



EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

October 1, 2026

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.



Thursday, October 1
7:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, October 3
8:30 a.m. Flower Guild training

Sunday, October 4
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 5
6:30 p.m. RDV Monday Night Fellowship

Tuesday, October 6
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
(Please note: staff is unavailable during this time.)

Wednesday, October 7
12:00 Feeding the Spirit Bible Study

See the full calendar [here](#)

Connections

Our services are livestreamed! You can view this week's service, past services, and memorials [HERE](#). The bulletin will be posted by the end of the week [HERE](#).

In the hope that you will have a deeper understanding and closer connection to the Word, we are sharing the lectionary for this Sunday.

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

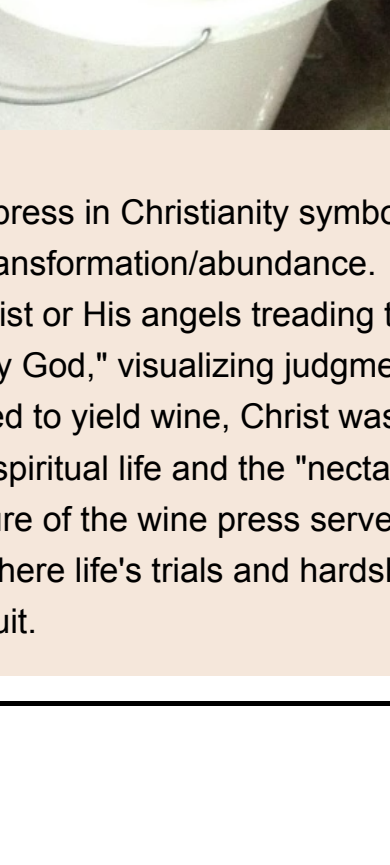
[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

[Psalm 80:7-14](#)

Do you want to hear last week's sermon?
Click [HERE](#).

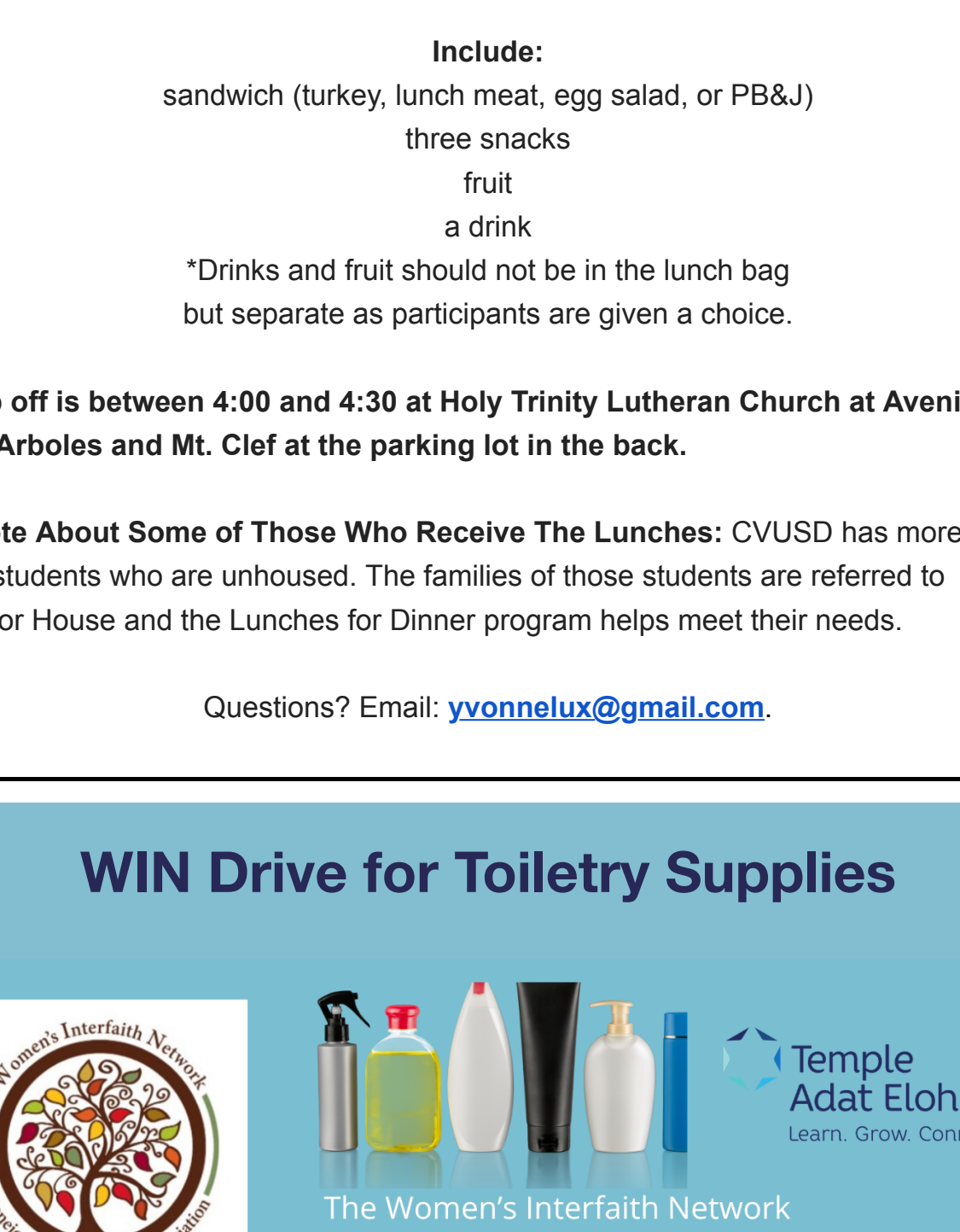
Epiphany's Stewardship Campaign



Plenty Good Room

Welcome to our Plenty Good Room season of stewardship! Over these coming weeks, we'll reflect on God's abundance and our call to make space for all. There is room for everyone at God's table.

This Sunday: The Blessing of the Animals

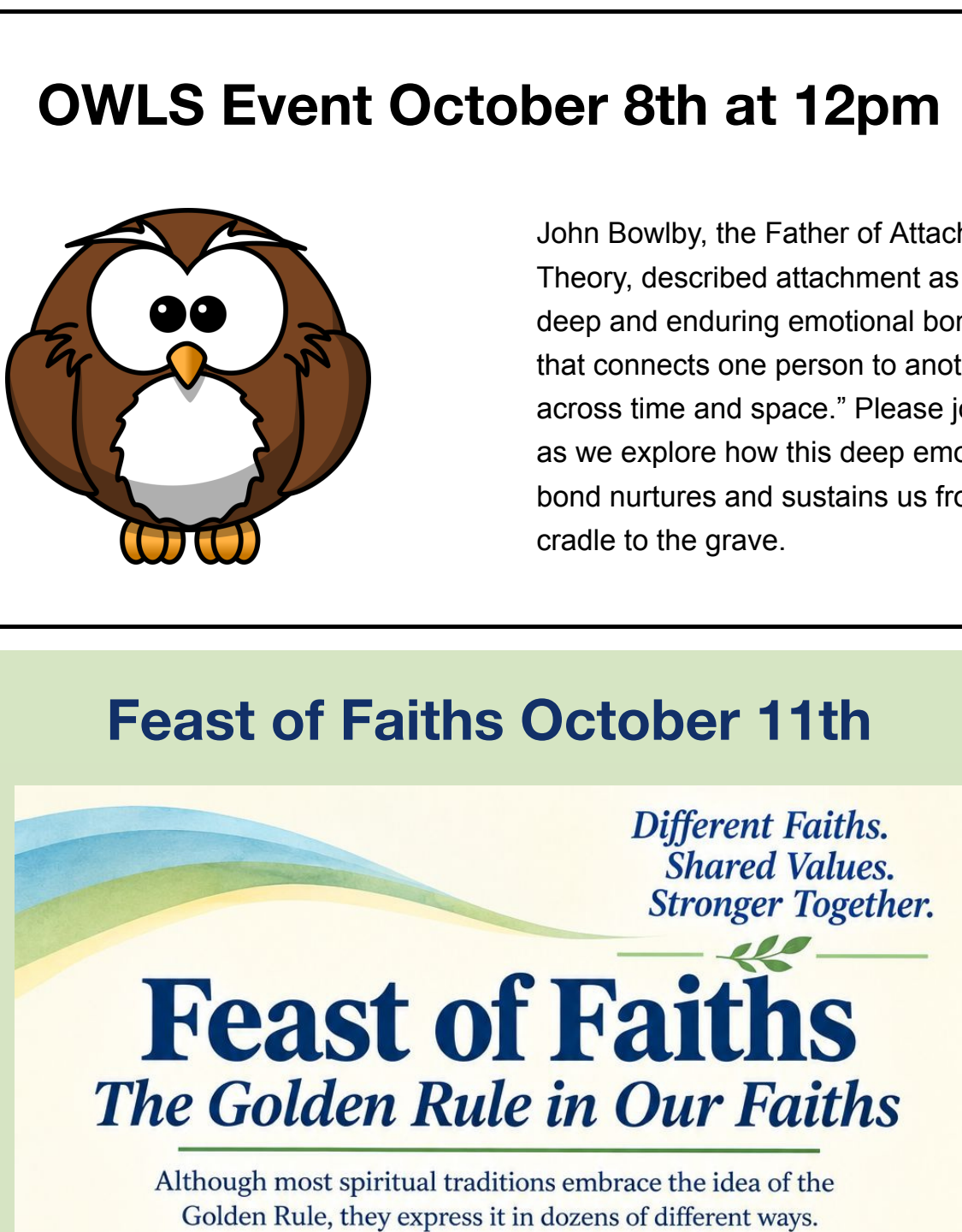


Bring your furry friends for a blessing on October 4th at 4:00 p.m. at our Blessing of the Animals service.

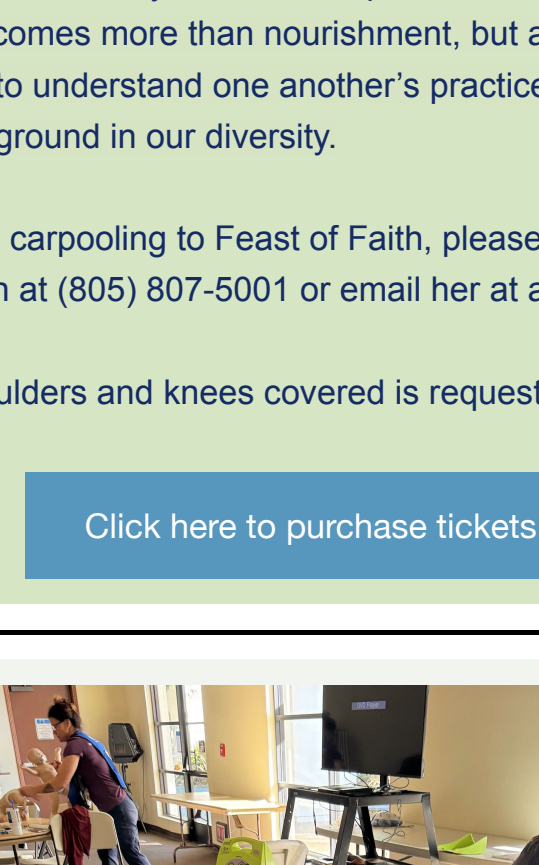
In addition to blessing the pets you have now, we would love to honor the pets you've loved and lost. All are welcome to bring photos of pets who have died to place on our offrenda.

Our service will end outside where we will also be blessing goats and giving thanks for the ways they help protect us from fires.

Join us for RDV Monday Night Fellowship October 5th at 6:30pm



The wine press in Christianity symbolizes divine judgment, Christ's suffering, and spiritual transformation/abundance. Passages like Revelation 14:19-20 and 19:15 depict Christ or His angels treading the "great winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God," visualizing judgment where juice flows like blood. Just as grapes are crushed to yield wine, Christ was crushed for human sins, with His flowing blood providing spiritual life and the "nectar" of the Eucharist. For the individual believer, the pressure of the wine press serves as a metaphor for **sanctification**—the refining process where life's trials and hardships crush raw human nature to produce mature spiritual fruit.



Lunches for Our Neighbors in Need

Wednesday, October 14

Thanks so much to all who are making lunches for the low income families, seniors and homeless served by Harbor House. Our October date is Wednesday, October 14. If you can help this month please sign up to make and deliver 10 lunches.

Harbor House Lunches for Dinner: Lunches for 10 people

- Include:**
- sandwich (turkey, lunch meat, egg salad, or PB&J)
 - three snacks
 - fruit
 - a drink

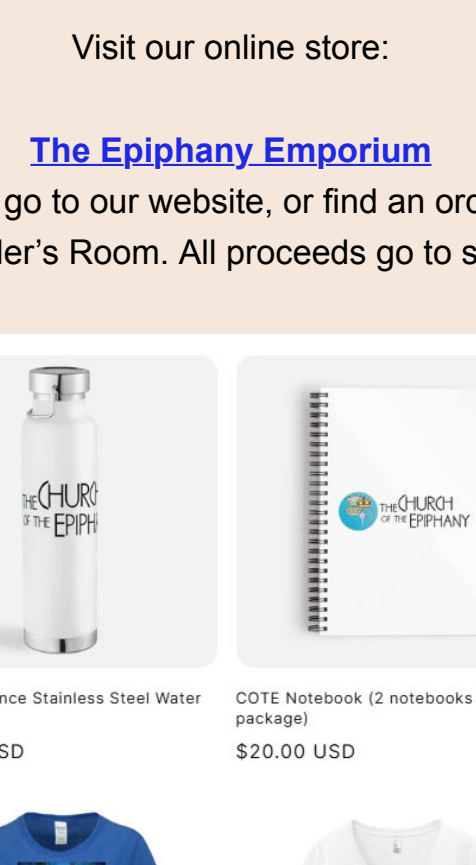
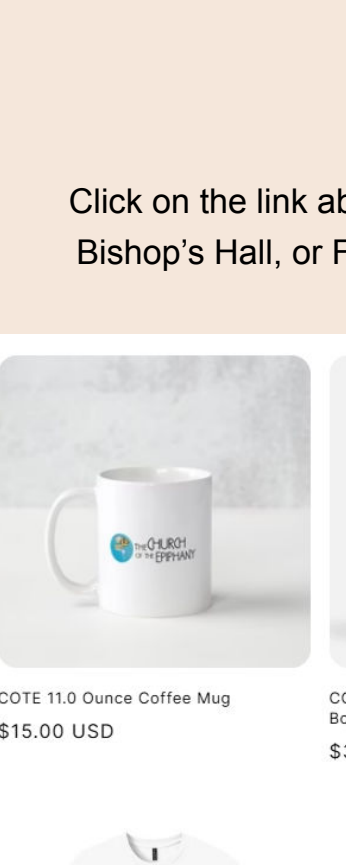
*Drinks and fruit should not be in the lunch bag but separate as participants are given a choice.

Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de Los Arboles and Mt. Clef at the parking lot in the back.

A Note About Some of Those Who Receive The Lunches: CVUSD has more than 500 students who are unhoused. The families of those students are referred to Harbor House and the Lunches for Dinner program helps meet their needs.

Questions? Email: yvonnexl@gmail.com.

WIN Drive for Toiletry Supplies



Temple Adat Elohim
Learn. Grow. Connect.

The Women's Interfaith Network and Temple Adat Elohim are collecting

Toiletry Supplies

for **Interface Children and Family Services**

Interface Children & Family Services provides mental health & trauma treatment, youth crisis & homeless services, domestic violence & child abuse prevention, human trafficking prevention & intervention, and justice services for children and adults in our community.

The Women's Interfaith Network is collecting toiletry items.

- Sign up for the items you would like to donate
- Bring them to the box in the foyer at Temple Adat Elohim by Thursday, October 29, 2026 between 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Stay to help receive and sort the items (sign up required)

Sign up for the items you can donate by going to <https://bit.ly/toiletrydrive2026> or by using the QR code

- Supplies needed:**
(All full size bottles)
- Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Lotion
 - Deodorant
 - Body Wash
 - Hair Brushes
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Amazon, Target or Walmart gift cards



Questions to: socialaction@adateloim.com

Our church will be joining other local churches involved in "WIN" (Women's Interfaith Network) to collect toiletry supplies for "Interface Children & Family Services." It provides many valuable services in our local community (see details on above flyer).

These toiletry items are greatly needed and will make a big difference in the quality of life for the recipients. Great places to purchase toiletries at a good price are: The Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, and Amazon (select link "all deals")...every little bit helps.

To donate, please scan the QR code above or click the button below. This should take you to the "sign up genius." Alternately, you can pick up a paper list of the items needed on the collection bins. Collection bins will be in the Narthex Hall & Bishops Hall from Sunday, September 27 to Sunday, October 25. Please contact Christine with any questions or help with signing up: cboughton@att.net or phone number in directory.

[Click here to sign up to donate](#)

OWLS Event October 8th at 12pm

John Bowlby, the Father of Attachment Theory, described attachment as "a deep and enduring emotional bond that connects one person to another across time and space." Please join us as we explore how this deep emotional bond nurtures and sustains us from the cradle to the grave.

Feast of Faiths October 11th

Different Faiths. Shared Values. Stronger Together.

Feast of Faiths

The Golden Rule in Our Faiths

Although most spiritual traditions embrace the idea of the Golden Rule, they express it in dozens of different ways.

Join us for an opportunity to explore how various faith traditions express the Golden Rule and discover how we identify with these teachings across our diverse spiritual traditions.

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Registration & Networking
3:30 PM

Feast & Program
4:00 – 6:00 PM
Check-in at 3:30 PM

Location
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3501 Loma Vista Rd.
Ventura, CA 93003

Cuisine
Halal cuisine from Hummus Republic

Tickets

General Admission \$35

Student Admission \$20
Under 18 or with valid student ID

Early Bird \$30
Through September 30

Early Bird Student \$15
Under 18 or with valid student ID through September 30

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Checks accepted payable to VICIC.

Mail to:
3482 Barco St.
Camarillo, CA 93010

PLEASE DON'T USE THE LINK TO REGISTER THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN LAST WEEK'S CONNECTIONS. IT DOESN'T WORK AND REVERTS TO A 2014 FEAST OF FAITH PAGE.

Please use the QR code on the flyer above to register or click the updated button below. You can also click this link: <https://www.vvic.info/2026-feast-of-faiths/>

Please don't miss a truly unique event sponsored by (VICIC) Ventura County Interfaith Community Annual Feast of Faiths coming up on Sunday, October 11. Guests from different faith traditions will gather around food at shared tables. The meal will feature Mediterranean cuisine catered by Hummus Republic. All meat served at the event will be halal. The meal becomes more than nourishment, but an invitation to sit together and listen generously to understand one another's practices, values and hopes in order to find common ground in our diversity.

If you are interested in carpooling to Feast of Faith, please contact TCOTE Interfaith Liaison, Aggie Winston at (805) 807-5001 or email her at aggiew53@gmail.com.

Modest attire with shoulders and knees covered is requested.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

AED/CPR Course - October 28, 1-5 p.m.

We are planning to have our second AED/CPR class offered by Safety Unlimited on October 28th from 1 to 5 p.m. The course generally costs approximately \$60.

There is still time to sign up! Please email Celeste Thiel at thiel13@me.com. Please put AED/CPR Course in the subject line.

There will be more classes offered in the future if you're unable to make this date.

DO YOU ENJOY CREATING SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT?

If you like taking photos, videos and/or creating content for posting on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok, we would welcome your help! Please email Celeste at thiel13@me.com to learn more.

IGNITE YOUR FAITH WITH EfM!

Get ready to dive deeper into your faith journey and learn what it is to live as you believe. Our beloved Education for Ministry (EfM) program turns 15 this year!

Alongside our classic 4-year EfM program, we also offer a 1-year program – perfect for anyone curious to explore the rich journey, community, and exploration that EfM entails. Whether you're ready for a deep dive into four years or a gentle one-year introduction, EfM continues to offer a well-rounded curriculum that covers the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, church history, theology, morals, ethics, and theological reflection.

There's a place for you! Come discover the transformative power of EfM with us!

Call or text Elizabeth Bryant at (805) 469-8897.

CONNECTIONS REMINDER

Just a reminder that all submissions for the weekly Connections must be submitted to the Parish Administrator at info@tcote.org in their complete form by **9 a.m. on Tuesday**.

For those people without computers, we have the option of phoning in and listening to our livestream services on Sunday mornings! Please share this with anyone you know that you think would enjoy being able to listen in when they can't come in person. Phone: +1 720-256-2320. Enter the pin number 840327174, then hit #.

Visit our online store:

[The Epiphany Emporium](#)

Click on the link above, go to our website, or find an order form in the narthex, Bishop's Hall, or Founder's Room. All proceeds go to support our ministry(s).

COTE 11.0 Quince Coffee Mug \$15.00 USD

COTE 22 ounce Stainless Steel Water Bottle \$30.00 USD

COTE Notebook (2 notebooks in package) \$20.00 USD

COTE Zippered Tote Bag \$30.00 USD

Men's Short Sleeve 100% Cotton T-Shirt \$30.00 USD

Women's Cotton T-Shirt w/ COTE Cross Logo (Royal Blue) \$30.00 USD

Women's 100% Cotton V-neck Tee \$30.00 USD

Prayers

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Casie, Janine, Hazel, Nancy, Tony, Dave, Blair, and Pam

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List:

Stephanie, Marilyn, Don, Pat, Katie, Anna J, Joyal, Fred, Brian Z, Lori, Bill M, Dania, Brian M, Bill, Casey, John, Mary, Eileen, Daren, George, Marsha, Valerie, Michelle, Clara, Chad, Lori, Steve, Ken, Jennifer, and Deb

The prayer lists are included in the Sunday bulletin.

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request [here](#).

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Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.

Vision

To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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