



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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Welcome to Holy Cross Church!

We'd love to have you join our parish. We have a multitude of opportunities for service, education, and ministry, and invite you to join us in ministering, serving and celebrating the opportunities that God has given us to be community. If you are new to Christianity or Catholicism and want to learn more, check out our RCIA program. Parish registration packets can be found in the Gathering Area near the bulletins. Introduce yourself to one of the priests or call the parish office (315) 446-0473 for more information.

NYS MASK MANDATE IN EFFECT -New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places effective December 13 to January 15. It is being done as a safety precaution and out of the utmost concern for one's neighbor. Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate. Please wear a mask completely covering your nose and mouth when inside the building.

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.



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

Watch Masses online at holycrossdewitt.org

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 5 of the bulletin for information on this week's events.

Check holycrossdewitt.org for the latest information on Masses, events, & changes in safety protocols. For information call the office at 315-446-0473.

**Sun., January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30am Anne Fialkovic/ Janice Passonno
 10:30am Jennie Sala/ Jay & Ellen Pristash
 5:00pm Dorothy Marlatt/ Priests, Deacon & Staff of HC
Monday, January 3rd

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross &
 Len Smith/ Friends & Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, January 4th

7:45am James & Gretchen Hughes/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, January 5th

7:45am Bill Sovik/ Leonard Smith
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, January 6th

7:45am Maria Arnesano Musto/ Flayia Musto
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, January 7th

7:45am Mass League & Patricia Tobin/ Rita C.
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, January 8th

9:00am For those who have difficulty saying they're
 sorry. May that barrier to unity be broken. / Joyce
 Kotch
 4:00am Stanley Blanchfield/ Family
Sun., Jan. 9th - Baptism of the Lord
 7:30am Sarah & Victor Villani/ Anthony &
 Gisella Martelliti
 10:30am Aungier & McManus Families/ Karen & Erin
 5:00pm Roxanne McAloon Compoli/ Elaine Lostumbo

Sunday, January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Today, the church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. The Catholic Church considers the visit from the Magi, who were foreign astronomers or philosophers to be an important time because of the revelation of Jesus' presence in the world to people who were not members of the Israelite nation. This is very significant because it takes the incarnation of God on earth to the whole world and makes salvation available to anyone who recognizes the holiness of the Lord.

The readings are charged with emotion as we hear from Isaiah that the darkness of sin and guilt are to be overcome by the light that comes from God's presence on the earth in the form of a little child. We also hear that the Magi are bringing Frankincense and Myrrh as gifts to the child. It is significant that these are spices and oils used in the burial process. Thus, the cross is not far from Jesus, even in his nativity. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he makes the connection between the salvation of the Jews and that of gentiles, calling us coheirs and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus. In this way the salvation of the Jews becomes the salvation of the whole world through the generosity of God. In the gospel we see the role that Herod plays as the embodiment of evil and someone who would try to hold back the grace of God that the world so desperately seeks.

Let us take courage from the presence of God in our world and in our lives. As we end the Christmas season and begin a new calendar year, we are able to join the rest of the world in hope and anticipation of the Lord's gracious plan for our salvation. Let us turn toward the light of Christ and dispel the darkness of doubt.

Peace,
 Deacon Dare

Week of January 2

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Len Smith

Requested By: Family & Friends

**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

Collection of Dec. 26th and the Christmas Collection will be reported in an upcoming bulletin

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

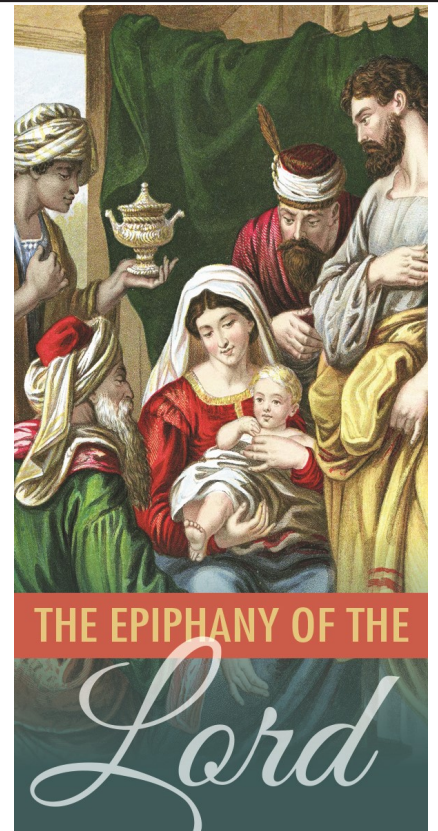
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 2, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Prayer REQUESTS

Andy Agrasto, Meg Barone, Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Oliver Brown, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Sharon Kieffer, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Rev. Georg Stockert, John Toole, Teresa Vita, and Jon Zubieta.

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 include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

Private Prayer Hours

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

Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church or outside to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!



MASS LEAGUE

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Joseph & Elaine Scuderi & Family (Living Intention)
By Caryn, Chloe, Joseph & Lillian

First Friday Mass League

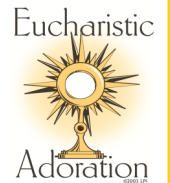
What is the Mass League? Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Donation is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

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

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

Confession Wednesday Evenings – Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation is 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 Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Now Available

Holy Cross Church Calendars are available near all the exits. Please take one per family so there will be enough for all to enjoy.

HOPE Appeal 2021
“You Are The Salt Of The Earth”

I have wonderful news to share! Holy Cross has met our HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06!

Thank you to all who have contributed their support of the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York and the Southern Tier and at Holy Cross.



All gifts and pledges our parish now receives will be returned to us. We plan to use these funds to improve our Parish Ministries.

If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE Appeal pledge and would like to make an end of the year gift, please bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also make your gift to our parish campaign online at syrdio.org.

Thank you abundantly.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Attention Lectors

Your 2022 Workbook for Lectors is available. Please stop by the office to pick up your copy.



From Our Pastor

Dear Holy Cross Family,

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for all you do for our parish! During these difficult times, your faithful support is of great assurance to our staff & myself! Thank you for your continued weekly offerings through envelopes & online giving. Also, thank you to those who have given cards & goodies to the priests and staff! We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.



The Giving Tree was a tremendous success again this year. Thank you Cathy Relihan, Mary Beth Smith and their helpers who made it all happen. I also would like to thank those who helped decorate our church for Advent and Christmas, especially Julie Sheridan, Brette Cooper, and Matt Stano.

Without all of you, we would be limited in what we can do. May the peace of the Christ Child be with you and your family this Christmas Season!

Blessings,
 Fr. John Kurgan

Formed

Watch: The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C): Opening the Word

Watch: Formed Now: The Magi

Watch: The Gift with Dr. Tim Gray

Listen: The Face of God by St. Teresa of Kolkata

Watch: East Coast Shrines: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (NYC and Baltimore) and St. John Neumann (Feasts 1/4 and 1/5)

Watch: God's Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal (Feast 1/6)

Change in the Mass Request Policy

Due to the high volume of Masses being requested, we are limiting the number of Masses requested by a person for the same intention to two during a six month period. Any 2023 intentions will be scheduled after Sept. 1, 2022.

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm). You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

To get reminders for Mass, scripture readings, and daily reflections from our clergy, sign up for **The Daily Bread newsletter** — nourishment for each day's journey.

To sign up, visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe

Faith In Action Opportunities

Food Donation Weekend January 8 & 9

Thank you for your generous participation in this ministry! We are able to help so many in need.

Our next collection suggestions include:



- Kiddo Cereals Peanut butter & Jelly
- Pasta: dry, canned, unique
- Pasta sauce simple flavors
- Canned fruit & veggies Mac & Cheese
- Feminine products Shampoo
- Body wash & soap Cleaning Products

Next weekend, we are in need of volunteers:

- before Mass to cart the food to Yeazel Hall
- after 4pm Mass & 7:30am Mass to process the donations per the receiving pantries request
- at 9:15 - 9:45 Sunday morning to load the donations for transport
- Monday morning 9am to finish

Thank you so very much!

Sandwich Ministry

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, 1/4 and Tuesday, 1/18 at 8:15 AM**. Please join us in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass to prepare our usual variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities homeless shelter.



New volunteers are always welcome.

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!

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross,
Jamesville Elementary School is so grateful for your generosity this holiday season. The gift cards you provided helped to make Christmas a little brighter for 38 children in our school community.



Merry Christmas to you and your families!
Sincerely,
Sue Kimber

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 2nd

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

Monday, January 3rd

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, January 4th

6:45 AM Faith Formation (HS) - Yeazel Hall

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, January 5th

6:45 AM Faith Formation (MS) - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, January 6th

7:45 AM Faith Formation (ES) - Yeazel Hall

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM Event Banquet

Saturday, January 8th - Food Giving Weekend

10:00 AM Synodal Listening Session - Yeazel Hall

3:00 to 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, January 9th - Food Giving Weekend

8:15 AM RCIA—Yeazel Hall

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12 & 13

4:30 PM Confirmation Group Session

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, January 6th -1PM downstairs - Room 12 & 13**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share. If you have questions call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328.



Sunday Morning Adult Ministry



We are a group of parishioners who are interested in learning more about our faith. **We meet on Sunday downstairs in rooms 12 & 13 at 9:15am**. We are starting a book called The Story Of A Soul, the autobiography of St. Terese of Liseux. Please join us.

Going Away for the Winter?

If you are planning on going away this winter, please complete the form below & return it to the office so we can stop mailing your envelopes while you are out of the area. Even if your mail is forwarded, your envelopes come back to us & cost us extra in postage. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date you will be leaving _____ Date returning _____

World Marriage Day Celebration

The Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **Feb. 13, 2:00pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass. He will honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2022. A special blessing will be offered for all couples in attendance.

If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2022, please contact your parish office to register. **All married couples and their families are invited to attend!**

March for Life - January 20-21, 2022

The Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry will be sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to Washington, DC for adults and families! This trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals and a diocesan scarf. Watch future bulletins for more information

Safe Environment

Training sessions continue to be in-person. Initial Safe Environment training and recertification training will be offered throughout the Diocese of Syracuse. Find the complete schedule of available training sessions & registration links on the Diocesan Safe Environment webpage: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment>. Registration is required—Walk-ins will no longer be permitted. Any questions - contact Julie Sheridan (315) 446-0473

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Upcoming Listening Sessions



The list of Listening Sessions which have been scheduled in our area are below. We invite and encourage you to attend and speak freely, boldly and courageously to our Bishop. Since we are still under COVID protocols, for the protection of all, please wear a mask.

Wed., January 5 - 6:30-8:30pm - All Saints Church, Syracuse
Wed., January 26 - 6:30-8:30pm - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Baldwinsville

Bulletin Information

- If you would like to include an item for the bulletin, please submit the article 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: Josh@holycrossdewitt.org. All announcements are subject to editing.

Scheduling Information

- 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 inclusion on the Holy Cross calendar.

Thank You

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

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 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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