



Congratulations Rita White, our 2020 Immaculata Award recipient! Fr. Kurgan bestowed the award on Rita while her family looked on during the Vigil Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent. On a day where we rejoice in the joy of the Lord, we are overjoyed by the faithful presence of Rita to our parish community. Thank you Rita for your many years of selfless love, sacrifice, and service to Holy Cross!

**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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



**Mass Times**

- Daily Mass:** 7:45am
- Saturday:** 9:00am
- Reconciliation:**
  - Wed. 5-6pm & 7-8pm
  - 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Epiphany Of The Lord**

7:30am Mary Mudura/ Joanne Hagan  
 10:30am Mitchell Lubel/ Wife & Family  
 5:00pm M/M C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Nora C. Depperman/ Tim Erwin  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am People of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Joe Boland/ Davidson Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion  
 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Emily Carver/ Susan Thomson  
 9:30am (School Mass) Faculty & Students of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am William & Eleanor Moloney / Schafran Family  
 (71st Anniversary)  
 4:00pm Marleah & Joe Farnett/ Claude & Mary Anne  
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sun., January 10<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord**

7:30am William Pavlick/ Miles Bottrill  
 10:30am Jule Rutchmann/ Family & Mike Fitzpatrick  
 5:00pm Billy Sheridan/ Family

**Sunday January 3, 2021****Isaiah 60:1-6****Psalm 72****Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6****Matthew 2:1-12**

Today in the Gospel we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. Their arrival is the fulfillment of today's first reading. The prophet Isaiah says "rise up in splendor Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Last week we celebrated the coming of the light into the world and now that light is brought to all people. It is up to us to bring that light to all people. It's quite simple: if you light a candle in a darkened room, you will see the light from a few feet away, but if multiple people light a candle then the light is much brighter. The same goes for our faith: if we are all strong in our faith and let the light of Christ shine in our hearts, then we will radiate the light in the same way. We are called to be the light of the world, meaning that even in the midst of darkness we allow ourselves to be filled with the light of God's goodness.



How can you be a light for those in darkness today? I invite you to take some time and pray in a special way for those you know are struggling right now. I also invite you to pray for the Church, not just the Church of Holy Cross, but also the Church universal. Often, we forget that our Church is much bigger than the Church of Holy Cross or the Church of the Diocese of Syracuse. That is the beauty of our faith, that at any given moment, we are united with Catholics all over the world who are praying for various things whether it is for the betterment of souls, or for the Church universal. We ask the Lord for His intercession this week and to teach us how to love each other, fill the world with our light through prayer, and be that Light for those in darkness.

Fr Matt Rawson

**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**

\$14,698.37 collection of December 20

\$ 661.00 Cathedraticum collection

The December 27 collection will be reported next week

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

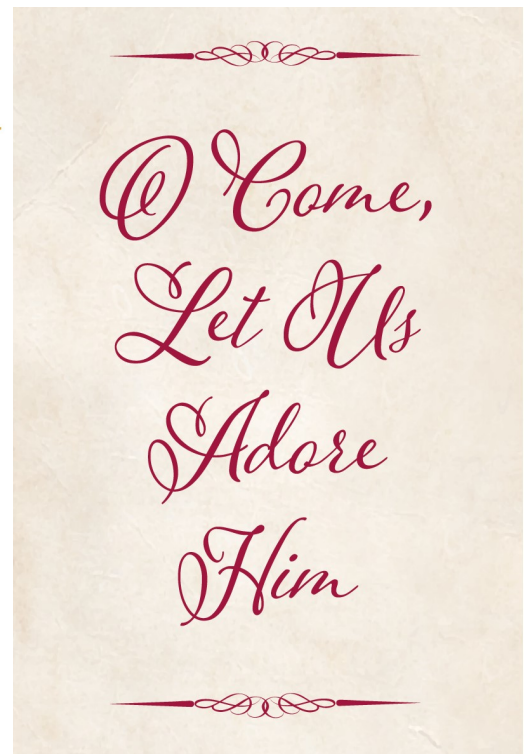
**Your support is invaluable.****Thank You**

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](http://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 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** 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
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- 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



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



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](mailto: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

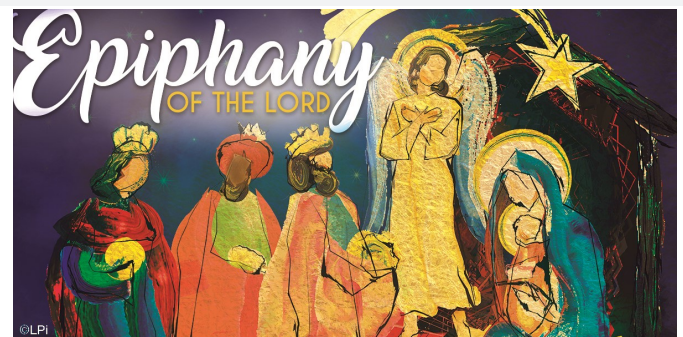
Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please notify the parish office of which hospital and their room number. At this time our priests are not allowed to visit the hospital but would like to be informed. There are chaplains at each hospital that can visit in their place. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. Thank you.



### 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.

I also would like to thank those who helped decorate our church for Advent and Christmas, especially Julie Sheridan, Brette Cooper, Matt Stano & Fr. Matt. Thank you as well to those who have helped assemble and deliver our Faith Formation boxes to families enrolled in our Faith Formation Program.

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



### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

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".**

### 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.

### 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.



### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

**FORMED** - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Listen:** Unlocking the Book of Revelation - Dr. Michael Barber

**Listen:** Hearing God's Voice through Scripture - Dr. Tim Gray

**Watch, Ready Reasons:** Is Mary the Mother of God?

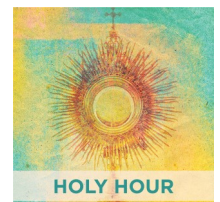
**Study, YDisciple:** Living the Creed, Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching

**Children:** Watch, Cat Chat: Season 1, Episode 4: Building the Kingdom



### 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.



### 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](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

#### First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry:

The variety of sandwiches prepared by our first Tuesday ministry are a big hit at the Men's homeless shelter, but the recent surge in Covid-19 cases has had an impact on our ability to gather together to prepare the sandwiches. If you would like to prepare 25- 50 sandwiches at home, we can supply you with some of the items you will need such as bread & sandwich bags. For more information, please contact Beth (315)416-4576.



#### Refugee Assistance Group:

Members of the Refugee Assistance Committee will participate in an annual birthday party (online this year) for the AliKhel family, midday on January 2nd. If you would like to join the event, please contact Beth for more information (information above)

Children's winter clothing is in demand as the weather turns colder. 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: Saturdays at 5pm

This winter may be the right time for you to join this online group! 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](mailto: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 will be: 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](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

#### Road to Emmaus Ministry Update from Sheila Austin:

While there is much to be grateful for, our guests need your continued prayers. Many experienced loss during the year, some related to COVID, and others from the regular health issues in addition to the economic decline in their lives.

We continue with takeout service at the door consisting of two meals per person. We served over 30,000 meals since January with a quadrupling of meals since April 2020. We distribute monthly grocery bags and activity packs for the kids twice a month. Recently, a new Hope Mobile Meal Ministry will serve a hot meal to families who don't have transportation. Thank you to our Holy Cross volunteers who visit Emmaus on Wednesday afternoons to prepare sandwiches! Check out Road to Emmaus Ministry online: <https://emmausministry.org>



### 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](http://syrdio.org).**

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

### Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.



We would like to thank everyone who donated food or money over the past few months. It was so appreciated by the Jamesville Food Pantry.

### Giving Tree 2020 -

#### Thank You From Beth Schafer

Thank you to all of our kind and generous parishioners who donated gift cards for groceries and gifts for families in need! Despite the pandemic, we supported 8 organizations with over 300 gift cards and gifts, including purchases from our Amazon wish list. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide a gift or a gift card for each child and a grocery card for families on Christmas Day. Your generosity was echoed in the loving service of our volunteers who gave of their time to make the Giving Tree a success this year. Thank you to everyone who participated in spreading the joy of the Christmas Season!

Our Giving Tree volunteers adapted to the changing covid restrictions with understanding and grace: Mary Beth Smith, Cathy Relihan, Cindi Gamage, Carla Semmel, Katie Deehan & Kim Schellinger helped to make our giving tree program as smooth and uplifting as ever. Ladies, thank you so much for your time and enthusiasm!

Holy Cross School parents and children supported the giving tree in many ways:

- The Caring Crusaders, a service group of Holy Cross school 6th students led by Marianne Fricke, provided gift cards, hand sanitizer and gloves for a Jamesville Food Pantry family.
- Third grade students in Mrs. DiMento's class picked tags from the giving tree & purchased gifts for children their age.
- Classrooms throughout the school collected kitchen cleaning supplies for families who rely on the food pantry for support. Thank you to Principal Bob McCrone and Holy Cross School parents and children for their donations to the food pantry and their participation in the giving tree program!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

The Bishop Grimes community wishes you many Blessings for happiness, peace, and good health in 2021!



VISIT US AT WWW.BISHOPGRIMES.ORG OR DOWNLOAD THE BG APP. NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CONTACT THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION! 315-314-7157 OR SCOLLINS@SYRDIocese.ORG

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*



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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**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. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
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- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- 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](mailto: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

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- Robert McCrone, School Principal
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