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Lots of activities on the calendar for January ... and a reminder about our inclement weather policy.



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Happy New Year, Holy Cross community!

Wishing you many blessings as we continue in this holiday season and begin the new year.

We will follow our regular Mass schedule this weekend: 5:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM Sunday, which as you know are also New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. What a wonderful way to ring in the new year!



### Many Blessings to you and your families in this New Year

Following are a few brief, but important, calendar announcements for our parish.

**January 1** | First Sunday Reception and Kwanzaa presentation. Join us for fellowship and refreshments after Mass and learn about the meaning of Kwanzaa (a brief presentation).

**January 7** | First Saturday Reception after 5 PM Mass

**January 9** | 6:30 PM. Franciscan Reading Groups launch. Please purchase (via Amazon.com or area bookstores) your copy of the book that we will be reading and discussing: "Simplicity, the Art of Letting Go," by Fr. Richard Rohr. [Read details](#)

**January 14** | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Safe Environment Training. This annual training/refresher is required by the Diocese of Raleigh for all clergy, catechists or others who work with youth in the diocese. Please call Toni Hall at the parish office to register, so that documentation of participation can be prepared. (Phone: 919-957-2900)

**January 15** | after 10 AM Mass: Holy Cross Men's Society is hosting this presentation for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Speaker will be Durham Mayor Pro Tempore Cora Cole-McFadden.

**January 21** | Looking for a new ministry this year? Consider joining the Holy Cross Quilting Group. Their next quilting session will be Saturday, Jan. 21, 9 AM - 12 Noon in the multipurpose room. For details, contact Cherry Siewert or Lori Crump.

**March 24-25** | Lent with St. Francis. Save the Date/Register for this Holy Cross overnight retreat for adults, at the Avila Retreat Center in Durham. [Read more.](#)

## Online Giving

If you haven't registered for Holy Cross's online giving program, consider doing that this year. This helps the parish with budgeting throughout the year. You can review/update your current giving or sign up at any time [at this site](#). There's also a link to the Holy Cross Online Giving site in the banner at the top of the Holy Cross website.

## In the Greater Church Community

**January 8-14** | The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced that National Migration Week will be celebrated Jan. 8-14. This year's theme is "Creating a Culture of Encounter." The celebration provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the contributions of migrants, including refugees and victims of human trafficking in our communities. [Read more at the Vatican Radio site](#).

**January 16** | Diocesan Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass and Service Project, Sacred Heart Cathedral, downtown Raleigh. [Details and registration](#); register by January 9.

AAMEN will once again be re-packaging donated unopened packages of diapers for distribution through Catholic Charities' regional offices. Diapers are very much needed by families and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Deacon Phil and Anna Rzewnicki will deliver diapers donated by Holy Cross parishioners. Please bring your donation of unopened packages of diapers to Holy Cross by January 14-15. (Leave in one of the bins in the multipurpose room.) Youth and adults are welcome to help with the re-packaging of the diapers at Sacred Heart Cathedral in downtown Raleigh. For details, contact Jackie Bonk, senior director of lay leadership (Jackie.Bonk@raldioc.org).

**January 21, 10 AM** | [Seventh Annual Love My Life Youth Rally](#), Halifax Mall, Raleigh. This is an opportunity for Catholic youth to come together in celebration, connecting with others from across the diocese and learning more about living and promoting the pro-life culture. Speaker is Paul J. Kim, with music by Ben Walther. The diocesan Respect Life Mass will be held at 12 Noon the same day, followed by a lunch (no cost) for youth, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The day concludes with the March for Life in downtown Raleigh.

**February 3-5** | Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, in Myrtle Beach, S.C. For details, call 704-315-2144. Offering refreshments; and a Kwanzaa display with reading materials, will be available for further overview.

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### INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES

When the weather is frightful, please check the parish's Inclement Weather Policy (under the Communications Tab on the [parish website](#)) for locations where schedule changes will be announced, including WTVD and WRAL, as well as the parish's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

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