

Crossings

Church of the Holy Cross ✠ Episcopal
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September 1, 2021

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(until further notice)

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Stewardship

Dear Holy Cross,

This year has been quite a roller-coaster, I know, for many of us. But I am so thankful to be a member with all of you in a church that has worked so hard and dedicated itself to serving our neighborhood, and beyond, as well as our membership.

Each of you has contributed in some way to this endeavor, whether by volunteering your time, sharing your talents, or making a financial donation to the church's ministries. And this is what the Episcopal Church means when it talks about stewardship in its canons and teachings.

We, as a church, simply could not do what we do without everyone's involvement and help. I know we all love our priest and the church staff, but it's important to remember that *our individual ministries* within the church are just as important to our continued presence and service in this community.

I'm proud of everyone here who has taken their time, talent, and treasure, and given them over to the service of the church for God's greater glory. And we have now reached the time of the year when we start planning for what we want to do next year. But before we can do that, we need to hear from you, our members, about your plans for 2022. How do you plan to be involved at Holy Cross?

The way the Church has always gauged this is by asking its members to fill out a pledge card each year. Now the pledge card contains more than just what our financial donation will be. It also includes areas for you to mention which ministries you want to be involved in, as well as a commitment to pray for our church.

Every member or member family should fill out a pledge card. Even if you think you don't have much to offer, or if you're unsure about what you can offer in 2022, we need to hear from you. A pledge card is an intention, not a sworn oath. We hope that you will fill one out and return it to the church before All Saints' Day on November 1. Members of Holy Cross are incredibly faithful in giving of their time, talent, and treasure, but we are not always the best at turning in our pledge cards.





For 2021, we received only about thirty pledge cards from our eighty or so members. We hope to increase the number of pledges this year so we can better plan our ministry for 2022.

When we talk about giving, it's important that we not think of giving as a percentage of our income. One reason for this is that we should give more than just money to the church.

Each Sunday we offer our "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving," which we surely cannot break down into a percentage, and yet it is the greatest gift we can give.

It is much better to think of our gift to church in two ways. One way is as an expression of gratitude for all of the blessings of our lives. We go to church and receive communion because we are grateful to God for God's gifts to us, so we return thanks. We assist with our various ministries as a way of giving back to our community, as thanks for its forming and shaping our lives. It's important that we show gratitude and become the kind of people for whom gratitude is a way of life.

The other way to think about our gift to the church is in terms of a sacrifice. When we offer the "sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving," we're giving of our time, talents, and treasure to God and the Church. When we spend an hour at church, we can't spend the hour somewhere else. When we give money to the church, we can't spend it on something else. We have given up the opportunity to do anything else, so that we can do something for the Church. We have sacrificed the other possibility in order to sanctify our gifts.

So when you ask the question, "How much should I give?" or "What ministries should I volunteer with?" or "What talents should I share?" the answer should not be a percentage. Instead, ask yourself, "For what about Holy Cross am I thankful?" And then ask yourself, "What can I sacrifice to show my gratitude?" It might be that you give up going to restaurants on a certain night of the week, but give that money to the church and use that time for prayer. It might be that you take one less vacation or buy fewer things. The possibilities are endless.

If you are particularly grateful for what a certain ministry does, you might consider giving your time to that ministry. Whether it be Hope House, Holy Cross Villas, Eucharistic Ministers, or any of the other many ministries, your involvement is welcome. And if you approach ministry out of gratitude, you will find it even more enjoyable.

I think we all realize that there is simply no way we can ever repay God for what God has done in our lives. Our offerings: time, talent, and treasure, are truly insufficient to repay our creator, not only for the gift of life, but for the gift of Christ. But we have nonetheless been invited to share in the Kingdom of God, and our stewardship is but one way we participate as the People of God.

As St. Peter says, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10). We are, each of us, stewards of gifts that God has given us. And we have been given our gifts to share them with the world around us and with our fellow members of the Church. So consider what gifts you have been given, and imagine what ways your gifts can be used to help others.

So to summarize:

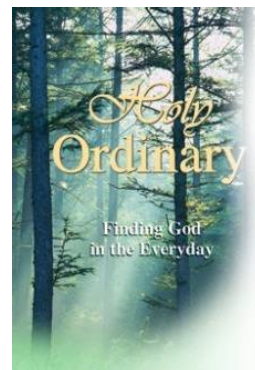
- ✘ Please turn in a pledge card, using the suggestions above. Our goal is a 100% return rate.
- ✘ Let us know of your areas of interest; e.g. gardening, altar guild, Sunday morning donuts, etc.
- ✘ Whatever your intention, please turn in your pledge card for 2022 by November 1, 2021. They can be dropped into the offering plate, mailed to the church, or dropped off at the church office.

Thank you for your continued service and generosity.

Mike Wilkerson, Chair
The Holy Cross Stewardship Committee

Holy Ordinary

Finding God in the Everyday



No “more”

(Psalm 3) Lord, how many adversaries I have! . . . But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head. . . . I do not fear the multitudes of people who set themselves against me all around.

A writer describes the value of education as often “positional,” meaning that “What matters is not only how much you have, but whether you have more than the next person.”

Hasn’t the concept of value gone headlong into the category of “positional”? Consumer society has succeeded in getting us always to want not only more than we already have, but more than the next person has. If everyone can have it, the marketers say, then you don’t want it.

But that stance means that one person in our culture must see all others as competitors. If I want something which can place me in a superior position relative to others, then, “Lord, how many adversaries I have!”

Modern American Christians have to find balance, defining ourselves through God—not through possessions or accomplishments. When I remember that I am the beloved of God, I remember that other persons form the body of Christ, not legions of competitors. If I define self-worth as coming from God—not from my material things—then I can rest fully and let go of the anxiety of consumerism. God is “my glory, the one who lifts up my head.”

I no longer want what they cannot have.

**Carol Mead is priest-in-charge at St. Peter’s-by-the-Lake Episcopal Church in Brandon, Mississippi. You can learn more about Carol and her journey to Holy Ordinary on her website: www.holyordinary.com.*

Prayer List

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Patsy
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Brady Sessions
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Linda Sirman and family
Angela Smith

Catherine Spaht
Paul Spaht
Robert Todd
Cynthia Walker
Louis Wallace
David Walsh
Connie Wiggins
Curtis Williams
Bill Wright
Mary Wright
Sheryl Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by Holy Cross Villas and Holy Cross Villas West.

Calendar for September

Saturdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Sundays	Morning Prayer, Rite II	9:00 am	Chapel
	Coffee and Catechesis	10:00 am	Library
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	11:00 am	Nave
Mondays, Tuesdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Wednesdays	Book Club	10:30 am	Library
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Noon	Chapel
	Evening Prayer, Rite II, followed by	6:00 pm	Nave and online
	Path Bible Study		
Thursdays, Fridays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Sunday, September 12	Bishop's Visitation; Baptism and Confirmations	11:00 am	Nave
Tuesday, September 14	Vestry Meeting	5:30 pm	Library
Wednesday, September 15, Wednesday, September 29	Preparation of Holy Cross Pickles	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Kitchen

Upcoming Events

➤ On Wednesday September 15 and Wednesday, September 29, the ECW will once again prepare their famous Holy Cross Pickles. Cutting and primary preparation will be on the 15th, and jarring will be on the 29th. Volunteers are wanted! The pickle crew will begin at 9:00 am, and each process will last 3–4 hours.

➤ Sunday, September 19, we will celebrate Holy Cross' name day. The 11:00 service will include music for flute and French horn by well-known local musicians Sally Horak and Thomas Hundemer. More information about this event is forthcoming.



Holy Cross Pickles!



Sally Horak



Thomas Hundemer

Lay Ministries

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 5

Lectors: Carolyn Mahlen, Ginger Paul
Prayers of the People: Carolyn Mahlen
Eucharistic Minister: Herschel Richard
Acolyte: Aaron Horton
Usher: Bill Richard
Altar Guild: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 12

Lectors: Sr. Cecilia Horton, David Richard
Prayers of the People: David Richard
Eucharistic Minister: Herschel Richard
Acolyte: Herschel Richard
Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson
Altar Guild: Ginger Paul

Service Music

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 5

Mass: Hymn 421 and Hurd
Psalm 125: R. N. Kennedy
Anthem: Let all the world in every corner sing—Harwood; arr. B. Power
Hymns: 610 Blaenhafren; 493 Azmon; 567 St. Matthew; 408 Mit Freuden zart
Organ: Preludio 'Sine Nomine'—Howells; Fantasia in the First Mode—Morley; March—Dupré

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 12

Bishop's Visitation; Baptism and Confirmations

Steve Snodgrass, violin

Introit: Veni Creator—Plainsong Mode VIII
Mass: Proulx and Hurd
Psalm 19: Responsorial J. Haydn; adapt. B. Power
Anthems: Christ is the world's true light—Stanton; God be with me--Rawsthorne
Hymns: 506 Finnian; 675 Bourbon; 349 Aberstwyth; 516 Down Ampney
Violin/Organ: Works by Dornel, Quentin, and Leclair
Organ: Carillon-Sortie—Mulet

Violinist Steve Snodgrass



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Mission Statement: *The Church of the Holy Cross, Shreveport, Louisiana, strives to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond, through worship of Almighty God, open inquiry, sharing fellowship, valued diversity, genuine inclusiveness, and servant leadership—encouraging all to exercise God's gifts and calling as we share the Gospel of Hope in programs, to serve without regard for religious affiliation, race, or economic status.*



Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent **pods**, disposable razors, and personal-size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) Please take your donations to 762 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

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