



# Holy Cross Weekly News

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROS : 12/8/24 — 12/15/24**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SUNDAY:

8:30AM - Praise Service  
9:45AM - Sunday School for all ages  
10:45AM - Praise Service  
12:30PM - Pastors & Guardians (Sanct)

MONDAY:

7:00PM - Dart Baseball v. Star of Bethlehem (FH)

TUESDAY:

9:00AM - Preschool  
6:30-9:30PM - Colonial Quilters' Guild (FH)

WEDNESDAY:

9:00AM - Preschool  
5:30PM - Soup Supper (ASSR)  
6:30PM - Midweek Advent Worship (Sanct.)  
7:00PM - P&GI (Youth/Choir)  
7:30PM - AA (TR)  
7:30PM - Christian Education (parlor)

THURSDAY:

9:00AM - Preschool  
12:00N - AA (TR)

FRIDAY:

**EPISTLE DEADLINE**

10:00AM - Bulletin Brigade (Ofc)  
5:30PM - P&GI (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY:

8:30AM - Men's Breakfast (FH)  
9AM--3PM - Material Girls (ASSR)  
4:00PM - Christmas Caroling & Supper  
7:30PM - AA (TR)

SUNDAY:

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30AM - Holy Communion  
9:45AM - Sunday School for all ages  
10:45AM - Holy Communion  
12:00 N - Lunch & Bible Study (ASSR)  
12:30PM - Pastors & Guardians (Sanct)

**Pr Dave:** Wed (all day), Fri (day), Sat (day) & by appt.  
**Office Secretary:** Tuesday & Thursday (evening), Saturday.  
**Bookkeeper:** by appointment

**Attendance:** 11/24/24: **66** (33+33) 11/27/24: **25**  
12/1/24: **50** (26+24) 12/4/24: **11**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY: (12/15/2024)**

GREETER: 8:30-Sally S / 10:45-Irene G	LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan S
SOUND: 8:30-Seth M / 10:45-Ken Y	SONG LEADER: 8:30-Emma F
LECTOR: 8:30-Penny M / 10:45-Karen B	CHILDREN: Ruthann K
USHERS: 8:30-Jan S / 10:45-Irene G	ALTAR: Alyce S & Patty S
SEXTON: <b>Volunteers needed</b>	COUNTERS: Karen B, Jan S
PHONETREE: Jim F	PRAYERS: Mike Z
	PRAYER CARE: Pat G
WREATH: 8:30-Emma F & Aiden B / 10:45-Judy family	
LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty S / 10:45-Karen B	

**WEEKLY  
MEMORY  
VERSE**

What It Means to  
Follow Jesus:  
Loving One  
Another—  
John 13:34-35

# Holy Cross Prayer List

## 12/8/24 — 12/15/24

### PRAYER CHAIN

*If you need prayer, call any number below to activate the prayer chain.*

**Pat Gilbert 610-867-7759**

**Yvonne Frankenfield 610-691-1960**

**Darlene Treisner 610-866-3824**

**Sally Stein 610-867-6599**

### Home Bound/Nursing Home

*Linda Jo Albertson Marty Erney*

*Marilyn Harding Sally Lerch*

*Bob & Shirley Stuber*

*Marlene Thomas Wendi Wonderly*

### Praying For You:

*none*

### Mission District:

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Middleburgh, NY*

### Missionary:

*Youth With A Mission (PK)*

### Schools:

*Holy Cross Christian Preschool  
Nitschmann Middle School  
Asa Packer Elementary School*

### Serving in Armed Forces:

*A1C Ryan Stein*

*1st Lt Jennifer Dolak (Stryker)*

*Sgt Keaton Westwood (Wonderly)*

*Lt Col Colin Schneck (Stenhouse)*

*Thanks to all veterans who served.*

*If you'll be hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please call the church (610-867-6231).*

### III. Accidents. Surgery. Hospitalized

Aida (Schaeffer)-recovery (heart attack) & guidance

Jesse & Ryan Albertson-salvation/healing

Linda Jo Albertson-healing of back

Amy & Chris-urgent spiritual guidance

Kathy & Ron Ballek-healing

Jeff, Ryan & Joel Beilfuss (Brown)-healing

Sandy Berkey-healing from pain

Jere Brady (Brown)-pain management

Sharon Branigan-continued recovery from surgery

Chuck Branigan III-healing

Colleen-support & guidance with new life changes

Dan-guidance in new job

Denise (Kistler)-healing from breast cancer

Chris Dunn-a-fil

Marie Eshbach-pain relief & successful treatment

Claire Farkas' daughter-financial wisdom/priorities

Don & Yvonne Frankenfield -healing

Carol Glasmire-healing

Gary Graham-healing

Bob & Dora Groscup (Brown)-healing

Barb & Ed Gubich-healing & treatable diagnosis

Eleanor Gunkle-healing (hospital)

Vince-physical healing & the Lord's provision

Bob Haines (Sands)-comfort & healing

Marilyn Harding-guidance, healing, finance

Jed Harley (Jim F)-healing from mugging

John Harley (Jim F)-healing of abdominal aneurysms

Irene Horvath & family-strengthen faith & body

Rich Hulock-healing

Sydney, Malaki & Lincoln (Hulock)-protection

Kayleen (Glasmire)-healing from addiction

Kelly (Glasmire)-healing from addiction

Rev. Roger Keller-recovering from heart surgery

Nip Knoll (Brown)-cancer treatment

Sharon Koch (STP)-healing

Sandra Krisanda-healing

Lucero family-peace, strength, provision

Sharon Miller (Wonderly)-healing

Jim & Lori Marotta (Brinker)-wisdom for NC move

Marie Mueller-guidance & healing

Ted Nowark (Wonderly)-healing

Dave Ori and family-guidance & healing

Laura Peters-peace

Robert P-strength during treatment & healing

Rosalie-healing & guidance

Joe Reeser-healing

Carson Reinhard-healing (lymphoma)

The family of Glade Schroeter-peace & comfort

Shannon (Linda Jo)-guidance & healing

Gail & Earl Stein-healing

Herb Stein-effective treatment, strength & peace

Monte Stryker-Merkel cell carcinoma treatment

Bob & Shirley Stuber-healing (Phoebe, Allentown)

Wanda-guidance & healing

Wendi Wonderly-continued home recovery

Bella Zyskowski-healthy pregnancy

*+New addition / \*UPDATE*

**Scriptures for NEXT SUNDAY (12/15/24):** Isaiah 12:1–6 (Responsive)  
Zephaniah 3:14–20    Philippians 4:4–7    Luke 3:7–2035)

### *Giving Opportunities*

**\$5,000 SALARY BONUS MATCHING FUND CHALLENGE** - Our 2025 budget does not include any salary increases, and, our staff have either received salary reductions or no increases over the last 5 years. This fund will provide up to \$10,000 to be allocated among all the staff in early 2025. Church Council is asking that these matching funds be given by the end of the year.

**TWO SPECIAL TREES** are set up in the Narthex. The Mitten Tree is to receive mittens, hats, and any other donation for the foster home in Topton. The Silver Tree contains tags for donations to Bright Hope Pregnancy Center's Baby Boutique. Both trees will help bring smiles of joy to needy children in our area.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR OUTREACH** has begun! Add a non-perishable gift to the box each day of Advent, and return the filled box by Christmas Day. Donations go to Everlasting Life Ministries. See Karen Brown to learn more.

If you would like to donate through **NALC Disaster Response** to help those devastated by Hurricane Helene, write "**HELENE RELIEF**" on the OTHER line of your offering envelope (available in the pew racks).

**A SCHOLARSHIP FUND** for **Mike Zyskowski** has been set up and is receiving donations. Money will be distributed quarterly to help Mike & Bella with their expenses while living at seminary. Please consider a donation to Mike's spiritual training. You may use a church envelope and mark it "Mike Z. Fund".

**SODA TABS** - Tabs from aluminum cans are being collected for Ronald McDonald House in Hershey PA. Proceeds from recycling the tabs provide for families staying at the House while their child receives medical treatment. See the large plastic container on the mailbox counter or the one by Fellowship Hall.

**VBS OUTREACH** - We are seeking sponsors for our VBS Outreach to six families who do not have a church home. For a donation of \$20 you can provide a small gift and short Bible lesson for about 20 students. Mark your envelope "VBS Outreach." Please see Ruthann Kistler or Karen Brown for more information.

### *Help Needed*

**CLEANING NEEDS** - A list of help needed to keep Holy Cross clean is posted on our bulletin board by the main entrance. Thanks for those who have already signed up! Many more openings are available.

### *Upcoming Events*

**ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP** - Wednesday, December 11 & 18, featuring Holden Evening Prayer & Secret Witnesses. 5:30 PM-Soup & Salad Supper, 6:30 PM-Worship. Please sign up outside the church office to bring something one of the nights: soup (enough to feed 10-12), or salad, or bread, or dessert.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING & LITE SUPPER** - Saturday, December 14 at 4PM.

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**SERMON** *“Are You Prepared?”*