



In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery Pete Rust (Archer Mills' grandfather, cancer), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children). Kelly Sullivan (Knee Surgery & recovery), Ray Beckham (surgery & recovery).

For those celebrating birthdays in November • Catherine Dew (Nov. 3), Lisa Schlueter (Nov. 13), Meaghan Schremp (Nov. 15), Mary Perschbacher (Nov. 19), Bill Surman (Nov. 20), Bonnie Zerwig (Nov. 24), Isaiah Reiter (Nov. 25), Randy Ruzicka (Nov. 27).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in November • Carl & Cheryl Noll (Nov. 2), Pastor Jim & Ruth Kirk (Nov. 20), James & Stacy Bell (Nov. 26).

For those who mourn.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations.

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For missionaries • Angela Steinbacher.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office at 573-883-5361 or holycrossstegen@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please contact Kelly, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.

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Thanksgiving Service † 6:00 PM
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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

May the Lord bless our worship this evening as we give thanks to Him!

Saturday, November 30, at 8:30 A.M. • Church Decorating inside and outside. Dress for the weather if working outside! Need Help!!

Sign Up Sheets. The sign-up sheets are up for Christmas Festival in Ste. Genevieve December 7th & 8th and Christmas Church Tour December 19th.

Marian Cliff. Once Again, Holy Cross will collect items throughout December for Marian Cliff in St. Mary. This is a residential care center offering assisted living to approximately 60 residents, mostly Veterans. They have requested hygiene products such as shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, double-bladed razors, 3-in-1 body wash, combs, Polident, emery boards, sweats for men size medium to 3X, pillows, snacks, large print puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles, and twin sheets (flat and fitted). Items will be delivered after the holidays. There is a drop box in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Bible Class Tuesday 11/26. There will be Bible Class at 10:30 am this Tuesday.

Upcoming dates available for flowers for the altar: Advent Poinsettia December 22. The January Flower Chart is now up. Thank You! Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it in the offering plate.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Father in heaven, you are the Creator of all things and therefore source of all things; and to You alone do we owe thanks and praise. Most especially, we give you thanks that we can call you "Father" because of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose sacrificial suffering and death on the cross provided payment for our sin and whose triumphant resurrection gives us hope and new life through Spirit-worked faith in Him.

We confess that, like children, we have often been less than thankful for all your care and gifts. We often think that somehow we are "entitled" to Your generosity or that we have somehow "earned" all we have by our own hard work and effort. Forgive us and instruct our hearts, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, toward true gratitude.

This national day of Thanksgiving was established during a time of the chaos and conflict of our Civil War. What an important focus to retain amid the continued chaos of our lives in the context of a world where wars continue to rage, fear is epidemic, and death seems to demand victory.

Thank You that you continue to be sovereign over all the affairs of mankind as You rule in power and grace on behalf of Your Church. Until Your Son comes again to reign in glory, may "Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Thank You that You "give us each day our daily bread." You provide all that we need to sustain this body and life. Direct and help us to be instruments of Your answer to that prayer in the lives of others less fortunate than we.

Holy Spirit, direct the hearts of our nation's leaders and her people to call upon You for wisdom; and may we truly be thankful. May we become a nation of grateful people.

In Jesus' name and for Your glory. Amen.