MISSION STATEMENT

AD INTRA (for ourselves):
To deepen our experience of Jesus Christ through a vibrant sacramental life and our common liturgical worship.

AD EXTRA (to the world):
To reach our vocational fulfillment individually and as a community by engaging our neighbor with the Gospel Message.
The World in View from a Believer’s Perspective

I am profoundly grateful to Fr. Felt for the foresight he had in fostering a multi-cultural aware parish. In fact, by the time I got to Holy Cross, I didn’t perceive any animosity from our diversity. For that reason I thought it was time to revisit our mission statement and speak to our new situation. I didn’t want to do this alone. So, with the help of our Parish Council and Ministry Leaders we came together as a Parish Synod to reflect once again on our needs as a parish. Last May 13th, on the 100th anniversary of our Lady of Fatima's appearance in Portugal we entrusted our reflections to her and the fruit of that reflection is now woven into our new mission statement on the cover page of this bulletin. The statement has two parts: firstly, what is at the Center of our Catholic identity and secondly, because of that identity how should we engage the outside world with it. Note the missionary impetus that’s there. Even before we took action to think deeply about the missionary status inherent to our Baptism, there were a number of parishioners already beginning new activities of outreach to those outside our Parish Community. I think we are heading in a very good direction.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Larry

El Mundo que se ve desde la perspectiva de un creyente

Estoy profundamente agradecido con el Padre Felt por la visión que tuvo en fomentar una parroquia con consciencia multicultural. De hecho, cuando yo llegué a la Santa Cruz, no percibí ningún sentimiento de animosidad a causa de nuestra diversidad. Por esa razón, pensé que ya era tiempo de revisar nuestra declaración de misión y hablar de nuestra nueva situación. Pero yo no quería hacer esto yo solo. De modo que, con la ayuda de nuestro Concejo Parroquial y de los líderes de los distintos ministerios, nos reunimos como Sínodo Parroquial para reflexionar una vez más acerca de nuestras necesidades como parroquia. El 13 de mayo recién pasado, centésimo aniversario de la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Fátima en Portugal, le encomendamos a ella nuestras reflexiones, y el fruto de dicha reflexión está ahora tejido en la nueva declaración de misión que aparece en la cubierta de este boletín. La declaración tiene dos partes: primero, lo que está al centro de nuestra identidad católica, y segundo, cómo debemos de incluir al mundo exterior en vista de dicha identidad. Noten el impetu misionero que se encuentra allí. Aun antes de tomar acción, pensando profundamente acerca del estatus misionero inherente a nuestro bautismo, había un número de feligreses ya comenzando nuevas actividades de extensión hacia aquellos que están fuera de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Pienso que vamos avanzando en una buena dirección.

Su Pastor,
Padre Lorenzo
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Monday-Thursday ..........................8:30 am–5:00 pm
(.closed 12:00-1:00 pm)
Friday ...........................................8:30 am–12:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday ………………………….. … Closed

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Confession Times
Monday through Saturday After the 8:30am Mass
Also Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment

Infant Baptism
Parents requesting that their child be baptized must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in
the life of Holy Cross Church. Baptism preparation classes
are required. Please call the parish office for additional
information.

Marriage, Marriage Preparation and Annulments
Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage must be
registered parishioners who are actively participating in
the life of Holy Cross Church. Notification of intent to
marry must be provided nine months in advance. For
more information on the marriage preparation process,
please call the parish office.

Communion to the Sick
If you or someone you know is sick, hospitalized or
homebound, please call for the assistance of a Minister of
Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to those who
cannot come to mass. Please call the parish office to
arrange a scheduled Minister of Care visit.

Emergency Anointing of the Sick
If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near
death, call (480)981-2021. After 5:00 pm and weekends,
Press 4 when instructed to do so. Leave a detailed
message, including a contact name and telephone
number, that will be heard by the priest on call.
Please do not use this service for any other reason.

Federal Privacy Regulation
HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act),
prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a
patient’s presence unless the patient gives permission
for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital
and would like a member of the clergy or a caregiver to
visit you, please notify the hospital or call the parish
office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides food, clothing,
and other assistance to the poor and needy. Located at
the north end of the grounds, their hours are Monday
through Friday from 9:00-11:00 am. Their direct number
is (480)985-4259. Call to make an appointment.

“Don’t forget to check out our parish website at
www.holycrossmesa.org”
Saturday, September 23rd

Friday, September 22nd

Thursday, September 21st

Wednesday, September 20th

Tuesday, September 19th

Monday, September 18th

Sunday, September 17th

Celebrants

Week of September 18th–24th

Schedule

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*Celebrants scheduled are subject to change.

Readings for the Week of September 17


Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35


Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Pray the Rosary

Come join us each morning in the Church at 7:50am to pray the Rosary.

Diocesan Safe Environment Training (SET) Renewals

SET renewals are now due for 2017-2018. Please visit the link below to check your renewal status.

You may take any available on-line class; the newest class is “Keeping the Promise Alive (KPA) (2017)” www.safeenvironmenttraining.org and select “My Obligations”. Enter your first name, last name and street address. You can make corrections to your profile (including your location and ministry you serve in) and then click “update information and continue.” Next, you may select any one of the online training courses listed. The renewal training will take approximately 35 minutes. This program works best from a high-speed internet connection. Be sure to watch through the end of the credits so your profile is updated.
The Holy Cross Stewardship Committee fosters the mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church by INFORMING the parish of ministries taking place, by INVITING people into new and existing ministries, by SUPPORTING people in their ministries, by PROVIDING information regarding the financial situation of the parish and to INCREASE financial support of the parish.

Faith Direct Giving

With the arrival of autumn, We would like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct’s eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass!

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: AZ729. If you would like more information on joining Faith Direct, please contact Kathy Knapp at 480-981-2021 ext 205 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Parish Stewardship of Treasure

For the weekend of September 9th & 10th
Plate Collections
Envelope Contributions .................................................. $8,552
Loose Cash/Checks .................................................. $7,276
Faith Direct .................................................. $8,900
Total Plate .................................................. $24,728

Special Collections - Parish
Candle Revenue .................................................. $115
Assumption .................................................. $5
Kitchen Remodeling .................................................. $10
Digital Church Sign .................................................. $436
Student .................................................. $25
Total Special Collections - Parish .................................................. $591

Special Collections - Diocese
Catholic Relief .................................................. $5
Catholic University of America .................................................. $176
Total Special Collections - Diocese .................................................. $181

Offering Giving Summary
Year-to-Date Giving 7/1 - 9/10/17 .................. $252,312
Prior Year-to-Date Giving 7/1 - 9/4/17 ............. $251,801
To Date Digital Church Sign Collection .................. $8,155

For the weekend of September 2nd & 3rd
Plate Collections
Envelope Contributions .................................................. $9,330
Loose Cash/Checks .................................................. $8,373
Total Plate .................................................. $17,703

Special Collections - Parish
Candle Revenue .................................................. $95
Assumption .................................................. $61
Immaculate Conception .................................................. $5
Paving & Painting .................................................. $40
Digital Church Sign .................................................. $706
Total Special Collections - Parish .................................................. $907

Special Collections - Diocese
Catholic University of America .................................................. $1,236
Total Special Collections - Diocese .................................................. $1,236

Offering Giving Summary
Year-to-Date Giving 7/1 - 9/3/17 .................. $229,208
Prior Year-to-Date Giving 7/1 - 9/4/16 ............. $223,685
To Date Digital Church Sign Collection .................. $7,719
Please remember Holy Cross parish in your estate planning and thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Catholic Church.
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. How is God calling you to live for others?

Could it be as a priest, sister or brother?
Visit dphx.org/vocations/ or dphx.org/consecrated-life.
Or phone 602-354-2005 for more information.

Fall Adult Faith Formation Program

Join us in Wellen's Hall
on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11am.
September 20, 27
October 4, 11, 25
November 8, 15, 29

Participant study guides will be provided. Donations to cover the cost of materials is greatly appreciated.
Please bring a brunch item to share.
For more information please contact Bridgette Cosentino at bcosentino@holycrossmesa.org or (480) 981-2021 x-206.
The videos and participant guides can be found on FORMED.org (Parish Code BR4Z9E) for those who cannot attend or would like to make up a session.

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

Dr. Brant Pitre is a Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary. He received his Ph.D. in New Testament and ancient Judaism from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. He is a teacher, writer, and speaker on the Bible and on the Jewish roots of Christianity. He is the author of Jesus, the Tribulation, and the End of the Exile, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told, Jesus and the Last Supper, The Case for Jesus, and several CD and DVD Bible Studies, exploring the Jewish roots of Scripture and the Catholic Faith.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUALITY

HOLY CROSS INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER TEAM

The focus of our Intercessory Prayer Team is to join our brothers and sisters in Christ with their prayer requests for help in their time of need. The petitions that we receive are asking the blessed Mother to answer their prayer, be it financial, physical healing, broken relationships or finding a home. Some petitions can even be humorous at times, like the one that asked help in finding a wife or husband. I’m sure our Lady has heard it all. We use targeted prayers specific to that need. We could use more people in helping us in this very special ministry.

We meet every Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass in Room “D”. You may join us at any time. There is no ongoing commitment. Just come when you can. The meeting is an hour or less.

For more information, please contact:
Deacon Tom: 480-522-8267 or pray4u87@gmail.com

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The mission of 40 Days for Life is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. The 2017 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is September 27 through November 5. Please consider praying the Life Rosary at a Planned Parenthood abortion facility during these 40 days. Members of the Holy Cross Respect Life Ministry invite you to visit their table in the courtyard after all Masses the weekend of September 23/24, 2017. They will assist you in signing up for a prayer vigil and provide you with more information. Thank you for being “A Voice for the Unborn”. Your questions can be directed to Roger Haug (Holy Cross Respect Life Coordinator): 816-898-2578 or Ella Mannebach (Holy Cross 40 Days for Life Chairman): 480-521-5014.

TMIY

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Men of Holy Cross!
Join your brothers next Saturday as we explore the true cost of failed leadership in society through the program That Man is YOU!

Where: All Saints Catholic Church (McKay Hall)
1834 N. Recker Rd.
When: Saturday September 23rd
Breakfast served: 6:00 am, Program 6:30 am -7:30am

FORMED.org

Holy Cross Parish has gifted all families with a subscription to FORMED.org. This is an exciting on-line Catholic platform where you can access the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere. Use it on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

FORMED.org contains videos, movies, audio talks, and e-books.

Check out the new content, indulging children’s contents and books.

To obtain free access to FORMED.org, enter Holy Cross’ parish code: BR4Z9E

Questions? Contact your Pastoral Associate Bridgette Cosentino @ (480) 981-2021 or bcosentino@holycrossmesa.org

PRAY TO END ABORTION
Prayer and Fasting
Prayer Vigil
Community Outreach

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
BILINGUAL OPENING MASS & KICK-OFF

September 27th at 6:00 PM
St. Mary’s Basilica
231 N. 3rd St. Phoenix, AZ 85004

Preparing to Save Lives

Mass officiated by Most Reverened Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted with guest speaker Jesse Romero
Contact: Nancy Brady at 480-459-6283 www.40daysforlife.com/Phoenix or Jim Fitzsimmons at 480-712-9733 www.40daysforlife.com/tempe

"Don’t forget to check out our parish website at www.holycrossmesa.org"
**Parish & Community Events**

**On the Caregiving Journey...**

Is your care receiver a veteran? If so, are you aware that the Veterans Administration offers a number of programs to support family caregivers taking care of their loved ones who are veterans? The programs are designed to provide support and help for the veteran and for the family caregiver both in the home and out of the home. The VA has trained professionals who can talk with you and help you determine which programs and services would be the best fit for your specific situation. Some of the programs available for caregivers and their loved ones include:

- Peer Support for Caregivers which links experienced caregivers with new caregivers
- Adult Day Health Care Centers designed specifically for veterans
- Home Based Primary Care with health services provided in the home when the veteran care receiver is unable to leave the home for medical appointments
- Skilled Home Health Care with therapy provided in the home for homebound veterans
- Homemaker and Home Health Aide Program to help caregiver with handling the veteran’s personal care needs
- Home Telehealth to access a care coordinator when veteran lives far from a VA medical Center
- Home Hospice Care to help with the veteran’s needs during the dying process
- Bereavement Care which provides grief counseling for family members

To learn more about these services, call the Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274 or visit the VA website at https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_services.asp.

Holy Cross supports all and any caregivers through the support group meetings that are held each month. During the meetings, caregivers are given opportunities to share their stories, ask questions and feel affirmed for all they are doing in their journeys as a caregiver. Join us at the next meeting here at Holy Cross Parish on Thursday, September 28, 1:30 p.m. in Classroom J. For questions about caregiving, call parishioner and support group facilitator, Evelyn Sanchez, at 602-882-5197.

**2017 AZ Rosary Celebration Registration - Attention all Holy Cross Ministries**

Ministries that want to participate with the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus as a part of the 2017 AZ Rosary Celebration Blessing Procession October 22 at the Phoenix Convention Center will need to register by October 6th. Contact Knight of Columbus member Dan Leesley at dleesley@yahoo.com for details and the registration form.

**Pray the Holy Rosary at the Arizona Rosary Celebration**

Plan to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration, an annual event in the Diocese of Phoenix on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Phoenix Convention Center from 2:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix, will preside. This celebration includes praying the Holy Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, music, and a keynote address by Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., Bishop Emeritus of Las Cruces, New Mexico. This event will honor Mary under her title Our Lady of Fatima. Admission is Free. Pray for the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. For more information, call Danny Haywood at (602) 469-0758, visit the website www.azrosary.com, e-mail azrosary@yahoo.com, or like us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/azrosary.

Holy Cross Council No. 7904

The Knights of Columbus need you to support People with Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass.

**Coffee & Donuts are BACK! Join us in the courtyard after Mass!**

Knights of Columbus Council 7904 hold council meeting the first Thursday each month at 6:30 PM in Wellens Hall. We will begin our meeting with praying the rosary. Visiting Knights are encouraged to attend.

**Join the Knights**

Become a Knight, Ask Us How!
Learn More about the Knights @ http://www.kofc7904.org/home.html
Call Jim Pergo at (480) 310-0758.

Council 7904 has created a Facebook page of the activities our Knights enjoy! Go to https://www.facebook.com/kofc7904/photos “Like” the page and view the pictures.

**Marriage Preparation**

- Are you interested in getting married in the Catholic Church?
- Did you recently get engaged?
- Have you entered into a civil union but have not received the Sacrament of Marriage?

Marriage Preparation in the Diocese of Phoenix is a beautiful and rich journey and takes approximately 9 months to complete. Before you set a wedding date, please contact Fr. Larry to set up an appointment by calling (480) 981-2021 ext. 208 or email flmerta@holycrossmesa.org.
¡Vengan todos a disfrutar helados en el Salón Anderson!

La cosa es que el Padre Larry quiere compartir con nosotros sus ideas y pensamientos acerca del futuro de nuestra parroquia. Escójan la fecha que más les convenga:

17 de septiembre, después de la Misa de las 6:30 am y después de la Misa de las 12:00 noon
24 de septiembre, después de la Misa de las 4:00 pm


Faith Direct

Gracias por ser parte de nuestra familia de la Santa Cruz. A medida que se prepara para el fin de verano y el comienzo de una ocupada temporada de otoño, por favor considere inscribirse en dar electrónicamente a través de Faith Direct para que sus donaciones puedan llegar a nosotros incluso cuando usted no pueda.

Visite www.faithdirect.net y utilice el código de la iglesia: AZ729.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial!

Bautismo Infantil

Si están interesados en bautizar a sus niños menores de 7 años, vengan a una sesión para padres de familia el 24 de septiembre a las 3 de la tarde.

La sesión será en el salón J.

Consejería y Terapia Psicológica Disponible En Español.

Surestep Psychology Services (Servicios Psicológicos) van a estar disponibles para ofrecer consejería psicológica en español para los miembros de nuestra parroquia. El Doctor Ignacio López vendrá a dar servicios de consejería de parejas, de cómo tratar de evitar el divorcio, consejos para estabilizar las relaciones con sus hijos y otros consejos psicológicos. También habrá terapia para padres de familia. Desarrolla técnicas de la mente para resolver situaciones difíciles, mejora tu comunicación dentro de tu hogar, ayuda a tus hijos a que tengan éxito y aprende técnicas de modificación de conducta. Mejora tu comunicación como pareja, aprende el verdadero significado del amor y diseña un plan de cambio para mejorar tu vida como pareja. Muy pronto se avisará los días y las horas que este servicio estará disponible.

Hay Que Registrarse En La Parroquia

Da muchas ventajas el registrarse (matricularse) en la parroquia donde uno asiste a Misa. Los datos personales son privados Y no los compartimos con nadie. Luego, cuando su familia necesita sacramentos, o matricularse para los programas de educación religiosa, o si va a ser padrino en un bautizo, los procedimientos se pueden lograr rápidamente y fácilmente.

Venga a la oficina de la parroquia y llene el formulario para registrarse en la Iglesia de la Santa Cruz.

Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de septiembre

Domingo: Eclo 27, 30–28, 7/Sal 103, 1-4. 9-12/ Rom 14, 7-9/Mt 18, 21-35
Lunes: 1 Tim 2, 1-8/Sal 28, 2. 7-9/Lc 7, 1-10
Martes: 1 Tim 3, 1-13/Sal 101, 1-3. 5-6/Lc 7, 11-17
Miércoles: 1 Tim 3, 14-16/Sal 111, 1-6/Lc 7, 31-35
Jueves: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 19, 2-5/Mt 9, 9-13
Viernes: 1 Tim 6, 2-12/Sal 49, 6-10. 17-20/Lc 8, 1-3
Sábado: 1 Tim 6, 13-16/Sal 100, 1-5/Lc 8, 4-15
Domingo siguiente: Is 55, 6-9/Sal 145, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18/ Flp 1, 20-24. 27/Mt 20, 1-16