

Church of the Holy Cross

OUR MISSION

At Holy Cross, everyone belongs. We are a warm and inclusive community striving to follow the teachings of Jesus — loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:29–31). This means welcoming people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, abilities, ages, and economic levels — and seeking justice and equity in the community around us. Along the journey, we share joy, sorrow, grace, and laughter.

OUR PARISH

Holy Cross is a small, spirited congregation with a large heart — caring, friendly, welcoming, and deeply committed to social justice. With an average Sunday attendance of 65, we are a Pastoral size church with Program size church ministries and vision. We are in a season of faithful transition, having said a fond farewell to long-serving rector Ian Reed Twiss, and are actively discerning our next chapter under the guidance of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

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WORSHIP & MINISTRIES

Sunday 8:00 AM

A quiet, meditative, sensory-friendly in person worship service.

Sunday 10:00 AM

A lively in-person and Zoom worship with music and prayer from global Episcopal traditions.

Wednesday 7:45 PM

Zoom Compline led by The Rev. Deacon Cleda Smartt.

Active Ministries

Include Faith and Advocacy (social justice, No Kings rallies, gun lock giveaways), Outreach (Hospitality House), Health & Wellness, Prayer Shawl, EMMAUS, and a Memorial Garden & Labyrinth open to the public. Holy Cross is defined by relational warmth, genuine hospitality, and fierce commitment to inclusion. No cliques. Barrier-free. Authentically welcoming. Our music program — led by Music Director Kate Autry — features a vibrant choir, diverse hymnody, and instrumental music widely praised as a centerpiece of worship. We are a progressive Episcopal congregation which seeks to combine the traditions of Anglican worship with an inclusive, community-centered approach to ministry.



The Novi Community

Novi is one of Metro Detroit's most rapidly growing suburban communities. Located in western Oakland County, Novi is characterized by excellent schools, a strong business environment, diverse neighborhoods, and a highly educated population. The city is home to major employers in automotive, technology, healthcare, retail, and professional services. Residents include young families, professionals, retirees, and a growing multicultural population. Novi's blend of economic vitality, cultural diversity, and family-oriented amenities creates opportunities for ministry that includes community engagement, spiritual formation, pastoral care, and outreach to people seeking connection in a busy suburban environment.

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan (EDOMI)

Guided by our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, we are a diocese that values collegiality, creativity, and openness. We offer community organizing training, the College of Congregational Development, and ongoing collegiality and support. We invite you to come and join us as we embody the Gospel both inside and outside our church doors.

How to Apply: Please send your Cover Letter, Resume to The Rev. Canon Susie Shaefer, sshaefer@edomi.org

