

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin

Friday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

UNDERSTANDING, CONTEMPLATING THE LITURGICAL YEAR & CALENDAR

The first words of the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar say:

Holy Church celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year with sacred remembrance.

Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, she commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity, together with his blessed Passion.

In fact, throughout the course of the year the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and observes the birthdays of the Saints. (no. 1)

The liturgical year has two simultaneous cycles: Proper of Time, the liturgical seasons, and Proper of Saints, the calendar of saint feast days. The Proper of Time has six liturgical seasons, each with its own color:

- ✦ Advent—four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth (purple);
- ✦ Christmas—recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world (white);
- ✦ Lent—a six-week period of penance before Easter (purple);
- ✦ Sacred Paschal Triduum—the holiest “Three Days” of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death (red), and resurrection of Jesus (white);
- ✦ Easter—50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his

sending forth of the Holy Spirit (red);

- ✦ Ordinary Time—divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people (green).

The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year (Proper of Saints). There is no tension between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the saints, but rather a marvelous harmony. The Blessed Virgin Mary is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son, and the feasts of all the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants and offer the faithful fitting examples for their imitation.

Saints and other celebrations are distinguished in accordance with the importance assigned to each one: Each is a Solemnity, Feast, or Memorial. Sundays and Solemnities begin their celebration on the evening before; Feasts and Memorials are celebrated over the course of one day; and Memorials are either Obligatory or Optional.

Each liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent during the preceding calendar year (i.e., the First Sunday of Advent this year will begin the 2024 liturgical year).

The start of a new liturgical year also marks the transition from one lectionary cycle of readings (A, B, or C) to the next. These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council, which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As a result we now have a three-year cycle of readings built around readings from the three synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Sources: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/>;
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/liturgical-cycles/>



NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Wisdom 6:12–16

Psalm 63

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1–13

WISDOM IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Polarities, dualisms, and seeming opposites are not opposites at all but part of a hidden and rejected wholeness. The task of true religion is to rebind (in Latin, re-ligio) that which is torn apart by temperament, ignorance, and institutionalized evil. Christians are led and grounded by Jesus the Christ, “in whom all things can be held together ... and in whom all things are reconciled” (Colossians 1:17, 20).

Mere information tends to break things apart into competing ideologies. Wisdom received through contemplative seeing puts things back together again. ... the most radical, political, and effective thing we can do for the world and the church is to teach contemplation: a way of seeing beyond the surface of things that moves people toward credible action.

Contemplation, in non-mystified language, is the ability to meet Reality in its most simple and direct form. When I let go of my judgments, my agenda, my emotive life, my attachment to my positive or negative self-image, I am naked, poor, and ready for The Big Truths, for Wisdom. Without some form of contemplative surrender, there is little hope for breakthrough, for new ground, for moving beyond ideologies, the small mind, and the clutching ego. Action without contemplation is the work of hamsters and gerbils. It gets us through the day, it gives us a temporary sense of movement, but the world is not made new by spinning wheels going nowhere.

Even religion has its own equivalent of hamster spinning wheels going nowhere. Since Jeremiah's time, we clergy have been shouting, “The sanctuary, the sanctuary, the sanctuary!” And God keeps telling us through the prophets, “Only if you amend your behavior and your actions ... if you treat each other fairly, if you do not exploit the stranger, the orphan, and the widow, if you do not shed innocent blood ... only then will I be with you here in this place” (see Jeremiah 7:3–7).

Contemplation without action is certainly not contemplation at all. Jesus seemed to think it might even be the greater danger: “If the light inside you is, in fact, darkness, what darkness that will be!” (Matthew 6:23). Concrete action in the world of relationships keeps us from a world of self-delusion about our own “enlightenment.”

For Reflection

- ★ How do you see the theme of wisdom linking the first reading and the gospel?
- ★ What practical steps can I take to seek wisdom in my daily life?
- ★ What “reserves of oil” do I have or need to build up for spiritual and ethical readiness, and what actions can I take to be both wise and prepared in my spiritual and daily life?

<https://young-catholics.com/2988/32nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#barron2>

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-vikxk-tdduxulkd-w/>

Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street
PO Box 118
Morris NY 13808
holycrosschurch@gmail.com

MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.



SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Parish Leader

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764
Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

Parish Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation

Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098
Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Barry

Mass Intention

An individual may request a Mass be offered for a certain intention, for example: in thanksgiving for the intentions of another person (such as someone who has died). If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✕ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✕ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for prayers: Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Aggi Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Maria Papendrea and sister Camella, Karina Tabone, Joe and Carol Tyson, Lorraine Tyson, Fr. Chris Welch, John Zaleski
- ✕ all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer

**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS PARISH!
ARE YOU CURIOUS? BEING CALLED?
WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US.**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults into the Catholic faith.

For more information, go to myrcia.org.

Holy Cross Parish RCIA Contact:
Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

Pope Francis's intention for November: We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission. May he continue with the Holy Spirit's help and guidance.

Engage in Living Community

November: Share the Harvest Bounty

In the past, the Morris community took turns providing provisions for the food pantry. Holy Cross would provide for the months of May and November.

So please help share our gifts with our neighbors. There will be a box in the back of church for your food pantry donations.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

- ♥ Donations of 20-pound or more turkeys [bring to St. Mary's before/after mass 11/11-11/12 or 4-6 p.m., 11/15, or contact John Korb (607) 267-0527]
- ♥ Volunteers for set up and food preparation: 11/20-11/22
- ♥ Volunteers to cook, prepare, deliver meals and serve: 11/23
Contact: Cindy Korb (607) 267-0539 or email Thanksgivingvolunteer2023@gmail.com by Friday, 11/17

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER:

We give you thanks, Lord for your Eucharistic presence in the world. For us you accepted suffering and on the cross you manifested your love for all humanity to the very end. We adore you, daily viaticum for us, all pilgrims on earth. You who know and can do all things, who nourish us on earth, lead your brothers and sisters to the table of heaven to be fellow heirs and guests with your saints forever. Amen

Upcoming Events

- 11/12: Coffee Hour after mass to honor our veterans
Religious education classes
- 11/14: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 11/14: Morris Community Thanksgiving Singing Rehearsal, 11 a.m.–12 p.m., Methodist Church, Church Street
- 11/17: Sidney United Methodist Church Bazaar (and lunch), 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- 11/19: Special collection–Campaign for Human Development
Morris Community Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m., Baptist Church, Broad Street
***Final rehearsal for singing, 2 p.m.
- 11/21: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 11/21: Oneonta Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, First Presbyterian, 7 p.m.
- 11/23: Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9 a.m.
- 11/28: Free conference for dementia caregivers, Saratoga Springs City Center, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., lunch provided. RSVP by 11/21: bit.ly/Saratoga_Conference_Alz or (518) 675-7214

How Catholics Read & Interpret the Bible

Get an introduction to Historical Critical Method, the Catholic approach to Scripture, with Dr. Carmel Ann Sperti at St. Mary's, Oneonta. Preregistration preferred. Location TBD. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Mass Attendance: 53

Collection: \$970.50