

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"When the Lord Speaks, His Servants Listen"

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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE! Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

REGISTRATION CARDS are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK3 – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

PRAYER CONCERNS? Contact Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com. Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

USHERS are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIP Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

ON DEMAND WORSHIP View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30am and Monday, 6:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION FUND If you have no other way to church, taxi rides to and from church are available. Please speak with the Pastor or call the church office at 249-3101.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and the following Mondays. We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity of faith in our Savior as well as our unity in all scriptural teachings. Since the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod profess full unity in biblical teaching, members of these church bodies are welcome to commune with us. If you are a member of a different Christian church, we ask that you wait to commune until you have closely examined what we teach and are convinced that we are a church that preaches the true Word of God, and that you are in agreement with our teachings. Please speak with a pastor if you are a guest and would like to commune.

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.

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Second Sunday After Epiphany

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Opening Hymn #183....."Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

1 Holy Spirit, Light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away;
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me;
From sin's bondage set me free.

3 Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace;
Let it grow and still increase.

4 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne;
Reign supreme and reign alone.

5 See, to you I give my heart;
Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be
Now and for eternity.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a C-clef and contains the lyrics 'Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are'. The second line continues with 'they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -'. The third line has 'ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -'. The fourth line has 'ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -'. The fifth line has 'ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.'. The sixth line has 'Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.' and ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of one line of music with the lyrics 'A - men.' and ends with a double bar line.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 67

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us;

C: may your ways be known on earth, your salvation among the nations.

M: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

M: Then the land will yield its harvest,

C: and God, our God will bless us.

M: God will bless us,

C: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Epistle Lesson1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Glorify God with your body as a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

12 "All things are permitted for me"—but not all things are beneficial. "All things are permitted for me"—but I will not allow anything to control me. 13 "Foods are for the belly, and the belly is for foods, but God will do away with both of them." However, the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. 14 God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then remove the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Certainly not! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For it says, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

18 Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

Verse of the Day



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Lesson.....John 1:43-51

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to follow him.

43 The next day, Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 Nathanael said to him, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

"Come and see!" Philip told him.

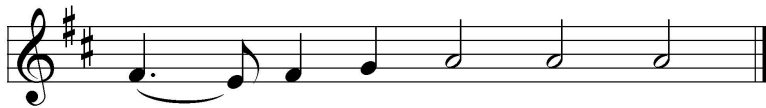
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Truly, here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus replied, "You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that!" 51 Then he added, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Baptism Reaffirmation (8:30am).....Max Kenneth Schoenfeld

Children's Sermon (10:30am)

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn of the Day #283....."Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening"

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,
As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor
To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through,
I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
And my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you
And to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you;
Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living
Where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
On your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

SermonPastor Piet Van Kampen..... "When the Lord Speaks, His Servants Listen"

1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days. Prophetic vision was not common.

2 Now it happened that Eli's eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. Once when Eli was lying down in his place 3 and God's lamp had not yet gone out, Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's ark was. 4 The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel said, "I am here." 5 He ran to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Eli said, "I did not call. Lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 Then the Lord called once more, "Samuel!"

So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

He answered, "I did not call, my son. Lie down again."

7 Now Samuel had not yet experienced the Lord's presence, that is, the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

8 The Lord called Samuel for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the young man. 9 So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and once again lay down in his place. 10 The Lord came and stood there and called as he had the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #84 (vs 1, 4, 5)....."Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

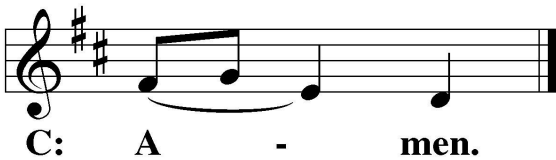
1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Worship and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

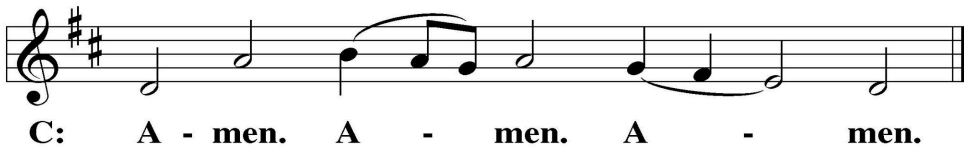
Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Announcements

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home. So if three of you watch the service on Sunday, your subject line would say, "Attended 3". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

Holy Cross News & Notes

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Calendar for the Week – January 15 - January 21

Monday

- Senior Ministry Bingo - 1:00 pm (Fireside Room)
- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Committee - 9:15 am
- PTO - 6:30pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Bean Bag Tournament - 11:45 am

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week by two donors.

One from Joe and Michaela Liermann in celebration of Harper's first birthday.

The others were given in memory of Loyd and Helen Miller by Harry and Marge Miller, their son and daughter-in-law, and by Norma Romes, their daughter. Loyd and Helen were members of Holy Cross from 1948 until their deaths, Loyd in 1997 and Helen in 2021, and were active in both the affairs of the congregation and the synod.

Please pray for our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 1/2/24-1/8/24

\$21,315.86

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 1/8/23

\$438,466.73

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$437,769.36

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

ANDREW SCHOENFELD HAS A CALL TO NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear members of Holy Cross,

On December 21, Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI called me to be Recruitment Director, teach P.E., and work with their Mission Advancement team. I am truly humbled to receive this Divine Call. This is an opportunity to evaluate where my gifts best fit in God's mission field. Over the next several weeks, I will deliberate where best to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I would ask that you pray for Holy Cross, Northland Lutheran, and my family as I deliberate. I welcome any prayers, encouragement, and questions you may have.

In Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

NICOLE KOTECKI HAS A CALL TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

I am writing to inform you that on January 7th I received a call to teach 3rd grade and coach at St. Paul Lutheran School in Lake Mills.

This opportunity has prompted me to carefully reflect on where God is calling me to best serve His purpose and I seek His guidance to understand His plan for my next steps.

As I deliberate on this call, I humbly ask for your prayers. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and a deep understanding of where God wants me to serve. I would really appreciate your thoughts and support as I navigate through this time of decision-making. Your input means a lot to me.

I also request that you keep both Holy Cross and St. Paul, along with their respective congregation members, in your prayers. Transition periods can be challenging, and I believe that God's plan will unfold in His perfect timing.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

In Christ's love,

Nicole Kotecki

SENIOR MINISTRY: BINGO

Senior Ministry is sponsoring Bingo for 55+ adults at 1PM, January 15, 2024 in the Fireside Room. *Please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center of the church.* Can't wait to see you there!

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

Holy Cross will begin sharing videos of our most recent sermons with you. Our hope in doing this is twofold. First of all, we hope that, as you watch these videos yourself as a part of your own regular devotional life, the Holy Spirit would strengthen your faith during the week. Secondly, we ask that you share these videos with your friends, relatives, and neighbors as you see fit. You could forward this email on to those you think would be interested, or simply copy and paste the links to your social media feed for all your online friends. For example, if there's a sermon that addresses a particular topic, such as grief, you can pass it on to someone you know is grieving. Our Savior told His disciples to "preach the gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15), and this is just one more we can fulfill His great commission. And we have the promise from God that, as the apostle Paul says, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ" (Ro 10:17). The Holy Spirit will work on human hearts wherever His Word is proclaimed.

01/07/2024 - Jesus' Baptism and Mine - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/900558773?share=copy>

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2024 altar flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center near the Fireside Room. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, sign up with your name, contact information, and the occasion. You can bring in your own flowers or the Altar Guild will order flowers for you. The usual bouquet is \$40 but you can make it any amount you like. Make checks payable to HOLY CROSS ALTAR GUILD. Drop off or mail your check in an envelope marked ALTAR FLOWERS. You may take the bouquet after the last service and enjoy it at home.

COOKIE WALK = SUCCESS!

Thank you all for the overwhelming support, donations & volunteers during the cookie walk! We were able to raise just shy of \$5,500! That means over \$2500.00 will go towards supporting the Church and over \$2000.00 will go towards supporting the School! Holy Cross is definitely blessed with amazing congregation, school, & ELC families!

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, January 21st, starting after the second service we will gather for our annual Holy Cross Bean Bag Tournament. We plan to play in the school gym and will have pizza beforehand. Adult and kid teams are welcome to compete. Use the Sign Up Genius link to register as individuals or 2 person teams and we will set up brackets. Please let us know if you have an extra board set you are willing to bring.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADAg2FA5F5C70-47017579-bean>

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Holy Cross has teamed up with Harmann Studios to establish an updated picture directory as there have been many changes since our last directory in 2019. The dates available to have your pictures taken are Wednesday, February 28th through Saturday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 5th through Thursday, March 7th. Available check in times are:

- 1-8pm Tuesday-Thursday
- 11am-6pm Friday
- 9am-3pm on Saturday

There is no cost to the church or families/individual members. Each family/individual will get a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 directory pose. Anyone who purchases a print product will get a free church directory and the opportunity to purchase any extra prints or digital media.

To sign up for an appointment, please scan the QR code below or on the poster in the narthex.



It is first-come, first-served, so book early. If you are unable to sign up online or need to cancel/modify an existing appointment time, please speak with **Max John** (who will be sitting in the narthex between services the next few weeks) or email at 1johnm2@gmail.com. We would love it if every participant took their picture in-person, but, if unable due to homebound constraints or scheduling conflicts, please contact Max John about ways to submit your own photograph for the directory. We are also in need of volunteers to be greeters for this event to ensure proper check in for appointments and calling members who may not show up for their scheduled times. If you are able to assist any day(s) or time(s) please contact Max John.

LIVE STREAMING REMINDER

There are two ways to live stream Holy Cross worship services. The first is to go to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website, scroll down and click the green "Live stream" button, or hover over the "Live Stream/Sermons" drop down menu, click the "Live Streaming" button, and watch from there (or click the "Vimeo" button on the bottom right of the video and watch from there). The second way is to go to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School Facebook page and, on Sunday mornings, it should be the most recent post (right around 8:30AM). Keep in mind, both of these options work for accessing older live streams as well. The best way may be to navigate to the Vimeo website to see a full list of old live streams.

SCHOOL & ELC OPEN HOUSE

Looking for grade school or child care opportunities? You're invited to a free "Summer in the Winter" Open House at Holy Cross Lutheran School and Kids Crossing Early Learning Center. Come and enjoy live music, snacks, bounce house, games and more. Our Principal and Early Learning Center Director will be here to meet you, give tours of our facilities and answer questions. Saturday, January 27 from 9 - 11 am. Free entrance. Bring the family and escape winter:) Current Church, School and ELC families are encouraged to attend! It would be fun for prospective families to meet you.... and, it will be a good opportunity for you to have some fellowship time with your friends here at Holy Cross!