



2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” - Jn 1:38a

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God’s service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. 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 IN-
FORMATION ON MASSES,
REGISTRATION OF MASSES
& DEVOTIONS & REGULA-
TIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**



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

Monday, January 18th
 7:45am Gerloma Lembo/ NYS Court Officers
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, January 19th
 7:45am People of Holy Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, January 20th
 7:45am The Imperioli Family/ Mary Beth Smith
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, January 21st
 7:45am Slavejko Aleksovski/ Brenda Casinella
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, January 22nd
 7:45am Johnny Knoblock/ Janice & John Passono
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, January 23rd
 9:00am Joseph Kieffer/ Carol Gibbons & Family
 4:00pm Bridget, Ted & Matt Kelly/ Family
 (Rite of Welcome)

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance
Sunday, January 24th – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am In Honor of Timmy & Cathy Langan/
 Kevin & Karly Mannion (living intention)
 10:30am John Stach/ Brian & Terri Mullett
 5:00pm Deceased Members of the Harkins, Relihan &
 Foraker Families

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

- \$ 9,919.37 collection of Dec. 27
- \$30,364.00 Christmas collection
- \$15,118.25 collection of Jan. 3

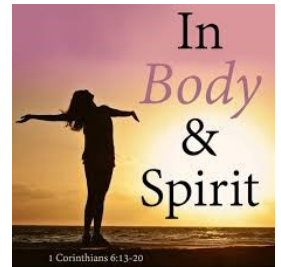
The collection of Jan. 10 will be reported in the next bulletin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

Sunday January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
Psalm 40
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42

We have all heard the saying “protect this house”. For many of us that means to protect what is ours from theft or damage. We take ownership of the things that are ours and protect them at all costs. Do we do the same thing for our bodies? St. Paul says today in his letter to the Corinthians that “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God...” this should remind us that the gift of life is precious, and the life and the body God gave us is sacred.



How do we take care of this life and the body that God gave us? Take a moment and look at your life. Are you taking care of the life that God gives you? Are you nourishing your body physically and spiritually? If we are all temples of the Holy Spirit then that should allow us to see that everything we do, everything we intend, should be in the name of the Lord.

As St. Paul reminds us immorality is something that defies His commandments. This does not mean that as we look back on our life and maybe find some things that we are not proud of, we are lost. Rather, we see what we must do to correct ourselves and make our bodies temples of the Holy Spirit.

As we begin this new year this means new outlooks for many of us. As we now enter the third week of a new year, let us not fall short of any commitments we have made to ourselves. Let’s try our best to keep any of the spiritual or physical commitments we made in this new year. As we are all temples of the Holy Spirit, let us remember that we must protect the life and the body that God gave us and cherish it because it is holy. How can you continue to protect the gifts that God has given you throughout your life?

Fr. Matt Rawson

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. Gene-see Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).**

**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.

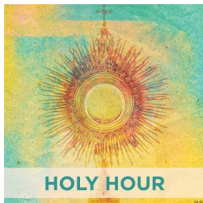
Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



**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 Church.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon 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.

Pray the Rosary Daily



Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers to pray the Rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray.

Please join us!

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Mt 18:19-20

A Family Perspective:

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Study, Wild Goose, Segment 7: The Spirit of Adoption (Fr. Dave Pivonka)

Listen, Stealing Home (Mike Sweeney)

Read, Humanae Vitae

Study, YDisciple: Pro-Life

Listen, There is Life in the Womb (Archbishop Fulton J Sheen)

**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 mid-way 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

**“THE
FUTURE
STARTS
TODAY,
NOT
TOMORROW.”**

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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

Third Tuesday Sandwiches: January 19th

Our regular sandwich making has been disrupted by the pandemic restrictions against gathering. Until we are able to gather again, volunteers can prepare sandwiches at home on Tuesday morning. We will collect the sandwiches after morning Mass and Bill Sovik will deliver them to the Men’s Shelter. If you are willing to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches at home this week, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576. Stop by after daily Mass (8:15am) on Monday to collect items from our current supply of sandwich bags, bread & peanut butter. February 2nd is our next date for Tuesday Sandwiches.

2021 Samaritan Center Dinner: January 24th

Our first Sunday meal of the year at the Samaritan Center Soup Kitchen is next weekend! 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. If you can’t join us this month, our next meals are scheduled for March 21st & April 18th. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Refugee Assistance Update:

This spring marks the fourth year of our friendship & support for the AliKhel family. Thanks to the loving gift of time and energy by Refugee Assistance volunteers and the caring support of our Holy Cross community, all 7 children are healthy & growing in their new home, while Mom & 2 young adults are adapting to life in America. It is especially profound to watch their quick accumulation of language, jobs, driving & education skills. We receive so much appreciation from this loving & energetic family--and we learn about our own culture and expectations when we interact with them! Members of the Refugee Assistance Committee held an annual birthday party (online this year) for the AliKhel family last weekend.



Giving Tree Thank You

To the Holy Cross Community,
The Board of Directors of Mothers and Children in Crisis, Inc. would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Cross for your very generous donations of toys and gifts for our Holiday event for the families in our program. We delivered your donations of new toys, hats & mittens to children from 31 families enrolled in one of the Treatment Courts in Syracuse. It was truly a successful event, and your donations helped to make it so.
MCC has the simple goal: for all mothers to care for their children. For some mothers, this requires drug treatment and a safe environment for children to grow and learn in a nurturing home with their mothers present. Your ongoing support is appreciated!
To find out more: www.mccsyracuse.org

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, January 17th**
9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote
9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall
- Monday, January 18th**
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
- Tuesday, January 19th**
8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - offsite
- Wednesday, January 20th**
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Saturday, January 23rd**
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Sunday, January 24th**
9:00 AM RCIA Session— remote

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.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- **Private Prayer & Devotion and the Holy Hour will take place on January 18th.**
- **Daily Mass will be at 7:45am.**



2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.



Name: _____
Address: _____

January Events For Life

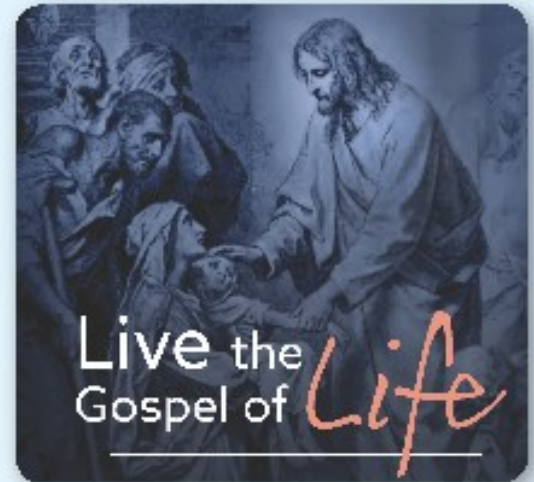
Mass for the Unborn

"Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children"

January 22, 2021 • Noon

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse

Bishop Lucia will celebrate Mass to pray for the legal protection of unborn children. This Day of Prayer is observed annually on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, when abortion was legalized in our country. To attend the Mass, please email familyrespectlife@syrdio.org. Individuals and families are also encouraged to pray, fast, give alms or participate in other events at their own parishes.



Catholic Sun photo by Chuck Wainwright

Mass and Holy Hour for Life

January 23, 2021 • Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse

Bishop Lucia will offer a Mass and Holy Hour for Life. To attend please email familyrespectlife@syrdio.org.

Syracuse March for Life

January 23, 2021 • Noon

The Syracuse March for Life, sponsored by Syracuse Right to Life, will begin at the Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) and end at the MOST. Masks and social distancing will be in place during the march. For those unable to march, the Cathedral will remain open after Mass and Holy Hour for private prayer during the march.



Registration is required to attend all Masses and the Holy Hour. Please email familyrespectlife@syrdio.org to attend.

Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry
Syracuse Catholic Diocese



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.

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 \$ _____

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

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



Reusable China and Tableware – Our parish kitchen now has reusable chinaware and tableware and energy efficient coffee pots. With the help of Jo Oliva & the Altar and Rosary Society, we no longer rely on environmentally harmful single-use Styrofoam cups, paper or plastic plates, and plastic utensils.

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.

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.

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16
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Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
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Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
Maureen McManus, Sacristan
Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
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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