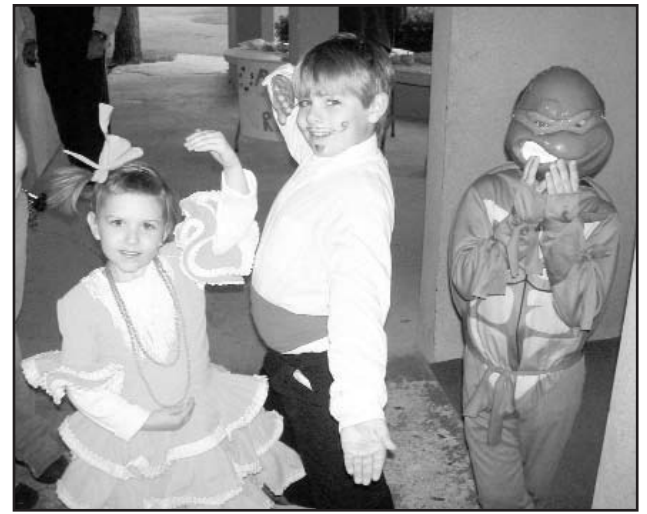
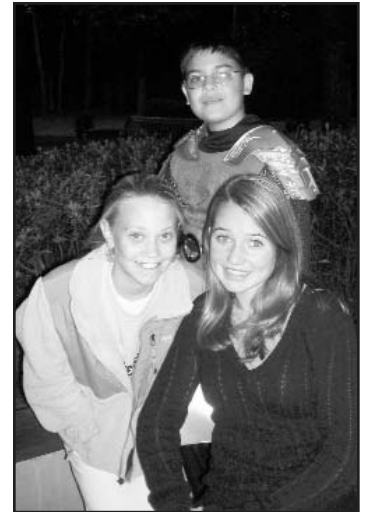
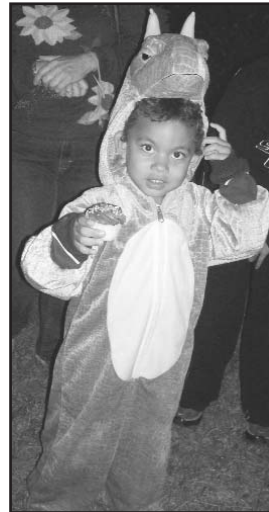
If you can donate your time for projects please contact me at 470-1596.

S T E W A R D S H I P

Our yearly Stewardship campaign is a very important tool for our Vestry. It provides a measure of how healthy Holy Cross is fiscally. Church members are encouraged to provide a pledge so as to allow their Vestry the means to move forward on the church's mission. Please contact the church office or any vestry member or Tom McLeod at 474-1837 to obtain a pledge form.

Fall Festival at Holy Cross!

The SPORK was the Most Original, way to go Karen B while Dot and David Evans as the Flamingo Dancers and their friend Ninja at the Holy Cross Family Fall Festival. Thanks to all the EYC helpers too!



Club 55

Betty Enfinger, *Club 55 Coordinator*

On Thursday, November 13 we will take a field trip to Arcadia Mills in Milton. Please contact Betty for a reservation (438-2842 or bettyenfinger@cox.net).

Members who live in town can meet at Holy Cross at 9:30 am to carpool. Members who live in Pace & Milton

can meet at the gate area of Arcadia Mills at 10:20. The tour begins at 10:30 am. The area is handicap accessible with elevated boardwalk through the site. We will lunch after the tour at Red Barn BBQ. Expected return time to Holy Cross is 1:30 pm.

Prayers of the People

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

Krista Battalio • Aaron Biles • Linda Biles • Gen Birdsong • Oliver Gene Byrd • Melba Cooper • Joe Davidson • Dixie Edwards • Pauline Elwood • Pam Herberer • Margaret Heatherington • Jamie Johnson • Charlie Lee • Debbie Leslie • Julia Bell Livingston • Bill Moller • McKenzie Oerting • Louis Pagnanella • Sara Rore • Christopher Scanlon • Sellina Scanlon • Aaron Teel • John Watkins • Susan Abottrolli • Kathy McEntire

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: Dottie Adams • Sherry Atha • Bill Barnard • Heather Duncan • Edda Glosque • Amanda Harper • Jay Hoffman • Mary Harrison • Carol Hoffman • Patty Krueger • Bill Martin • Robert Neal • Norm Perrin • Bob Pollard • Connie Pollard • Linda Rupert • Fay Scordato • Jack Stenger

Our Extended Family & Friends: Roland Byrd • Chris Cochran • Margaret Cockman • Greg DiGiralamo • Jim Dorsey • Pauline Elwood • Wayne 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 • Keith Jones • Jessica Knott • Veronica Lane • Louise Mazzara • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Jodey McMillan • Carol Nix • Lucille Osborne • Mildred Pierce • 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 • Rebecca & Tim Wise

Our Homebound: Ed Boyington • Dixie Edwards • Joyce Fulton • Carlene Johnson • 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 • 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 • Derrick Guthrie • 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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The Most Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams,
Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts-Schori,
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Warren Post Jr. Warden

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Jo Spencer, Clerk

Class of 2008

Seigrid McAskill
Hunter Walker

Carl White
Jo Spencer

Class of 2009

Ede Craig
Warren Post

Debbie Paul
Al Rognstad

Class of 2010

Cecil Lanier
Glenn Rohrer

Will Mims
Kathy Varner

Children's Christian Education

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Happy belated Birthday in October to Lauren Gaspard and James Tarkus! Happy Birthday to Paige Hotopp (Nov. 15), Ellysa Griswold (Nov. 16), and David Evans (Nov. 20)!

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 19 – Thanksgiving Dinner (no children's programs)
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Services (no children's programs)
Dec. 17 – Christmas Pageant (reception held before program)

Fall Festival – It was another cold festival night, but that did not stop the fun and laughter. Thank you to all that helped make this happen from the setup to the cleanup; our givers of cupcakes, cakes, and cookies, volunteers of time and talent, picture takers, staff, and EYC group. And thank you to those who came and brought young ones to partake in the festivities.

Children's Chapel – Thank you, Mrs. Sarah Tarkus for helping me these past few weeks in Sunday school and

Children's Chapel. She is a wonderful addition to our teacher volunteers.

Christmas Pageant – This year's musical will be "It's Christmas Everywhere". This multicultural delight is an around-the-world celebration of Christmas, exploring carols and traditions from Germany, Japan, Australia, Africa, Mexico, Canada, and Spain. Mr. Bill & Mrs. Brenda Brown have been practicing for the past month already. We are also planning for our Recital that is performed prior to the Christmas Pageant. We have been fortunate to get more and more kids each year to develop their musical talents. If you are interested in having your youth be in this year's recital, please let me know this next 2 weeks for planning purposes.

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

EYC Calendar of Events to Relish, Remember and Repeat

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

Put THESE ON Your CALENDAR!

Junior High Weekend:

Jump Start #21

November 15-16 Overnight

Junior High: The same group of people who helped to put together Oktoberfest, is putting together another awesome weekend called JumpStart! The weekend will be run by high school youth but the weekend is only for 6th – 9th graders. It should be a wonderful night!

FOR MORE INFO: call Rachel

Don't Forget!

November 5, 12, & 19

Junior & Senior High EYC
(Episcopal Youth Community)

Meets From 6:15 – 7:30 PM

November 26

Thanksgiving Eucharist at 6 PM, No EYC Meeting

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

ALSO KNOWN AS INFORMAL WORSHIP

Sunday, November 23

Cookout: 5:30 Service: 6:00 Dark Alien: 6:45 - 8:30

We will be traveling downtown to meet up with Christ

Church Youth Group to a Contemporary Service/Informal Worship. Come one, come all, to a wonderful Sunday evening event!

SEND a Kid or 2 to Camp Dinner Cruise

Camp Beckwith Summer Camp

A fundraiser event dinner cruise with out a boat!

November 21, 2008

Time: 6 PM – 8 PM

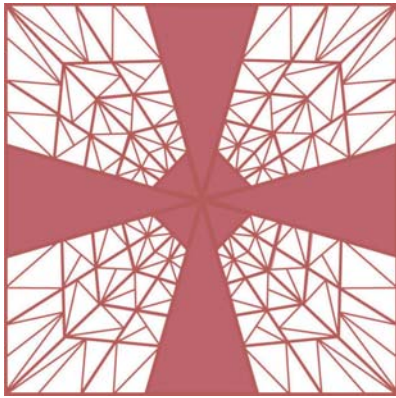
Location: Holy Cross Dining Room

All youth and the parents of the youth are asked to come and help serve dinner. Also, if you are considering going to Beckwith this summer please let me know so your boat can be added to the lake Dinner Tickets will be available after the 10 AM service. Contact Rachel for more information.

High School Sunday School meets at 9 AM in the Youth Director's Office – New Study and Movie discussion, Another Perfect Stranger

Junior High School Sunday School meets at 9 AM in the Youth Room – Called by Faith continues with Mr. Dean Craig

Guitar Praise Band jams right after the EYC meetings on Wednesday and after the 10 AM Service on Sunday.

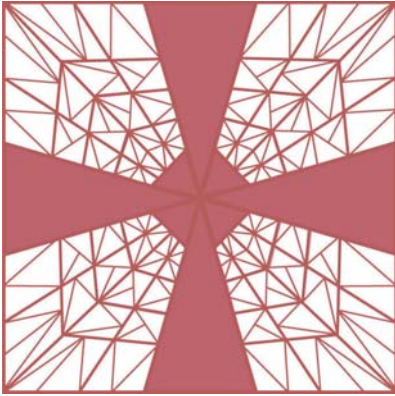


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Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

<p>Great Wednesdays</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Great Wednesday Dinner 6:15 p.m. Episcopal Youth/Children's Program 6:15 p.m. Adult Christian Formation 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>						1
2 All Saints' Day 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Diocesan St. Andrew Assembly	3 All Souls' Day	4 GENERAL ELECTION	5 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	6	7	8 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King
9 Blood Drive 9:00-1:00 p.m. 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School	10	11 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	12 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	13 12 p.m. Club 55 goes to Arcadia Mills in Milton 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders	14	15 EYC at Jump Start
16 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School EYC at Jump Start	17	18 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424	19 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Thanksgiving Dinner	20	21	22
23/30 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 30-St. Andrew Sunday	24	25 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout 424 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	26 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg No School 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion No Dinner	27 No School OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Holiday	28 No School OFFICE CLOSED	29



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	4	5 Vestry/Staff Christmas Party	6 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King
7 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols	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. Club 55 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders	12	13
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WORSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please see calendar for details)

Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Weds-Healing)
3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Holy Communion

November 4	General Election
November 9	Blood Drive
November 13	Club 55 Field Trip
November 15	EYC at Jumpstart
November 19	Thanksgiving Dinner
November 26	Thanksgiving Holy Communion No DINNER
Nov 27 & 28	Office Closed

Mark Your Calendars!
Dec. 7 - Lessons & Carols
Dec. 14 - Christmas Pageant

Save a Life! Give Blood!

The Blood Mobile will be at Holy Cross on Sunday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This will be our final Blood Drive for 2008. We had 20 donors sign in and 17 pints of blood collected at our last Blood Drive on Sunday, August 17th. Check in will again be in the dining hall and hot dogs will be served to all. It is very helpful to use the sign up sheet posted in the Narthex. Blood Donor age has been reduced from 17 years old to 16 years old with parents consent. Please remember, no one receives blood without it being a very serious medical situation which in many cases is life threatening. Keep those receiving our blood in your prayers.

Sarah Eagle Heart, Editor • Wendy Boyer, Graphic Design



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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CRUCIFER ARTICLES
IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH**

“Save the date Dec. 7 for the Progressive Dinner”

We are looking for host homes for appetizers, dinner and desserts so we can start the planning for a festive evening of great food and fellowship. Anyone interested in helping by being a host home please call Nancy Wilson 994-6060.

Signup for Host Homes in the Narthex.