



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- Mk 1:7-8

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Official Prayer For The Year of Vocations

God, My Father, You created me with a specific purpose for my life; this is my vocation. By following your plan, I will be happy on earth, earn the reward of heaven, & help others to do the same. Please help me to hear, understand, and follow Your call with my whole heart, especially when it seems most difficult. Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, pray for me to know and accept God's will for my life. Amen.

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

OUR MISSION "We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society."

Stay connected with your parish family!

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox. Visit

www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to see more.



Mass Times

Daily Mass: 7:45am

Saturday: 9:00am

Reconciliation:

Wed. 7:00-8:00pm

Sat. 3:00-3:30pm

Sunday Mass

Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm

Sun.: 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

View Sunday & Daily Mass on online - holycrossdewitt.org

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this week's events.

PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.

**Sunday, January 10th—The Baptism of the Lord**

7:30am William Pavlick/ Miles Bottrill

10:30am Jule Rutchmann/ Family & Mike Fitzpatrick

5:00pm Billy Sheridan/ Family

Monday, January 11th

7:45am Catherine Collins Bona/ Family

9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, January 12th

7:45am Bernard Hanretty/ Michael & Jeanne Donovan

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, January 13th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, January 14th

7:45am Deborah Morgan/ Thomson Family

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, January 15th

7:45am John Stach/ Brenda Casinella

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, January 16th

9:00am Alyce McNamara/ Family

4:00pm Stanley Blanchfield/ Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, January 17th— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Deceased Memers of Cathedral Candle Company

10:30am Treacy & Stephen Phelps-Martans/
Rita & Family

5:00pm Ann Wright/ Leigh Marquis

5:00pm John P. Wagner/ Elaine Lostumbo

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

PS 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Mark 1:7-11

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the end of the Christmas Season. This day is so important because today we hear a definitive proclamation concerning Jesus as John baptized him. As Jesus comes up out of the water, the people see the heavens torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descends upon him. We then hear a voice from heaven proclaim "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Put yourself in the place of an onlooker to this scene. If you had any doubt about the power of baptism, or who this Jesus person might be, you would have no doubt now! The Father has now upheld everything that John the Baptist had been proclaiming! John must have felt a sense of relief! We know that as John was baptizing and saw Jesus approaching him he felt trepidation. He did not feel worthy to untie Jesus' sandal straps, and now he is baptizing him.

The first reading from Isaiah tells of the servant whom is to come. This servant has been Jesus, he has been born into a cold world to bring the warmth of God, the peace of the Kingdom which is here among us but not completely, and to destroy death forever so that we might be made worthy of the Kingdom of God. This Christmas we have not only looked forward to celebrating the birth of the infant, but also to that second coming that will have all people and nations subject to the one true God. Let us rejoice that this Christmas has ensured us that we are worthy of that promised kingdom.

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

Holy Cross Church Calendars are available near all the exits.

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

The collection of December 27 & January 3 will be reported in the next bulletin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

Your support is invaluable.**Thank You**

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give. Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer. Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).**

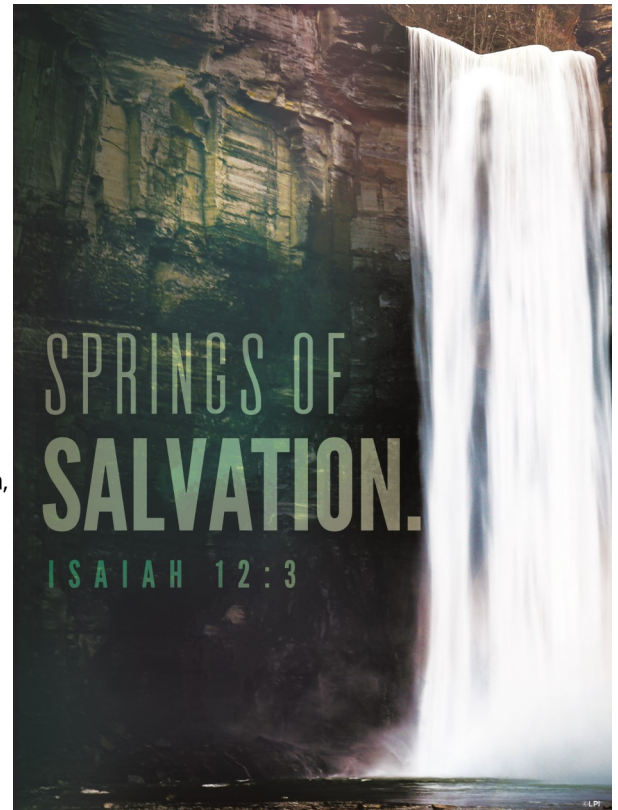
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- MON 1/11** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
- TUE 1/12** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
- WED 1/13** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
- THR 1/14** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- FRI 1/15** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
- SAT 1/16** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Wednesday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

PRAYER REQUESTS



Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Monique Missoff, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, and Rita Smookler.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.

These hours may change so check the website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel
- By Appointment

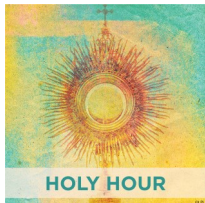
PRE-K ENROLLMENT



Holy Cross School is beginning Pre-k enrollment for the 21-22 school year. The program is five full days & your child must be 4 by December 1st of that year. Please call (315-446-4890) to set up a private socially distanced tour with your child.



*Holy Cross Church
Join us for
Night Prayer
Mondays @ 8PM
Live on Facebook*



Holy Hour
8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Main Church.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED Have you signed in yet? It's easy and quick and opens a world of great spiritual reading, watching and listening to you and your family. Go to www.formed.org and click on Sign Up. Select Sign Up as a Parishioner & select our parish name. Follow the next instructions & you'll be registered. Take the time this week to scan the multitude of offerings for your faith formation. Formed now offers book clubs through Augustine Institute, a Catholic Market for resources and Formed Daily with great messages. Try it now and watch for more updated weekly suggestions in the bulletin.

A Family Perspective:

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, January 10th**
9:00 AM RCIA Session— remote
- Monday, January 11th**
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
- Wednesday, January 13th**
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Saturday, January 16th**
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Sunday, January 17th**
9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

All events are subject to change. Please watch the bulletin and check on-line to make sure the event will take place or may have changed to remote or online. Sign up for the bulletin brief and up-to-date information will be emailed to you. You may do this by visiting the Holy Cross website, then go to "News" & "Subscribe".

Parish Office is Closed

The parish office will remain closed until further notice as a precaution to protect our staff that will work remotely during this time. You may call (315-446-0473) or email info@holycrossdewitt.org. and leave a message.

Holy Cross clergy and staff are following all safety protocols and taking every precaution to continue to provide a safe environment for our parishioners.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are so encouraged by the outpouring of support. Know that your safety and well-being is our top priority. You and your family are always in our prayers and inform our actions and plans to provide a safe and caring environment to our community.

Giving Tree Thank You

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our school. You all helped make our community a little brighter this holiday season. Your dedication to our local schools is truly appreciated.

Merry Christmas,
Sarah Hayes--Moses Dewitt School Social Worker

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross,

Thank you for your generous gifts this Christmas season. The grocery gift cards will help stock the shelves of 15 families during the long vacation from school and school "meals". These are very trying times for everyone and yet somehow the spirit of Holy Cross shines through and has brought goodness and light to others.

Merry Christmas,
Jamesville Elementary School

Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry:

Whether we prepare sandwiches at home or downstairs, thank you for your dedication to our sandwich ministry for Catholic charities homeless shelter! Special thanks to Julie Johnson, for her faithful service to our Tuesday Sandwich ministry. Once a month Julie collects bread and cookies at Friehofer's outlet and brings them to Holy Cross in time for our Tuesday sandwich volunteers.

Thank You

Neighbors Helping Neighbors:

One of our parish members broke her wrist, so she is unable to shove her sidewalk and driveway. Thank you to the generous NHN volunteers who helped to shovel her out during a recent snow storm.

Refugee Assistance Group:

Members of the Refugee Assistance Committee held an annual birthday party (online this year) for the AliKhel family last weekend. Thank you to the generous donors who helped to make this party a success: Joan Willard, Mary Beth Smith, Eileen Rose, Mary Ann & Joe McCaffrey, Trish Lowney and Kira Reed & Girl Scout Troop #60500.

Refugee Closet

Children's clothing donations can be placed in the Faith in Action Closet downstairs. Please donate only freshly laundered clothing, especially coats, snow pants & boots.

Laudato Si Circle Online:

Saturday, January 16th, 5pm

Join fellow parishioners engaged in energetic discussion about God's love for creation. Zoom meetings are scheduled every two weeks. Plans are underway for joyful & inspiring spring activities! To join the group contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

2021 Samaritan Center Dinners

If you are interested in helping with a Sunday meal at the Samaritan Center Soup Kitchen, our 2021 dates are: January 24th, March 21st, April 18th, 2021. There are now 2 options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon or noon to 3pm. Only 5 volunteers are allowed for each shift. Masks & social distancing are required in order to serve the take-out meals. To sign up, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com



Road to Emmaus Ministry: Wednesday Sandwiches

Thank you to our Holy Cross volunteers who visit Emmaus on Wednesday afternoons to prepare sandwiches: Michelle & John Engle, Mark Wildrick have provided steadfast support for this ministry. Check out Road to Emmaus Ministry online: <https://emmausministry.org>

THANK YOU
for your generosity

HOPE Appeal 2020

I have wonderful news to share! Holy Cross has met our 2020 HOPE Appeal Goal of \$101,362.59! Thank you to all who have contributed their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish.



All gifts and pledges our parish now receives will be returned to us. We plan to use these funds to enhance the quality of our programs and ministries at Holy Cross.

If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE Appeal pledge, please bring your completed card to Mass next weekend **and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution. You may also drop it by the office or mail it to the parish office. If you would rather pledge your gift you may do so at syrdio.org.**

Thank you again for your Giving Gifts of Gratitude to our Church.

Holy Cross and Care for God's Creation: Did You Know?

Although you may not realize it, Holy Cross has taken some important steps to care for God's creation in the spirit of Laudato Si, Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on Care for Our Common Home:



- Solar Panels - The solar panels on the roof of our parish office provide clean, renewable, sustainable energy that supplies some of our parish electricity and lowers our electric bills.
- Motion-sensitive LED light fixtures – Our church and parish offices are equipped with energy-efficient LED light fixtures with motion sensors to ensure that the lights are off and energy is not wasted when no one is around.

There is, of course, much more that could be done. What more should you and we be doing as a parish and as individuals? Please take time consider these issues, and please feel free to let us know what you think.

-The Holy Cross Laudato Si Circle

Jamesville Food Pantry

Are you or someone you know in need of food?

If you are living in the 13214 or 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. **The hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-1 & the third Saturday of each month from 9-11.** Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry.



Thank You!

Did You Know?

News From Our Knitting Group

Our Knitting Group has been very busy during 2020. They logged a total of 14,366.5 hours of knitting. This amazing crew gets together regularly to create special items that often serve those in need and hats for newborns in the hospitals. Thank you for your faithful service.

They can't wait to be able to come together to do more in 2021. The group is open to all. Watch the bulletin for the next meeting. They meet on Thursdays at 1pm. Stop by even if you are a beginner and want to learn more.

Spiritual Adoption Program Month Five

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. The baby's mother can feel its movements. Before, it was too small for her to feel. Although the baby swam with ease in its watery world, it needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are midway through the pregnancy now. The baby is about 12 inches in length. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



Spiritual Adoption

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.



World Marriage Day Celebration

The Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **Feb. 14, 2:00pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2021.



If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2021, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia.

EDUCATE - A - KID

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education. Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." - Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,500)

_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
Classes required for 1st child's Baptism
†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Reconciliation ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
Or by appointment

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Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
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Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
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Matt Stano, Maintenance

PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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