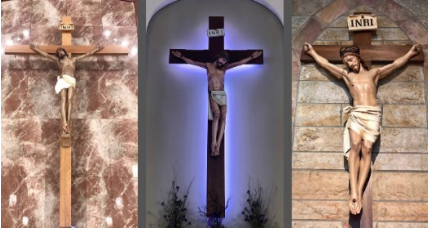


South Gibson Catholic



Holy Cross
Saint James
Saints Peter & Paul

As many of you may have noticed or have heard, during this pandemic, there have been several changes made. For that reason, we thought it would be best to send out a newsletter to all of our parishioners to outline these changes. Also, our 3 linked parishes have some important upcoming events that may look a little different this year.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE



	Saturday	Sunday
Holy Cross	4:30 pm	8:30 am
St. James	5:00 pm	6:00 am & 9:00 am
Sts. Peter & Paul	5:00 pm	7:00 am & 10:00 am

COVID-19 Guideline for Mass

- The use of face masks while in church is highly encouraged.
- Social distancing is required, which means there is less seating capacity in the church
- The dispensation of the Sunday obligation remains in effect until at least November 1.
- We live stream Masses on South Gibson Catholic Facebook page.

Volunteers Needed for Weekend Masses

All three cluster parishes are having a very hard time filling the volunteer positions at the weekend Masses. If you are going to Mass, please consider volunteering. If interested, please call the parish offices.



FINANCE

Year End Financial Reports

A copy of the fiscal year-end financial report is in the back of each church. This will also include the budget for the current year. The weekly increase needed for Sunday collection to meet budget is as follows:

- For Holy Cross - \$3.00 per week, per family
- For St. James - \$2.00 per week, per family
- For Sts. Peter & Paul - \$2.00 per week, per family

For parishioners who want to increase their tithing, through the electronic giving program, please e-mail Lisa for Holy Cross at lmay@evdio.org; please e-mail Jane for St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul at jrhodes@evdio.org. Anyone interested in signing up for the electronic giving program may do so by completing the form on page 7 and return to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!!

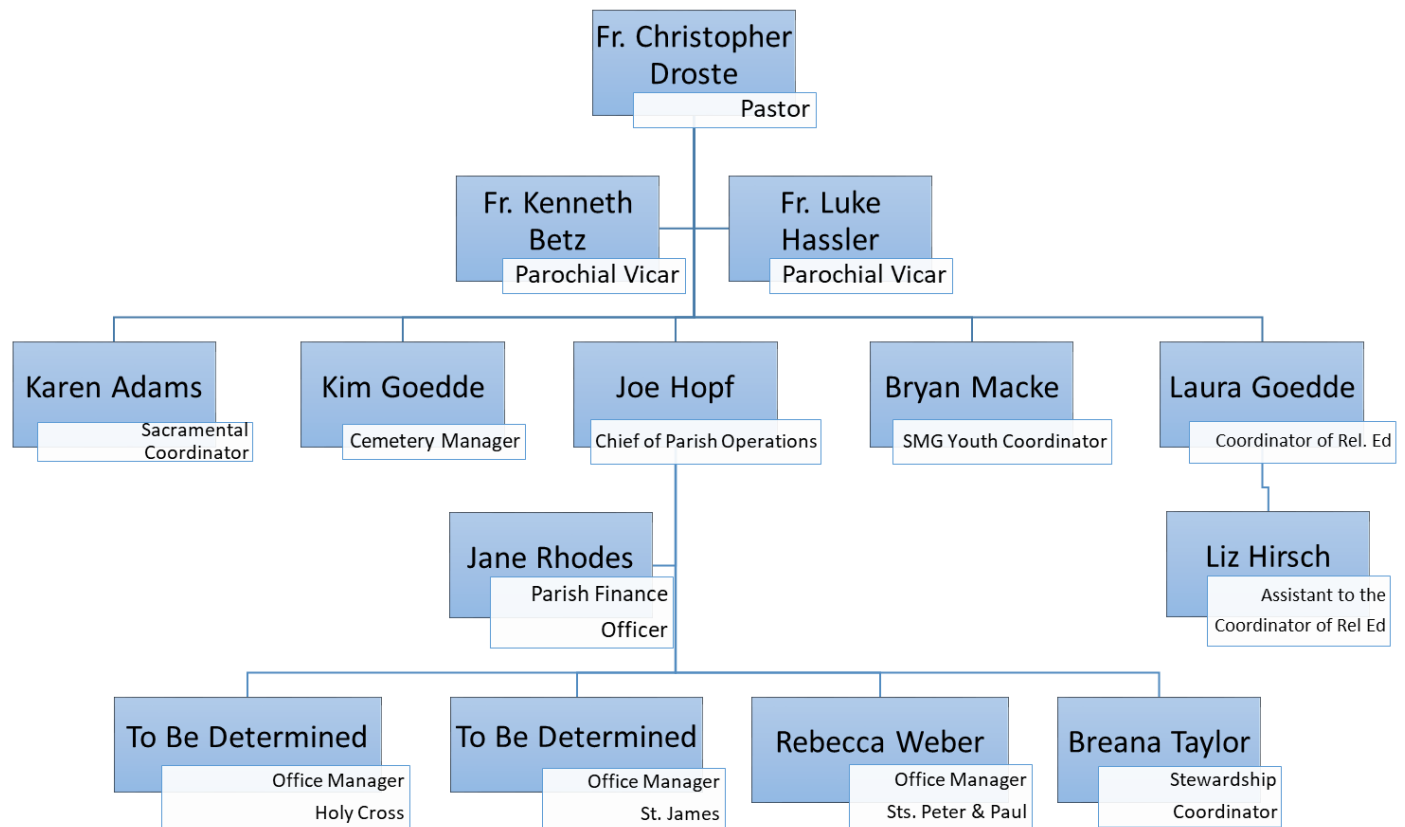
STAFF CHANGES

In the August 2, bulletin Fr. Christopher announced some significant changes in our administrative personnel in an effort to improve the service we provide to our three neighboring parishes.

Why were these changes necessary?

- One pastor governing three parishes demands some consolidation and consistency at the administration level to ensure every human and material resource is being harmonized and directed towards our mission.
- The current Parish Manager position at each parish has gradually assumed too many roles and responsibilities over time, therefore it is being eliminated and new positions have been created to better distribute the workload and allow specific areas of responsibility to receive more focused attention.
- Financial practices, procedures and policies need to be standardized across all three parishes to ensure accountability and transparency.
- Enables administration personnel to work as a team and be open to development.

Below is the parish staff organization that has been rolled out. As for the open office manager position at St. James interviews have been completed and we expect to make an announcement in the very near term. Interviews for the Holy Cross office managers positions will begin the last week of September with the hopes of having that position filled by the end of October.



Anytime you have change like this reorganization, it can just be flat out hard and usually difficult to accept because, as humans, in general we just do not like change. Even when administered correctly, change can be hard to accept at first, but over time, it ends up benefitting the organization for the better. We ask for your prayers, support and patience as we roll out these changes.

God Bless,
Joe Hopf

40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST. JAMES OCT. 2,3,4

FRIDAY

- 9:15 AM: Opening of 40 Hours Devotion
- All day & night adoration (Please sign up on the adoration schedule in the back of church—We need at least 2 people every hour throughout the weekend.)

SATURDAY

- 7:00 am: First Saturday Devotion Prayers, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 8:00 am: Mass followed by adoration throughout the day and night
- 5:00 pm: Mass

SUNDAY

- Closing with Benediction & Procession with the Blessed Sacrament led by our First Communicants after 9:00 am Mass

- ♦ Holy Cross and Sts. Peter and Paul will not have Adoration on October 1 and 2. We ask parishioners from those parishes to join us in this important and special event at St. James.
- ♦ There will be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before all Masses.
- ♦ Please sign up for a Holy Hour (or 1/2 hour) on the schedule so that we know our Lord will never be left alone.
- ♦ Families are encouraged to share this time with our Lord together.

HOLY CROSS CHICKEN DINNER



Holy
Cross

CARRY OUT
FRIED
CHICKEN
DINNER

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OCTOBER 4TH
10:30 AM

\$10.50
EACH MEAL

DUE TO COVID WE WILL NOT BE ALLOWING
ANYONE IN THE BUILDING FOR PICKUP.
PLEASE ENTER EAST SIDE PLAYGROUND
PARKING LOT FOR MEAL PICK UP.

Die Kirche



Auktion Fest

Sts. Peter & Paul's 17th Annual Fundraiser 2020 Style-Virtual

Saturday October 10, 2020

German Meal • Drive-Thru Only

4:30-7:30 pm at East Side of Sts. Peter & Paul School Cafeteria
Dewig's Country Sausage, Navy Beans, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Applesauce, Cornbread, & Drink

Friday October 2-Sunday October 11

Online auction registration and bidding will begin at 8:00 am on
October 2nd and continue through October 11th at 3:00 pm

Live Stream Auction Finale October 11th 2:00-3:00 pm

You don't want to miss the finale!!

The link for computer and mobile bidding will be posted on the South Gibson
Catholic Facebook Page and on the Sts. Peter and Paul website. The link is not
available yet but it will be: <http://bidpal.net/stspeterandpaul>

Important Note

Online registration requires a credit or debit card at the time of registration. The bank and credit
card processing charges will be added to your total when you check out at the end of the auction.

The card service fee is 3.5% for MasterCard, Visa, and Discover. The service fee for American
Express is 3.9%. There is a 35 cent bank transaction fee added to the total.

Please keep in mind that all cash donations for Sts. Peter & Paul and for Haiti (our funded item)
can be made at the parish office to avoid the processing and transaction fees.

Over 300 Auction Items!

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| ◆ 12 Quilts - Quilted by Sts. Peter & Paul "Labor of Love" Quilters | ◆ Dinners and Fun Activities with Fr. Christopher and Fr. Luke |
| ◆ Awesome Holiday Items | ◆ Great kids games and toys |
| ◆ Outdoor Movie Projection System | ◆ MUCH, MUCH more! |

HOLY CROSS TURTLES



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OCTOBER
16TH

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STS. PETER & PAUL CHICKEN DINNER

STS. PETER & PAUL'S OUTREACH CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, November 8
10:30 am - ??
Sts. Peter & Paul cafeteria, Haubstadt

Meals \$10
Drive-Thru ONLY
On the East Side of the cafeteria



ST. JAMES DRIVE-THRU DINNER/BASKET RAFFLE



St. James Drive-thru Dinner



@ St. James Catholic Church

Drive-Thru Dinner

- Starting at 10:30 am until 1:00 pm
- Serving: Chicken or Roast Beef, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw & Dessert
- Homemade Vegetable & Chili Soup are also available by the gallon or half gallon in the drive-thru until it's gone, so come early!
- Selling Leftovers at 2:00 p.m.

Dinners:	\$10.00
Soup (Gal.):	\$15.00
1/2 Gal.:	\$ 7.00



Annual St. James PTA Basket Raffle

- Chances sold in Madden Hall
- Park in SE Parking Lot
- Enter thru Madden Hall's south door



Due to Current Coronavirus Restrictions

- No Spot Shoot in 2020
- No Adult/Children's Auction

St. James Catholic Church

- 12300 S 50 W Haubstadt, IN 47639 812-867-5175
- Sunday Mass Times: 6:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

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AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM



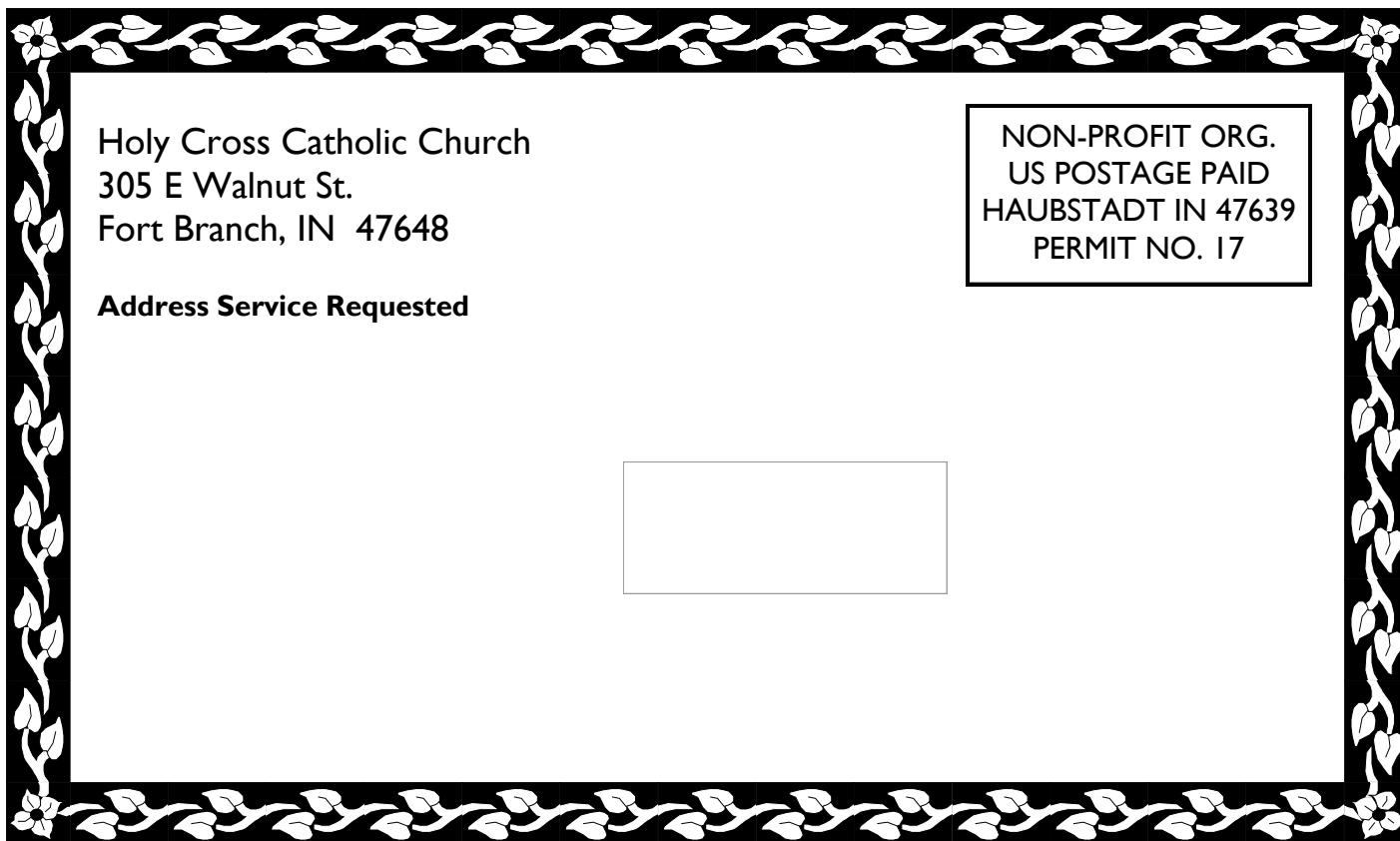
The electronic giving program allows you to electronically have funds transferred directly into the parish's account for your Sunday giving. It is convenient, no cost to you, & helps you stay current on your Sunday giving. You may increase, decrease, or suspend your transfer any time by calling the parish office. Please complete the form below & return to the parish office. Please contact Lisa at 753-3548 or lmay@evdio.org with questions.

Direct Debit Authorization Form

I hereby authorize Holy Cross Church to initiate debit entries for tithing to my/our account as indicated below and the financial institution named below to debit the same to such account. I/We acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my/our account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

_____		_____	
(Financial Institution Name)		Name(s) on the Account	
Transfer Amount \$ _____ for Sunday collection		_____	
Type of Acct: _____ Checking _____ Savings	(Routing Number)	(Account Number)	
Frequency of transfer: Weekly _____ on Friday or Monthly _____ on the 5 th (or next business day)			
This authority is to remain in effect until Holy Cross has received written notification from me/us of its termination in such time and manner as to allow Holy Cross and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.			
_____		_____	
(Print Name)		(Signature)	
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(Print Spouse Name) (if joint acct)		(Spouse Signature) (if joint acct)	
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(E-mail Address)		(Date)	

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM



A Message From Fr. Christopher

In popular folklore and mythology, the *crossroads* represent a location where spirits can be encountered and supernatural events can take place. One famous example of the crossroads in American folklore is the story of the blues musician Robert Johnson. According to legend, as a young man living on a plantation in rural Mississippi, Johnson had a tremendous desire to become a great blues musician. One of the legends often say that Johnson was instructed to take his guitar to a crossroad near Dockery Plantation at midnight. (There are claims for at least a dozen other sites as the location of the crossroads.) There he was met by a large man (the Devil) who took the guitar and tuned it. The Devil played a few songs and then returned the guitar to Johnson, giving him mastery of the instrument. In exchange for his soul, Johnson was able to master the blues for which he became famous.

Adapted to the context of our pilgrimage of faith and our own life's journey, the crossroads refer to a moment in time when we are given the opportunity to either entrust our souls to God and follow the way of Christ or to hand our souls over to the Devil and follow the way of another master such as the love of money and our own personal pleasure. The pandemic has been a crossroads moment for all of us. In some ways, the current pandemic has led us to rediscover simpler and sustainable lifestyles. The crisis, in a sense, has given us a chance to develop new ways of living. Already we've seen how we can recover if we're allowed to rest in Christ: our hearts are at peace, we find joy in simple things, and healthy habits are easier to acquire. Our planet has been given a chance to rest as well: the air is cleaner, the waters clearer, and animals have returned to many places from where they had previously disappeared. We must use this decisive moment to end our superfluous and destructive goals and activities, and to cultivate values, connections and activities that are life-giving. We must examine our habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation, and diet. We must eliminate the superfluous and destructive aspects of our economies, and nurture life-giving ways to trade, produce, and transport goods.

We're being given time to restore the original harmony of Creation and to heal strained relationships. God is inviting us to restore liberty and justice for all and to forgive one another's debts. We also need to restore the land. Climate and land restoration is of utmost importance, since we are in the midst of a ecological emergency. We are running out of time, as the younger generations are reminding us. We need to stand up in solidarity at this critical moment. We are at the crossroads and we're going to have to choose which master we're going to follow.

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