



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 INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 31st – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Robert J. Meier/ Beverly & Gary Trust

10:30am Holy Cross School Families & Faculty

5:00pm Thomas Ward/ Rita & Peter Bergamo

Monday, February 1st

7:45am Frank Wallace / Mary Lee & Tom Muench

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

Tuesday, February 2nd

7:45am William F. Lynn/ Jane Vantine

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

Wednesday, February 3rd

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, February 4th7:45am John Passonno / Claude & Mary Anne Pilon
(living intention)

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

Friday, February 5th

7:45am Mass League

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

Saturday, February 6th

9:00am Naranjo Family (living intention)

4:00pm Sean Samolis/ Jim & Terry Dooher

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, February 7th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time7:30am Family of Terry Mannion / Kevin & Karly
Mannion (living intention)10:30am Deceased Members of Harkins, Relihan &
Foraker Families/ Family

5:00pm M/M C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

Sunday January 31, 2021**Deuteronomy 18:15-20****Psalm 95****1 Corinthians 7:32-35****Mark 1:21-28**

As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are called to focus on the healing that God does for us in our lives. In today's Gospel we see Jesus casting out a demon and teaching with authority in the temple. The scribes and the people present were amazed at how someone could command and teach with such authority. Our gospel acclamation reminds us today that the people in darkness have seen a great light.

Even in our first reading from the book of Deuteronomy we see Moses speak of "one who will be raised up from your own kin and speak my words into him..." Even in the Old Testament the life and ministry of Jesus is foretold and revered. How often are we like the scribes and those who do not see the workings of Christ in our lives?

This is not to say that we completely shut out God in our lives, but simply fail to see how He works within them and heals us as he heals the man in the temple today in the Gospel.

We all have our darkness in our lives and need healing. Let us take some time this week and ask God to help us see that darkness and ask him to help us heal. Let's face it: the darkness in our lives can at times consume us and take our focus away from God. This is where sin and temptation come in and we must remain close to God. How can you remain close to God today in your life? In this ordinary time of our liturgical year, let us continue to find God in the everyday mundane times of our lives. Take some time this week and let God bring you His healing whether it is through meditating on Sacred Scripture, receiving the Eucharist, or simply coming to Mass this weekend or during the week.

Fr Matt Rawson



THANK YOU
for your generosity

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**

\$ 15,680.00 Jan. 10 collection

\$ 16,748.00 Jan. 17 collection

**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).**

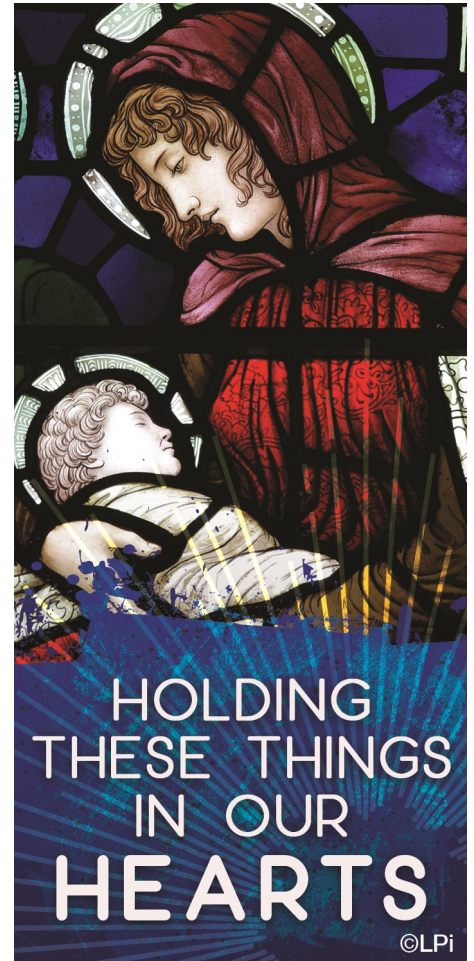
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- MON 2/01** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
- TUE 2/02** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- WED 2/03** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
- THR 2/04** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
- FRI 2/05** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
- SAT 2/06** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
- SUN 2/07** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Wednesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Friday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of Saint Blaise (February 3)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, individual blessings using crossed candles is **NOT** to be offered. Rather, a blessing may be offered by the priest celebrant at Mass “by extending hands, without crossed candles, over the congregation while saying the prayer of blessing” (*Book of Blessings*, 1628).

Over the next few weeks prior to Lent, we will be collecting palms. If you would like to bring in your palms from last year, we will have containers in the Gathering Area for you to put them in. We will burn the palms and make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



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.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Frank and Wilma Frydrychowicz, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, 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.



Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 31 - Feb. 5th

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of our Holy Cross School community and Catholic education all over the United States. Look for more information coming soon about all the activities for Catholic Schools Week and how you can be involved. Follow [@hcschooldewitt](https://twitter.com/hcschooldewitt) to see all the excitement!

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 School Auction

Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Joins us on Saturday, May 13th at 5:30pm for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. Registration and more info to come! Questions? Email thehcsauction@gmail.com

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: _____

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, January 31st**
9:00 AM RCIA Session– remote
- Monday, February 1st**
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
- Tuesday, February 2nd**
8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - off site
- Wednesday, February 3rd**
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Saturday, February 6th - Food Giving Weekend**
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Sunday, February 7th**
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".

Farewell, Fr. Matt!

Recently Fr. Matt announced exciting news about his new appointment in the Diocese of Syracuse. Fr. Matt has been serving as Parochial Vicar here at Holy Cross for the last two and half years following his ordination. Bishop Lucia recently appointed him as Administrator of Christ Our Hope Parish in Boonville, NY effective February 1st.

We have been incredibly blessed by Fr. Rawson's time with us. His spirit, goodness, and presence will surely be missed. Whether celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, administering sacraments, offering virtual community prayer, connecting with our youth, the many hours of work behind the scenes, sharing wisdom with our school students, or being a friendly face and listening ear, his selfless service has touched so many lives in our community. We cannot thank him enough! Join us in lifting Fr. Matt up in prayer as he sets out on this new adventure.

Unfortunately we are unable at this time to have a gathering to wish him well. His new address:

Fr. Matt Rawson
Christ Our Hope @ St. Joseph Church
108 Charles Street
Boonville, N.Y. 13309-1334

World Marriage Day Celebration

New Information

Due to COVID-19, the World Marriage Day Mass at the Cathedral on February 14th will not take place.

Instead we are inviting all married couples to attend any Mass at Holy Cross on the weekend of Feb. 13 & 14. Couples will receive a special blessing at that time. Please call (315-446-0473) or email (info@holycrossdewitt.org) the office if you are planning on attending. You do not need to specify the Mass time.



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

Jail Ministry--letters to inmates:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors are not allowed to visit the downtown jail. Individuals who are confined to the jail are experiencing long delays and hours of isolation until their case can be heard. You are invited to join a letter writing campaign that lets each inmate know that they are not forgotten. If you are interested in joining this compassionate ministry, contact Keith: jailministry@gmail.com

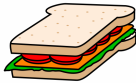


Request for Online Tutors:

As part of their Covid-19 response effort, Syracuse University is connecting K-12 students across the city to qualified online tutors. To sign up as a tutor or learn more about the online tutoring program: Brice Nordquist: banordqu@syr.edu or Emily Winiecki: ejwiec@syr.edu

Tuesday Sandwiches: February 2nd

Our regular sandwich ministry has been disrupted by the pandemic restrictions against gathering. Until we can gather again, volunteers are invited to prepare sandwiches at home on Tuesday morning. If you are willing to make 25-30 sandwiches next week, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.



Laudato Si Circle Online: Saturday, Feb 13th, 5pm

Join fellow parishioners engaged in energetic discussion about God's gift of creation and the ways we can show our gratitude for that gift. Look for our Lenten program coming soon! Join our Zoom meetings scheduled every two weeks. To join the group contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Next Samaritan Center Dinner: March 21st

Last week parish volunteers helped to serve the first of our scheduled 2021 meals at the soup kitchen. There are 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Just 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 next month, another meal is scheduled for April 18th. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com



ACTS Race Matters Book Discussion: Monday, Feb 22nd, 7pm

The next discussion will be about The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander. The book offers an eye-opening look into how the criminal justice system unfairly targets communities of color. Contact Peter Sarver to sign up: peter-sarveracts@gmail.com

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

In the spirit of Laudato Si, Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on Care for Our Common Home, Holy Cross Church has taken some important steps to better care for God's creation. There is, of course, much more that could be done. What more should you and we be doing as a parish and as individuals?

1. We all need a community to live the Laudato Si' message. We can't do it alone. We need a group of peers.
2. The local level is where real action can take place.
3. The urgency couldn't be greater. The severity of climate change and the ecological crisis require immediate action.

Join a Laudato Si Circle : a parish Laudato Si Circle meets at 5pm bi-weekly (via Zoom after 4:00 Mass) on Saturday. Current participants include Ed & Sue Judge, Seminarian James Buttner, SU doctoral student Dominic Wilkins, Beth & Roger Schafer. If you'd like to participate in a meeting or help with activities that support individual or parish actions in support of Care for Creation, please contact Beth (315)416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org



Food Giving Weekend Next Weekend - February 6 and 7

Our Food Giving Weekend will be next weekend. Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses.



Thank you to everyone who faithfully support the Jamesville Food Pantry with food or money. It is always so appreciated.



First Friday Mass League

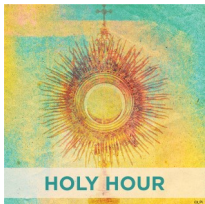
What is the Mass League? Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Cost is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Herbert Phillippi by Leigh Marquis
Susan Blizzard - Halleran by Frank & Doris Arkinson
Susan Blizzard - Halleran by The Pascale Family
(Neil, Deb, Nick & Kendra)
Lucy McLean by Sally Ann Talarczyk
Edward DeRoberts by Rose Tout

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.

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 \$ _____

A Family Perspective:

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Listen: Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows (Kimberly Hahn)

Listen: The Virgin Mary Revealed through Scripture (Dr. Scott Hahn)

Watch: Family: Brother Francis: The Rosary

Listen: Saved in Hope (Encyclical from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Listen: Lessons from the Early Church (Mike Aquilina)

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.



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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Website: holycrossdewitt.org ■ E-Mail: info@holycrossdewitt.org

Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- 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
- 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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- Robert McCrone, School Principal
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