

# Holy Cross Parish

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## WELCOME BACK!

I have waited for a year to say those words to you! Welcome back to Holy Cross Parish. Over the last several months I have reflected on how this pandemic has impacted our church and our community. I find myself focused like never before. I'm focused, grateful, and excited about everything that lies ahead of us in 2021. God has done so many good things in the last year. I see his hand at work - especially now!

Here is what I know today:

1. We are coming back from this most challenging year, and our parish will be stronger because of it.
2. We are going to celebrate our return to the Eucharist and our parish "re-opening" in a big way. I think we could all use a celebration this year, and I personally can't wait. Stay tuned for details.
3. As things return to normal and beyond, we will cherish every moment of community and fellowship and take nothing for granted.

I hope you know that I never take you for granted either. Your support of our parish means the world to me, and I appreciate all you do.

Blessings to you and your family,

*Fr. David A. Herman*

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# Curious Catholics

## 2021 SUMMER SERIES



*June 13th*  
FR. ROSS CANIGLIA



*July 11th*  
FR. TRAVIS CROTTY &  
FR. SHANE DEMAN



*August 15th*  
FR. PATRICK BEHM

Mark your calendars! Holy Cross Parish is excited to bring you Curious Catholics. This series will be open to all Holy Cross Parishioners. Stay tuned for more details this spring!

## WE ASKED...YOU DONATED!



Our EDGE Youth Group will put the finishing touches on this May!



Thank you! Through your support, we purchased two TVs for our parish centers. We are now able to have a live feed from the church to the parish center to help with increased numbers and social distancing.

The fence around the cooling units at Blessed Sacrament was blown down this winter. We are able to keep our equipment safe with a brand new fence!

Next time you are at Mass check out these awesome improvements!

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# Welcome Back!

**September  
11 & 12  
2021**

Save the date for our biggest celebration ever! Be on the lookout for more details.

# COVID-19 Impact Survey

This has been a challenging year, but we're looking ahead with confidence to the time when we can reopen and welcome everyone back to Mass. We've missed you!

As a parish, we want to hear from you on how your family has been impacted by COVID. This spring we will be sending surveys to every parishioner at Holy Cross. Let us know how you have been impacted. We want to hear from you!

## Are you being called?

Holy Cross Parish is looking for Lectors, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Ushers/Greeters for all of our Masses.

If you have felt called to take part in the Mass now is the time to listen. We will offer virtual training or personal one-on-one training for those interested in becoming a lector or EMHC. Ready: call the parish office at 712-277-2949 or email us at [holycrossSC.org](mailto:holycrossSC.org).

## May Crowning

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

2:00 PM

CROWNING OF MARY  
FOLLOWED BY PRAYER SERVICE &  
ROSARY

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH  
AT THE HOLY FAMILY STATUE

## DISCIPLESHIP RESULTS

In February, Holy Cross Parish asked our parishioners to partake in our first discipleship campaign. We are thrilled with the response!

### Participation in Discipleship Commitment (as of March 23, 2021):

Mail	164
Online	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>

### Commitment to Serving:

Lectors	35
Eucharistic Ministers	61
Ushers	16
Sanitizer	18

### Commitment to Sharing:

Regular Mass Attendance	216
Daily Personal Prayer	204
Adoration	55
Support/Prayer for Friends/Family	197
Other	14

### Financial Commitment:

Electronic	121
Checks/Cash	53
Help	2

### Electronic Giving through Discipleship Commitment:

- New ACH Sign-ups: 64
- Increased electronic gifts: 24 (+\$15,160 per year)
- Decreased electronic gifts: 2 (-\$2,760 per year)

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We Can!

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## Youth Faith & Life Team

Holy Cross Parish is excited to create a Youth Faith & Life team for our parish! This team of engaged adults would help create and grow a comprehensive faith formation program for our parish youth - grades K-8th.

The areas at our parish we would like to promote growth include:

- Catechetical (faith teachings)
- Service to the parish
- Spirituality at their specific age group (how to pray)
- Social activities within the parish

This is an exciting opportunity to become an involved member of our parish family and work with our youngest parishioners.

If you are interested in being a part of this team, please fill out the form on our parish website or call the parish office at 712-277-2949 ext. 102.



## HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



### 2021-2022 Program Information

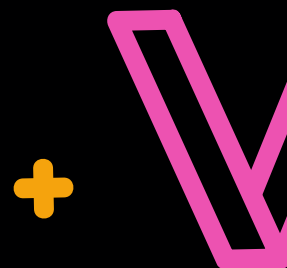
Join our parish religious education program (PREP)! If you have a student in 1st-10th grade not currently enrolled in one of our Catholic Schools, then we encourage you to enroll them in our PREP.

Students in our program develop a deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus. Students are able to participate in our parish faith community through worship, prayer, and the Sacraments.

To learn more about our upcoming year visit our parish website. Registration for our 2021-2022 PREP year will open online June 1, 2021. Paper forms will also be available at our parish office.

## Be part of our welcome back team!

We are looking for help planning our biggest event ever! Do you like planning events?  
Can you meet with our team once a month?  
Are you an innovative thinker?  
Then we want you on our team!



Interested parishioners may fill out the form on the parish website or call the parish office for more information.

## Upcoming Parish Events

### May 2021

- 2nd: First Communion Mass at 2:00 PM (SM)
- 6th: National Day of Prayer
- 9th: May Crowning 2:00 PM (BS)
- 15th: EDGE Fellowship groups 2-3:30 PM
- 18th: Baccalorette Mass 7:00 PM (SM)
- 23rd: Senior Mass 9:00 AM (SM)
- 26th: EDGE Event Adoration & Ice Cream 6-7:30 PM (SM)
- 27th: 8th-Grade Graduation 5:30 PM (SM)
- 31st: Memorial Day - Office Closed

### June 2021

- 4th: Holy Hour & Benediction 7:30 AM (BS)
- 5th: Deacon Ordination
  - Celebrate Dcn. Pat Brockhaus with cookies after 4:30 PM Mass (SM)
- 6th: Corpus Christi Celebration
- 13th: Curious Catholics
  - Fr. Ross Caniglia - 5:00-6:30 PM (SM)

### July 2021

- 2nd: Holy Hour & Benediction 7:30 AM (BS)
- 5th: Fourth of July Holiday - Office Closed
- 11th: Curious Catholics
  - Fr. Travis Crotty & Fr. Shane Deman - 5:00-6:30 PM (SM)
- 18th: Donut Sunday 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM (BS)

### August 2021

- 6th: Holy Hour & Benediction 7:30 AM (BS)
- 8th: Donut Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (SM)
- 15th: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 15th: Curious Catholics
  - Fr. Patrick Behm - 5:00-6:30 PM (SM)
- 22nd: Back to school special blessing at Mass

## Parish Giving

We have several ways to give at Holy Cross Parish. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish vibrant, educating our children, and spreading the Word of God.

### Mail your Contribution:

Holy Cross Parish  
3012 Jackson Street  
Sioux City, IA 51104

### ACH Giving:

Now is a great time to set up automatic giving. Just fill out the enclosed form or visit our website.

### Bank Pay:

Did you know that you can have your bank send Holy Cross a gift? This is a great option and easy to set up.

### Online Gifts:

You can make online donations to the parish by visiting our parish website or the myParish App.

## FINANCE OVERVIEW

### HOLY CROSS PARISH JULY 2020 to MARCH 2021

OPERATION	Current Year	Previous Year	Difference
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contribution Revenue	1,016,501	1,010,166	6,335
Other Revenue	223,369	221,341	2,028
<b>Total Parish Revenue</b>	<b>1,239,870</b>	<b>1,231,507</b>	<b>8,363</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Assessments	761,847	851,847	( 90,000)
Salaries	304,273	266,137	38,136
Administration Expenses	69,777	72,212	( 2,435)
Buildings & Grounds, Church Facilities	131,069	130,402	667
School Facilities Expense	305,942	285,243	20,699
Other Expense Categories	34,403	36,001	( 1,598)
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,607,311</b>	<b>1,641,842</b>	<b>( 34,531)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(367,441)</b>	<b>(410,335)</b>	<b>( 42,894)</b>

## Summer Office & Church Hours Memorial Day - Labor Day 2021

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday - 10am-2pm  
Wednesday - 10am-2pm  
Thursday - 10am-2pm  
Friday - Closed



### Private Prayer Hours

Monday - 9am-3pm  
Tuesday - 9am-3pm  
Wednesday - 9am-3pm  
Thursday - am-3pm  
Friday - Closed