

# Holy Cross Anglican Chapel



## Mission Statement

We are a faithful community of believers sent forth to spread Jesus' love, words and reality to the world.

## History & Location

The congregation of Holy Cross Chapel began under the direction of Words of Blessing Ministry, a non-profit organization ([www.wordsofblessing.com](http://www.wordsofblessing.com)) and affiliated with the Anglican Communion Network. In early 2004, the ministry began to offer worship services in several temporary locations. Having outgrown our facility, we moved to our current location and had the first service in September, 2004. Our average Sunday attendance is about thirty members. Though we are the chapel of a not-for-profit corporation, allowed by canon III.9.6b(3) of the TEC Canons, our members are also members of the Church of the Transfiguration in Princeton, Illinois in the Diocese of Quincy Illinois, and our priests would be canonically resident in the Diocese of Quincy. We worship in Lake Villa, about 12 miles south of the Illinois/Wisconsin border in the growing northern suburbs of Chicago. ([www.holycross-anglican.org/pdfs\\_docs/sub-page-find-us-temp.pdf](http://www.holycross-anglican.org/pdfs_docs/sub-page-find-us-temp.pdf)).



## Worship

We celebrate the Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., sharing Rite II in the true Anglican tradition. Our observance of the Holy Days follows the liturgical calendar, beginning with Advent. Our Christmas Service is on Christmas Eve with an early-evening Family Eucharist. The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season and our observance continues during our weekly Lenten Program. A Palm Sunday procession and Holy Week services culminate in a joyful celebration at the Easter Vigil. Members actively participate in our worship service as musicians, lay Eucharistic ministers, acolytes and lay readers.



## **Ministries**

Our vision is to continue to grow individually and as a community in our faith journey. We offer and encourage spiritual fellowship in a variety of ways to feed all interests and needs. All of our ministries are led by lay persons. Many opportunities are offered for growth:

- ❖ Annual Workshops, Retreats and Quiet Days (offered by WOB)
- ❖ Healing Ministry
- ❖ Sunday School (Children)
- ❖ High School Youth Group/Sunday School/events
- ❖ Sunday Adult Scripture Gathering
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Adult Word Sharing Groups (evenings and daytime)
- ❖ Women's group
- ❖ Host Society of Mary chapter
- ❖ Men's Group
- ❖ Body Builders (parish events, outreach, anything that builds the "body")
- ❖ Coffee Hour



## **Financial Overview**

We are financially independent through congregational giving, pledges, and plate offerings and donations generated by Words of Blessing Ministries.

## **Where We Are Heading**

As a community we seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ. We desire to grow as a faith community and become a parish. We continue to try to enrich our heritage of care and concern for all, especially for those in need, by being instruments of God's love and healing to the world around us. Nourished by the Eucharist and the Word, our parish strives to emphasize our mission, which is to spread Jesus' love, words, and reality in our congregation, community, and world.