

Dear Parishioners,

Enthusiastic Christians sometimes ask Catholics “Are you saved” to *proselytize* — to get us to join their non-Catholic community. When we *evangelize*, we live and share the faith in such a way that attracts others. They may ask us about the Catholic faith, and we should be prepared to give solid reasons for the faith we profess. Our adult education programs can help — join the crowd. Catholics should defend themselves against challenges to the faith. Should someone ask you “Are you saved”, you might try this reply:

I'm a full and active member of the one Church Jesus started with the gift of His own life. I accept the gift of His flesh and blood as food for life every Sunday. Nobody can be more saved than that -- are you saved? If you want to be, join the Catholic Church.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

This Week in our Parish

- Sun., 20 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.
Confirmation Class w/parents
- 6:00 PM CWO Mtg.
- Tue., 22 7:00 PM RCIA
- Wed., 23 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg.
- 6:30 PM Religious Ed. (K-6)
Adult Bible Study
- Thu., 24 12:15 PM Mass
- Sat., 26 3:30 PM Confessions @ HC
- 7:00 PM Mass
- Sun., 27 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.
Jr. High Youth Mtg.
Garden Club Mtg.
- 1:00 PM Heart Camp Mtg. @ HC

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 19 7:00 PM For the People
- Sun., 20 9:00 AM Charlotte Hirsch †
Charlene Hirsch
- Thu., 24 12:15 PM Priest Intention
- Sat., 26 7:00 PM For the People
- Sun., 27 9:00 AM Gladys & Joseph Egan †
Charlene Hirsch

Readings for the Week

- Sun Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16—4:3;
Mk 9:30-37
- Mon Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13
- Tue Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21
- Wed Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 131; Lk 9:1-6
- Thu Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9
- Fri Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22
- Sat Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sun Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,
45, 47-48

Celebrating birthdays this week:

- September 21 Kristen Roberson
- September 22 Maciel Castaneda, Carlos Ordonez
- September 23 Dustin Bond, Jan Lupisella
- September 24 Kelsey Fandrich, Jo Ann Fisher
- September 25 Joseph Carpenter
- September 26 Elmer Bouchard, John Kubiak, Maggie Trapka
- September 27 Briana Bond, Ana Priego-Reyes,
Thea Swire-Clark

May God bless you on your special day!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners: B.Ahearn, G. Amorosia, E. Bouchard, C. Carpenter, D. Clements, L. Currens, J. Dunn, I. Maziarz, J. Maziarz, P. Mitchell, B. Moll, R. Pavlick, J. Russell, J. Sewell, D. Sheridan, M. Tobon, A. Young

Friends and Relatives: D. Amorosia, K. Armstrong, S. DeLise, D. Doria, S. Drake, B. Elliott, M. Fernandez, J. Gniewek, Mr. & Mrs. E. Guderian, Jr., H. Hanahoe, A. Heredia, E. Kiesznoski, W. Kuell, D. Lovett, C. Maziarz, J. Merck, B. Metts, M. Nash, V. Navasnik, T. & M. Nicholson, C. O'Quinn, L. O'Quinn, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, T. Shayne, J. Sheridan, P. Shoemaker, E. Swire, J. Taylor, S. Taylor, our homebound members, all current and former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes are underway for grades K-6 and Confirmation. The Junior High Youth Group (grades 7-8) will have their first meeting on Sunday, September 27 from 10:15-11:30 AM. The Senior High Youth Group meets weekly after Mass.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2016: An important meeting for all Youth and their parents, along with the adults that are interested in attending HEART Work camp in 2016 will be held on Sunday, September 27 at Holy Cross at 1 PM. We have reserved 20 spots for the coming year. Questions/info, contact Bob Schintzius @ 505-4804 or bthas61@yahoo.com.

Thank you for supporting the Youth Group Yard Sale last weekend. We had a very successful day and raised over \$550 to be used on various HS Youth Group activities. Our success would not be possible without the support of the Church. Thanks again for your donations, helping hands and attending our sale.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WELCOME ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH!! The St. Luke Catholic Women's Organization (CWO) is having its first meeting of the 2015-2016 year and you are all invited! We are looking forward to a great year with lots of activities. We will meet on Sunday, September 20 at 6 PM in the education wing. Come see what we have planned for you and for our parish. Refreshments will be served; we hope to see you there!

Craft Bazaar sign ups have begun! Sign up on the church website to reserve your spot for the St. Luke Craft Bazaar on November 14-15. Please be sure to read through the guidelines as there have been some changes. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now. Last year was awesome. This year will be even better!!!

The SVDP Food Pantry needs your help! A list of food/sundry items that St. Vincent de Paul needs is located on our website, www.holycrossstluke.org under 'Getting Involved'. Remember, your unused coupons are also needed! A box for coupons is located in the entrance of the church. Thank you for always helping those in need in our community.

Respect Life: 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign –The Kick-Off Rally will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 9:30 AM at 1142 Grove Road (Greenville Women's Clinic). Please pray 5 decades of the rosary daily from Sept 23rd – Nov 1st. Turn in your counts at your parish or email your count to rosaries4life@gmail.com.

Hearts to Hand Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume its monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 23 from 10 AM to 1 PM. No experience is required, come for a few hours of great fellowship!

Blood Drive Results: Thanks to our blood donors for their generosity in making it a huge success! We had 27 donors and received 26 complete units. Thanks also to those who baked treats and those who helped facilitate the organization of the donors. We're looking forward to the next blood drive on November 29, please mark your calendars. *Aggie King*

Stewardship Report September 12-13, 2015

Weekly.....	\$4,150.24
YTD Collection.....	\$41,267.29
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	(\$3,658.81)

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule September 26-27, 2015

7:00 PM	Lector: A. Bissonnette EMHC: D. McConnell C. Massingale Servers: R. Hundsrucker J. McDaniel J. McConnell Greeters: D. Jacob D. Jacob
9:00 AM	Lector: L. Temesvari EMHC: E. Johnsman J. Lupisella M. McCarthy J. Walsh Servers: J. LiBrizzi G. Walsh E. Pliauplis Greeters: L. Stein L. Stein D. Thurlow R. Walsh

Holy Cross Catholic Church 558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC Mass Schedule

Saturday.....	5:00 PM
Sunday.....	11:15 AM
Monday.....	8:15 AM
Wednesday.....	12:15 PM
Friday.....	12:15 PM