

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross?

Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross. When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him.

For the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:22-23). Today, more than ever, non-Christians see the Cross as foolishness. What kind of Savior triumphs through death?

For Christians, however, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life.

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September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours

Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday (no Holy Mass)

Holy Days:

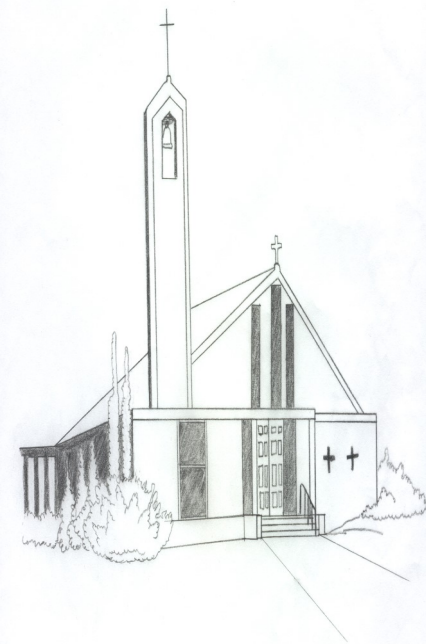
Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: -
30 minutes before each Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact
Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Six
months prior to wedding notice.
Obligatory preparation program.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the
Sick:** - By appointment.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Music Ministry Carolyn Snapka
Organists Mary Helpert
Women's Circle Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society Sam Morris

**St. Anthony's Cemetery
Association** Sam Morris

Visiting Homebound: Once a month
on First Friday. Please call the parish
office to request a visit.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**
 6:00 p.m. + DAVID ZUNIGA — Parents

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**
 9:00 a.m. + RAYMOND HOELSCHER - Matlock Family
 11:00 a.m. + ARTHOR "BUDDY" & + GLENN DITTLINGER
 Family

MONDAY **SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**
 7:30 a.m. + STELLA FAITH - Jerry & Charmaine Wade

TUESDAY **SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**
 No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**
 6:00 p.m. + DON ERMIS - Don & Carolyn Havelka

THURSDAY **SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**
 8:00 a.m. + DELORES BERNSEN - Family

FRIDAY **SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**
 7:30 a.m. FOR THE FAMILY OF +GILBERT & PAT HOELSCHER

SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**
 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary
 6:00 p.m. + MARGARET HOELSCHER - Bruce & Penny Hoelscher

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**
 9:00 a.m. PRO POPULO
 11:00 a.m. + MARY HUMPLIK - Estate

Sanctuary Candle

September 7 - September 12, 2024
 For the Victims of 911, their Families and our Country

OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER 2024

The Oktoberfest Fundraiser will begin in the upcoming weeks. The Donation Envelopes will be printed and placed in the foyer of the Church. This year will be the same as in the last 2 years. We are asking for a donation of \$100.00 or more per family, but please pray about what you would like to donate. Listed below are the total donations made for Oktoberfest.

2022 - \$13,350.00
 2023 - \$13,930.00

We would like to thank you for your generous support to your parish, St. Anthony's Church, Violet.



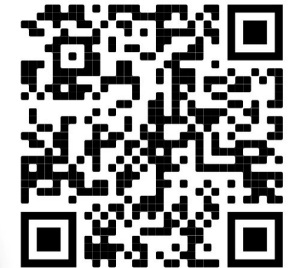
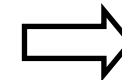
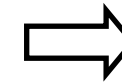
SUNDAY COLLECTION **September 1, 2024**

Loose	\$ 773.00
Envelope	\$1,040.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5.00
CCD	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Total	\$2,023.00

9/1/24-9/7/24
 Online Donations: \$1,639.00

You can also scan the QR Code to start your online giving.
 You can also visit the parish website to get started with online contributions:

www.stanthonyviolet.org



PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Linda Bonner, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, John Fredette, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Marguerite Hoelscher, Valerie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Mary Kuhn, Bernard Najvar, Goretta O'Daniel, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Lola Putvin, Jaime Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Eddie Skorabcek, Elie Stone, Joseph Torroes, Vicki Torres, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: Jim Caig, Luis Lozano, Jr., Stephen Beadle, Javier Ebertowski.