



TESTIFY



“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

JOHN 1:34

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Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/ Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/ Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/ Mk 4:35-41

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
Penance: Wed. 7-8pm
Saturday 3:00pm

Sunday Mass

Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
10:30am
5:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Food Giving Weekend

Feb. 1 & 2

Knights of Columbus

Pizza Sale

Feb. 1 & 2

Pastoral Council Mtg.

Sunday, Feb. 2 - 9am

School Open House

Tuesday, Feb. 4



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 19th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Jo-Ann Haley/ Caryn Scuderi & Chloe, Joseph & Lillian Durkin

10:30AM Henry Brault/ Family

5:00 PM Betty Galletta/ Al & JoAnn Paparo

Monday, January 20th

7:45 AM Jeffery Cox/ Theresa Austin - Walter

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today

Tuesday, January 21st

7:45 AM Frank & Gen Vavonese/ Family

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:45 AM Robert Theis/ Don LaCasse

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 23rd

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 24th

7:45 AM Lucy Crane/ Jean Linkiewicz & Family

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 25th

9:00 AM Carmela Santangelo/ Marie Felice

3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance

4:00 PM Ted, Bridget & Matt Kelly / Family

Sunday, January 26th - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM John & Paolina Villani/ Family

10:30 AM For All The Deceased Teachers Of The Diocese

5:00 PM In Honor of Ross Knight, Jr./ Carla & Family

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020**

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.



"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. *"I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

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Week of January 19th



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Frank Cappelletti

Requested By: Wife and Family

A Family Perspective:

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th to observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.**
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on January 20th.**
- **Daily Mass will be at 7:45am.**



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.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$ 16,274.63 Collection of January 12
(\$ 3,430.25) Deficit

\$53,160.00 Collection of Christmas

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF YOUR PARISH!**

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Formed:

Read: Humanae Vitae

Listen: Defeating Satan’s Deadly Weapon Against Men

Listen: What Every Couple Should Know About Marriage and Prayer. (Venerable Fulton J Sheen)

Listen: The New Conversation: Changing Hearts and minds about abortion

Catholic Media Kiosk

CD: “Right Here, Right Now: Always be Ready to Share Your Faith” by Patrick Madrid

It’s profound to consider what hangs in the balance when we share our faith with others. Patrick Madrid, in his highly engaging manner, speaks from a lifetime of experience to help Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ and his Church whenever the opportunity arises.

Comments: ~“I love Patrick’s approach to apologetics, calm, collected, patient, non-threatening and with love” ~ Carlos V - Brentwood, CA

~”As a parent I was inspired by the example of his own parents!”~ M.S.



Faith Formation Information

Reminder: When J-D is on a weather DELAY or CLOSED, Faith Formation classes are cancelled.

Parents: Sign up for school delay/closing email/text alert. Go to localsyr.com click on email/text alert to sign up.

HC Church Information

If Holy Cross School is closed or has early dismissal because of the weather, all church events that are held on that day are cancelled. We still have Mass but please use your discretion about traveling. Check the HC web site for information.

Bulletin & Scheduling Information

• If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item in to the parish office before the deadline on Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines will change when there is a holiday. Preference is given to Holy Cross events and are approved by Fr. Kurgan. If there is extra room, other announcements will appear. Send your announcements by E-mail to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org. All announcements are subject to editing.

• Anyone who would like to hold an event or activity at Holy Cross should contact Peg at the parish office. Yeazel Hall and classrooms are open to parishioners for meetings & special events. Any others may submit a request. Priority is given to parish events, parishioners & diocesan events. For non-parish groups, proof of insurance may be required. All requests must be approved by Fr. Kurgan & prior to getting placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

Prayers Are Requested For...



Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Linda Cote', Veronica Ellithorpe, Ricco Gauf, Katie

Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, Kristin Woodmansee and Genevieve Zappala.

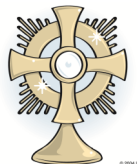
If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

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

We begin the hour in church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions on Wednesday Evenings

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 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 Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm in the church
- Every Saturday in December at 3:00pm in the church.

Attention: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers -

Your new schedule has been sent out. If you did not receive your schedule or have any changes in your email, contact Peg at the parish office via phone or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org.



2019 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 basket or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: _____
Address: _____



WE ARE SO THANKFUL!

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020!



Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

January 26-31

Next weekend's bulletin, will have an insert containing the events at Holy Cross School for Catholic Schools Week.

The week will begin with a liturgy on Sunday, January 26 at 10:30am. All are welcome!

Holy Cross School Basketball News

Holy Cross School welcomes parishioners to join us at our home basketball games held in the Holy Cross School gym.

Boys A team will play St. Mary's at 12:30pm in the Holy Cross Gym on Sunday, January 19. Holy Cross Cheerleaders will be cheering on the team. The game is free to attend. Concession stand is available.



OPEN HOUSE

YOU'RE INVITED!

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE

TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY
4TH

5:30- 7:00 P.M.

4200 EAST GENESEE STREET
DEWITT, NY 13214
HCSCHOOLDEWITT.ORG
(315) 446-4890



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 19th

8:00 AM - Noon Pancake Breakfast - Yeazel Hall
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

Monday, January 20st

Office Closed / No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, January 21st

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation
8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9
12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation / Angel Blankets - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, January 22nd

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11
7:00 PM NA & Narnon Meeting - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Penance - Church

Thursday, January 23rd

7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle
7:00 PM HC Men's Group - room 9

Saturday, January 25th

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, January 26th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Pancake Breakfast

Stop By Sunday Yeazel Hall

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Pancake Breakfast that will be held on **Sunday, January 19** from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon. Breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausages, coffee, juice, milk. Cost is: \$7 adults, \$4 kids; under 6 free. Breakfast will benefit the youth programs at Holy Cross.



Coffee and Conversation - Angel Blankets

Calling All Who Sew

There is always a need at our local hospitals for Angel Blankets. You are invited to join us on **Tues., Jan. 21st - 12:00pm** in Yeazel Hall to help make Angel Blankets. Come to find out more about how these blankets are made & how important this ministry is. You only need to have the ability to sew a simple stitch. Bring your bagged lunch & we will provide the dessert and refreshments.



AT THE MOVIES!



Monthly Movie - "Daddy Long Legs"

Tuesday, January 28at 1:00pm

Be sure to come on Tuesday for our next Monthly Movie. We will be showing *Daddy Long Legs* (1955). This is a Hollywood musical comedy film set in France, New York City, and the fictional college town of Walston, Massachusetts. the film was directed by Jean Negulesco, and stars Fred Astaire, Leslie Caron, Terry Moore, Fred Clark, and Thelma Ritter, with music and lyrics by Johnny Mercer.

All are welcome and it is free to attend. We will provide the popcorn

HOLY CROSS 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

Third Tuesday Sandwiches: Jan. 21st, 8:15am

You are invited to join us downstairs after daily Mass on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. This Tuesday we will make over 100 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's Homeless Shelter. Coffee, donuts & prayer are included. No sign up is necessary-just drop by when you are available.

Samaritan Center Dinner:

Jan. 26th, 11am-12:30 or 12:30-3pm

This Sunday afternoon Holy Cross volunteers will help serve a hot meal to anyone in need at our local soup kitchen. The Samaritan Center is located at 215 N. State St, a former Cathedral that was transformed into beautiful kitchen & dining space. Families with children under 12 years old are invited to help to prepare the meal from 11am to 12:30pm. Individuals and families with older children are welcome to serve & clean up afterward, from 12:30-3pm.

If you can't be there this Sunday, the next dates for this volunteer opportunity will be February 16th & April 26th. To volunteer for this Sunday or another date, contact Rick Coughlin: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast Thank you!

Last weekend a group of parish volunteers prepared a hot pancake breakfast for the homeless men waking up on Sunday morning at Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. Thank you Ron & Jo Rabideau, Peter Andrews, Bob Maroney, Joe Headd, Patti Kirshner, Ron & Diane DeLuca, Roger Schafer and Carolyn Smith. Thank you to Carolyn Smith and Gayle Resetarits, Patti Kishner & Bob Maroney for donating food for the meal. It was almost 8am when we packed up to go. In a grace-filled moment; before we left we joined together to say a prayer for the men- which prompted many thanks and "God bless yous" as we departed. If you want to join us next time, mark your calendar for March 29th!



NHN is a ministry that cares for people through small works of service.

Do you have a prayer request or a short-term need for help with a chore that is difficult for you, but might be not be difficult for someone else? Contact Beth.

Would you be willing to provide a ride, a meal, or a one-time chore for a neighbor who needs help? Sign up online: helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org



Holy Cross' Youth Group to take 50 attendees to the March for Life in DC

We'd like to ask our parish to pray for the young people of our parish as they leave early this Thursday for the March for Life in Washington DC. This year's group is the largest our parish has ever taken, as well as one of the largest in our Diocese. Our group of 50 teens & chaperones will be attending a Youth Rally in Virginia, Mass at the National Basilica with our Bishop, & participating in the March for Life in the Capital. Additionally, we will have time to tour some of the monuments & spend time in the Smithsonian. Please pray for a safe travel, a really fun trip, & for our youth to be a profound & efficacious witness of God's love for all mankind - no matter how small! You can watch the March on EWTN Jan. 24.

January 22nd is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called **9 Days for Life**. Visit: 9daysforlife.com to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 21st through the 29th.

Day of Hope and Healing

God has a unique and beautiful plan of healing for all who have suffered from a past abortion. Our dedicated team will assist you and offer you a safe place to begin the healing process at our **Day of Hope and Healing on Saturday, February 1st**. Call or email to register confidentially: 1-855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syrdio.org

Movie: "Unplanned"

Immaculate Conception is scheduled to run this movie in Dwyer Hall on **Wed., January 22nd** at 6:30 pm. "Unplanned" is a powerful presentation of abortion trauma, loss & awakening; the story of former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson's journey from death to life. This movie attempts to show the reality of abortion, the mission of Planned Parenthood, & the true violation of human rights that abortion is. This movie is not for children. Mature audiences recommended.

Ladies! You're Invited to A Blessed Brunch

Will be held on Sat., February 1 at 10am. Bring a friend or two with you! Please RSVP via the website for our hostess's address: www.blessedisshenet/blessed-brunch-details. Look for the "Chittenango, NY" brunch.

From the Red Cross

Thank you to Holy Cross Church for partnering with the Red Cross for the blood drive at Holy Cross Church on 12/27/2019. The event was a tremendous success and has made a positive impact on our community and mission. Below are the results from the drive:

- Goal 25 units
- 27 donor appointments
- 30 donors registered (26 whole blood and 4 power red)
- 3 deferrals and 3 qns/ incomplete draws
- 28 total units collected (112% to goal!)
- There were 10 first time donors! WOOHOO!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF January 25th & 26th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS –B</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Mary Kay Moore	H1 Gayle Resetarits	CH1 M.B. Domachowske	Cecila Lombardi	Dennis Cole
		H3 John Passonno	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 Susan Klenk		Volunteer Needed	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ed Michalenko	H1 Ronald Naumann	C1 Charlene Hughes	Lindsay Parker	Ed Coolican
		H3 Mary Malay	C2 Kathleen Bullion	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Teresa Koulouris		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	HC School Students	H1 Cookie Dunham	CH1 Rani Ristau	Jack Wysocki	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Sue Given	CH2 Deacon	Max Wysocki	Don Brown
		H4 George Given			Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Emma Deehan	H1 Kelly Griffith	C1 Volunteer Needed	Declan Reed	
		H3 Stephanie Heath	C2 Volunteer Needed	Rayna Reed	
		H4 Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: Friday 9:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul

- Daily Mass - M ~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)

- Daily Mass: Mon. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

- Daily Mass: Wed. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

Blessed Sacrament

- Daily Mass: Chapel M - F 8:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm (vigil) Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 4:45pm

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

Penance ~ Wednesday, 7-8PM Saturday, 3:00PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
- 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. 13
- 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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- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
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