

Holy Cross Ministry Teams and Programs

In one sentence!

Acolytes are a team of children, youth, and adults who serve at the altar.

Aging Gracefully is a retired community that meets monthly for lunch and reflection.

The Altar Guild cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and linens used for worship, sets up the sanctuary for services, and cleans up afterwards

The Arts & Soul Team provides an annual expression for the artisans at Holy Cross to share their gifts each Epiphany season.

The Bread Team provides homemade bread for our communion services.

The Children's Ministry Team plans weekly worship experiences to our children in their faith journey, and offer wonderful children's events throughout the year.

The Choir rehearses on Thursday evening and supports congregational singing on Sunday morning and at most major feasts.

The Communications Team sponsors the Annual Ministry Faire, the booth at the Castro Valley Days, and online communications.

The Community Care Team co-ordinates meals, rides, communion, and help with small household tasks for those in our church community in need of these services.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets weekly for a time of readings and reflection.

The Dead Wardens' Society is made up of former Rector's wardens, and serves as an ad-hoc team to advise the rector and to take on special projects of the parish.

Deanery Delegates are members elected from the congregation to represent Holy Cross at Diocesan convention and deanery ministries.

DIRT (Disaster, Intervention, & Recovery Team) meets quarterly to explore how we as a parish might be available and prepared to care for the community around us in times of need.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) hosts bake sales to support outreach programs and sponsors a number of annual outreach events, including the twice-yearly collection of the United Thank Offering to support outreach projects throughout the world.

Eucharistic Ministers serve at the altar and assist in the ministration of Communion during corporate worship.

Eucharistic Visitors bring the sacrament to those who are ill or recuperating and can not make it to corporate worship.

The Family Circle meets monthly during the school year for pizza, with activities for children, and an opportunity for adults to share the adventures of parenting.

The Finance Team manages our parish finances, initiates fund raising campaigns, and prepares our annual budget.

The Healing Team is available during every Communion service to offer prayers for healing, and meets monthly to learn and support each other.

The Greeter Ministry Team works to provide a welcoming presence for all Newcomers and members of Holy Cross with Greeters at Sunday services, Get Better Acquainted Dinners for new members, and Newcomer Classes.

In His Hands meets weekly on Monday evening from 7-8pm for reading and discussing books that offer insight and questions that deepen our understandings of our lives and our faith.

The Labyrinth Team welcomes all to share the wonder and mystery of this ancient spiritual practice, and provides a guided walk, followed by fellowship time on the first Sunday of the month.

The Lectors read lessons at corporate worship.

The Liturgical Arts Guild considers how the arts might enhance our corporate worship space and experience.

Liturgy of the Steward meets on the third Saturday of each month to say prayers and care for our parish campus.

The Memorial Garden Team oversees the administration of the columbarium.

The Men's Breakfast meets monthly on 4th @ 8AM Saturday morning for breakfast and conversation.

The Movie On the Labyrinth meets monthly on a Friday or Saturday evening in the summer for a potluck and Disney movie on the Labyrinth.

The Oak Creek Team provides a simple monthly worship service for the residents of Oak Creek hospital.

On Our Own, a group for all who fit this description, meets monthly for dinner and conversation.

OTEG (youth group) for Middle School and Senior High kids meets twice monthly.

The Receptions Team provides receptions for all funerals, major feasts, and celebrations at Holy Cross.

Saint Andrews Concert team hosts an annual Celtic concert and meal to support a Holy Cross outreach ministry.

SAM (Social Action Ministries Team) is a community of Christians who focus energy and passion in caring for the world through various outreach and justice initiatives.

The SAM Friday Movie Night meets monthly at 6:30PM on the 3rd Friday evening of the month during the school year for a potluck and to watch a movie together.

The Saturday Morning Book Group meets monthly to discuss a selected book over coffee, tea, and goodies.

The Shawl Ministry Team meets monthly to pray and knit; our completed shawls are blessed and given away as we become aware of likely recipients.

The Stewardship Team helps us to consider how we are doing with our Time, Talents, Treasure, and Breath, and orchestrates the fall stewardship campaign.

Sunday Offering Counters Team is made up of pairs of non-related members who count the Sunday offering and prepare the deposit for the bank.

TKA (The Kids Academy), staffed by teen counselors and a few adults, is a 6-week program for grade school age children that meets for 2 or 3 times during the school year, to explore the arts and culture, eat snacks, and do homework, with a smattering of fun and games thrown in too!

VBS (Vacation Bible School) is a one-week program in early August that explores God's love through the use of a familiar motion picture theme, filled with music, fun, games, crafts and SNACKS (edible works of art)!

The Vestry is the "board of directors" of Holy Cross, elected by the congregation to serve on a three-year revolving schedule, to represent the needs and concerns of all the teams and ministries at Holy Cross.

Wednesday Morning Scripture Sharing meets in Mark's office to share the journey through scripture.

The Women's Retreat is a yearly weekend event for the women of Holy Cross to grow in faith and love.

The Women's Events with program, Eucharist, and lunch, are held three times a year for ongoing spiritual learning and sharing.

Work Camp is a summer offering for teens and adults to share in a weekend or weeklong outreach project.

The Wrestling Team provides a place of discernment and support for aspirants to Holy Orders to struggle with the questions, and seek God's will.