

Advent Season Reminders

The weeks before Christmas can get a bit hectic. ... consider refocusing on Christ's presence in your life at the following Holy Cross events.



Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Presentation on

Discerning God's Will in Our Everyday Lives - for Teens and Adults

Wondering what God's will is for you in your life? You're not alone. The parish's Spirituality Committee has arranged for a presentation on the topic, Discernment of God's Will in our Everyday Lives, by Br. Casey Cole, OFM, a student Franciscan Friar based at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Durham. He blogs and has other social media content on his site, Breaking in the Habit. This session is open to all, with a special invitation to teens and young adults - anyone discerning God's will in their lives. The Holy Cross Spirituality Committee is hosting this event as one of our Year of Franciscan Spirituality programs.

Sunday, December 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Children's Christmas Play & Christmas Party (hosted by the KCs)

The kids have been working hard to prepare; come out to enjoy their presentation .. invite the aunties, uncles, grandparents ...



Saturday, December 24 | Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 p.m., Children's Liturgy/Family Mass 12:00 p.m., Midnight Mass. Come at 11:45 p.m. to join in the caroling before Mass

Sunday, December. 25 | 10:00 a.m., Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1

New Year's Eve/Day Mass (regular Mass schedule)

Monday, January 9 | 6:30-8:30 PM - Start of the Holy Cross Year of Franciscan Spirituality Reading & Discussion Groups

We will be reading, "Simplicity: The Freedom of Letting Go," by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan, prolific writer, and director of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M.

This revised and updated edition of one of Fr. Rohr's bestselling books explores St. Francis's ancient call to the simple life, where joy, not dry theology, helps us build relationships and find peace in ourselves.

Need a preview? <u>View this excerpt</u>. Invite friends who may be interested in this shared learning and spiritual growth experience. The book is available in Kindle and print, online at Amazon and other booksellers. Add it to your Christmas wish list, then make a New Year's pledge to participate in a discussion group.

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