



Holy Cross Women's Guild

Holy Cross Catholic Church
500 Iris Lane
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Guild Year October 2025 – May 2026

Welcome to a new season of faith, fellowship, and fun sponsored by the Holy Cross Women's Guild (HCWG). We hope that you will review the pamphlet and mark your calendars so that you can participate in any ... or better yet, ALL of our events. You will notice that the new season explodes with the opening event on October 27; a memorial Mass for deceased members of the Guild on November 4; the long-awaited Love the Pearls! Brunch on November 10; the beloved Advent Dinner on December 4; and our celebrated Christmas luncheon on December 8. These are only a few of the season's highlights before we welcome in the new year!

Participation in the HCWG provides the opportunity to connect and communicate with other women of faith, and collaborate to organize and execute events that foster community, elicit joy, and offer the proverbial "food for the soul." We are blessed with the support, guidance, and encouragement of our Pastor Father Tom, our chaplain, Father Serge, and the church staff; as well as the dedicated volunteers who serve on the Board. Last season was so successful that in June we donated a total of \$5,000, shared between our parish, Kidz Closet, St. John of the Cross Food Pantry, and St. Helen Outreach; that is \$5,000 we were able to give back to our community because of the support of our Guild members and the parish. We also donated throughout the year: monthly collections of food for Our Lord's Table, The Source, and Hope for Families; the Easter Basket initiative for Hibiscus Center and Hope for Families; and baby items for CareNet.

Why do our efforts on behalf of others matter? Consider 1 John 3:18-19: "My little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth. In this we know that we are of the truth and in His sight shall persuade our hearts." And James, too, reminds us of faith-inspired action in Chapter 2 of his letter, verses 14-17: "How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? In the same way faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead." The generosity of our parish family and Guild members enables us to make a difference in His Name.

As is our practice, we will continue to post information about all our activities and upcoming events on the Holy Cross website – holycrossverobeach.org, under "Parish Activities" – as well as in the Sunday bulletin. Don't delay! Please complete the Membership Application and Participation and Feedback form, include \$25 for the annual dues (checks should be made out to Holy Cross Women's Guild or HCWG), and return everything to:

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These dues help fund many of the inhouse programs and provide an opportunity for us to support our parish and other nonprofit agencies in the community. You may also bring the materials and dues to our first meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025.

Please join us for the 2025 – 2026 season. Let's pray and then let's play! May God bless you and those whom you love,

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