



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

March 1, 2026

## *Holding God to His Word*

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “*Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.*” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “*O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire*” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

**Welcome to our guests and members!** Let us rejoice together in the presence of our gracious Lord! If you are new to Holy Cross, or just visiting, please be sure to sign our guest book and fill out an attendance card found in your pew. We hope you will join with us in worship again.

**Cell Phones & Devices** - Please remember to silence these during today’s service. Thank you!

**Cry Room Available** - If you exit the rear of the sanctuary into the narthex, the room is on the right. Please feel free to rejoin the service at any time.

**Fruits of God’s Love:** Sunday, February 22: 65; Bible Study: 26; Wednesday, February 25: 31

**Please fill out an attendance card** and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

**Altar flowers** this week are given by

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**– We as God’s people regard it our privilege and delight to abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). The eternal joys of godly relationships and bodily service to neighbors (1 Thessalonians 4:9) more than make up for whatever momentary gratification we forego. *Heavenly Bridegroom, captivate our hearts by Your self-giving love that we desire in body and soul to receive Your blessings and serve Your kingdom. Amen.*

**Swaddling Clothes**– We will have a workday on Wednesday, March 11 from 10:30 am—12:30 pm. All help is welcome! We will also be participating in Rhea Lana consignment on Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 –9:00 pm (sorting time) and Sunday, March 8 at 6:00-6:30 pm (selecting items for our center). We need 10 volunteers for each night. We especially need men for help with carrying items and a pickup for help with hauling items. For more information or if you would like to help please text Shara at (816)-654-2294. Thank you! Our next Center opening will be Saturday, March 14th (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, March 8th. By signing up this helps us know how many volunteers are available to help? Any questions contact Nancy Neill (816)556-6555 or Carolyn Falls (816)674-5021. Thank you!



**2025 Giving Statements** were mailed out. If you didn’t receive yours, please contact the church office. If you still need to pick up your offering envelopes, they are on the counter in the Narthex.

**Updated Information:** If you have recently joined Holy Cross, moved or gotten a new phone number, please make sure that our records are up to date. You can email church@holycrosskc.org with your updated information. Also, if you’d like to receive any Holy Cross announcements or the newsletter via email, please make sure we have your email address.

**The 2026 Flower Chart** is posted in the breezeway. Consider ordering an arrangement to observe a significant event in your life and beautify the church. **Arrangements are \$28.00 each. Checks should be made payable to “Chancel Guild.”**

**Lenten Meals** - This week the meal will be lasagna, salad & dessert served by Randy & Carol Wilson. We still need one family or group to volunteer for Wednesday, March 11th. Plan to serve around 25-30 people, beginning around 6:00pm on Wednesdays. You can also contact Linda Rusche or the church office if you are interested or have any questions.

**Ladies’ Brunch Out** will be held THIS Monday, March 2nd at 11:30 am at Perkins (6292 N Oak Tfwy, Gladstone, MO 64118). All ladies are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions. In April, we will go back to meeting in the evening on Tuesday, April 7th due to Easter.

**The March/April Reflections from the Cross** newsletter was emailed out this week. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

## On the Calendar

<b>Sunday, March 1:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Monday, March 2:</b>	Matins .....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Ladies' Brunch Out (Perkins).....	11:30 A.M.
<b>Tuesday, March 3:</b>	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder's Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
<b>Wednesday, March 4:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Lenten Meal.....	6:00 P.M.
	<b>Evening Prayer</b> .....	7:00 P.M.
<b>Thursday, March 5:</b>	Matins .....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
<b>Saturday, March 7:</b>	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
<b>Sunday, March 8:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>

**Portals of Prayer**—The April-June edition of Portals of Prayer is available on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please consider leaving a donation for your copy. A standard issue costs the church \$2 & a large print copy costs the church \$3

**The Art of Biblical Reading** - "How do you read it?" our Lord asked the lawyer in Luke 10. At Sunday morning Bible Study next week we are planning to begin a new video-based study using materials from the Lutheran Institute of Theology ([lutheraninstitute.org](http://lutheraninstitute.org)) on how to read the Bible, video-portion taught by Dr. Adam Koontz. All are welcome and encouraged to come! The description reads: "Where did the Bible come from, & how can we trust it? This course explores the origin, authority, & literary structure of the Scriptures from a Lutheran perspective. Dr. Koontz explains how the Bible was formed, what makes it dependable, & how to read it with Christ at the Center. He also unpacks major Biblical themes & the beauty of God's Word as both history & proclamation. Rediscover the Bible as the living voice of God, not just a book of the past."

**Theology on Tap**- Monthly theological conversation led by North Kansas City Circuit (MO-LCMS) pastors. We meet in the Reclamation Room of the Cinderblock Brewery 118 E. 18th St. North KC, MO 64116, starting at about 6:30pm on Thursday, March 26th. Bring yourself and someone else!

**Men's Dart Ball Team** - The last games of the season will be Sunday, March 15th at Christ Lutheran Church at 2:00 pm. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

**GIVING MADE EASY**— You may now make a one-time donation or set up recurring contributions through our website's *eGiving* donation page. The eGiving option is secure, fast, and easy to use. You can donate by visiting [www.holycrosskc.org](http://www.holycrosskc.org) and selecting "eGiving" or by simply scanning this QR code, which takes you directly to our eGiving page. Please contact the church office at 816-452-9113 if you have any questions.



**BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs:11-20. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**June may be the traditional wedding month**, but today we celebrate National Wedding Planners Day. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for traditional marriage – see [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org).

**Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education** - Taxpayers to the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MOScholars, allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MOScholars and get the process started.