



The 2021 blessing of our animals for the Feast of St. Francis at Holy Cross.

Mass Times

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. May your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents to consider a vocation and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

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

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."

Upcoming Events:

Would you like to join us as new parishioner?

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and we welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for information on the events.

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.

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





Sun., Oct. 10th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Jackie Connolly/ Family
 10:30am Andrew Postiglione/ Chele & Al Stirpe
 5:00pm John & Leonora Stach/ Ellen, Jay & Family

Monday, October 11th

7:45am John Passonno/ Sue Kelly
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, October 12th

7:45am Theresa Ares/ Manuel Ares
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, October 13th

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

Thursday, October 14th

7:45am Jacqueline Ross/ Vetter Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 15th

7:45am Kris Reid/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, October 16th

9:00am Gina Palladino/ Patricia Perry (Living Intention)
 4:00pm John & Leonora Stach/ Ellyn Lubel
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., October 17th– 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Michael Whalen/ Relihan & Foraker Families
 10:30am Lucy McLean/ Ralph Torrillo & Family
 5:00pm Jules Pagano/ Kathleen Pagano

Sunday October 10, 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

The Book of Wisdom speaks of... wisdom. While we are not shocked by that, in truth, the wisdom that we most need in life comes from God. So often in our society, wisdom is associated with riches and power. Many assume that without wisdom, one cannot grow rich in the eyes of the world, yet today we are reminded that no-matter how lovely those "riches" are, or how powerful is the scepter and throne, they pale in comparison to the wisdom that is offered by God.



So, what do believers seek in this life? Most of us enjoy power, and, many seek the riches that the world offers to those who are willing to strive for them, yet Sacred Scripture reminds us that true happiness comes from knowledge in God.

May our prayer this day be for a true appreciation of today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom, and may our hearts be open to the Wisdom of God that Jesus strives to give to each believer.

Peace,
 Fr. John

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



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

\$16,239.14 Collection of October 3rd
 \$ 498.00 Respect Life Collection

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

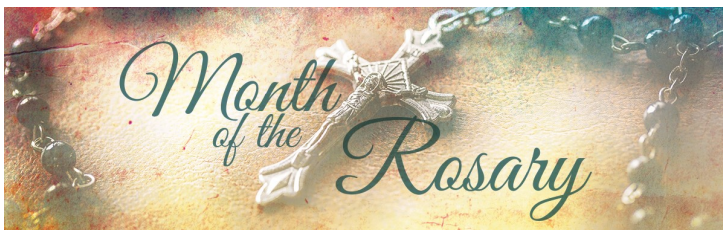
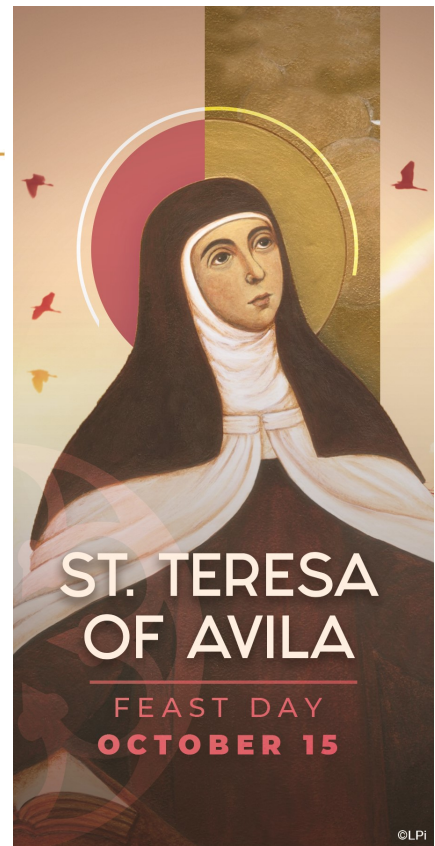
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk
10:35-45 or 10:42-45



Rosary and Benediction

On **Thursday, October 21 at 6pm** we will have the recitation of the Rosary followed by Benediction. We are so blessed to have Deacon Dare Dutter with us for this devotion to our Blessed Mother. This is a great experience & a time of great blessing for all. Come pray with us!



PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Walt Hiscox, 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 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.

OUR LADY of FATIMA ROSARY RALLY at HOLY CROSS

October 16th @ 12 pm

Weather permitting, we will be outdoors before her statue; in the event of inclement weather we will be in the church.

Sign-up sheets in main foyer of the church. Deacon Dare Dutter will be leading us and we are so grateful to have him with us.



The Diocese would encourage all to bring a mask in the event that we meet inside the church. Your discretion is greatly appreciated. Any questions, you may call me (Barbara Cangelo) at 315-469-1270

"Pray the Rosary Every Day"

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children. She urged the children to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, & the end of the war (WWI)." Mornings after daily Mass & on weekends a group gathers to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy. It is informal, & open to anyone who would like to pray.



Private Prayer Hours

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



Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Wednesday, October 13th at 12:00pm**. We will be visiting Vitos (formerly Riccos). Reservations are required. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than noon on Monday, October 11th** with your reservation.

Coffee and Conversation
October 19

Holy Cross parishioner Michael Affleck will be our guest at the next Coffee and Conversation.

Mike is a graduate of the Franciscan School of Theology at the Graduate Theology Union in Berkeley CA and served on the faculty at the University of Notre Dame. Mike has taught Bible studies extensively at the Oasis program here in Syracuse.

Our topic will be: "The Baptist Movement & the Kingdom Movement: the story of John and Jesus".

Join us **Tuesday, October 19**, from Noon- 2pm in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, October 21st -1PM downstairs in 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.



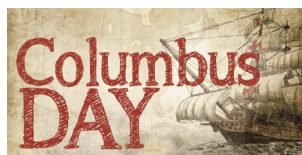
Weekly Bible Study

We are looking for someone who would like to teach or co-teach our weekly day-time Bible Study that is held at Holy Cross. We use materials that make it easy to lead the study. If several people are interested we could possibly rotate each week. Please call Susan at 315-882-5604 for more details.



HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 11th** to observe **Columbus Day**.
- Private Prayer & Devotion will place from 9am to 4pm.
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 10th

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

Monday, October 11th - Columbus Day

8:15 AM Hour Hour - Church

Tuesday, October 12th

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

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

7:00 PM PTA Meeting - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, October 13th

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

12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, October 14th

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

7:00 PM Discipleship - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, October 16th

12:00 PM Rosary Rally - Outside of Church

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, October 17th

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

11:45 AM to 4:00 PM Confirmation Interviews - Church

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.

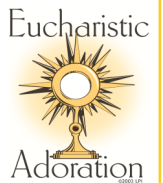


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

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.



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

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

Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish.



Father Kurgan is asking all parishioners to contribute to this year’s HOPE Appeal. In an effort to meet our goal, he is asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$325.00 (less than 90 cents per day ~ less than the cost of a bottle of water or coffee!). If you are able to contribute more, he strongly encourages you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, is important. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross’ 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services.

If we exceed our 2021 HOPE Appeal goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. We plan to use these funds to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year’s HOPE Appeal. You may bring your completed pledge 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.**

Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we’ve been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal.

A Family Perspective:

Having possessions is an illusion. In today’s gospel, Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He could not let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we cannot control anyone but ourselves.



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FORMED:

Movie: [John XXIII: The Pope of Peace](#) (10/11)

Program: [Fatima: Hope for the World](#)

Movie: [The 13th Day](#)

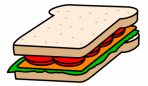
Children/Family Movie: [The Day the Sun Danced](#)

Watch: [Footprints of God: Apostolic Fathers: Handing on the Faith](#)

Faith In Action Opportunities

Sandwich Ministry

The Third Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will resume on **Tuesday 10/19 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Samaritan Center Volunteers Needed!

The need for volunteers to serve a monthly dinner at the Samaritan Center is ongoing. We have just one shift, which runs 2.5 hours (12:30-3:00) for the Sunday meals. This shortage of volunteers has been exacerbated by Covid. In order for us to continue to help with this ministry, please consider volunteering on one or more of the following dates. **9/19/2021, 10/17/2021, 11/21/2021.** To sign up or questions contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com.

We need your help! Looking for Volunteers!

Francis House, a vibrant, warm and loving home for persons who are terminally ill, is in need of volunteers. As a volunteer you can help meet the needs of our residents by working in our kitchen area where you will be responsible for cooking, cleaning and assisting our residents with meals. Also available are shifts in the reception area. It is a most rewarding ministry and there are a variety of opportunities for service that may interest you. Currently, we have a big need during all shifts on weekends (8-12/12-4/4-7) and have openings during the week.

Please call Rea Carver for information at 315-475-5422 or you can email her at rcarver@francishouseny.org.

Thank you!

Thank You

Dear Holy Cross Family,

You never stop amazing us with such a wonderful assortment of food items. We have said it before that your devotion to our food pantry is greatly appreciated.

Happy Fall Season,
 Elaine, secretary of
 All Faiths Food Pantry, Inc.

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!

**Pastoral Council Meeting Summary
September 7**

- Julie Sheridan presented a schedule of events for the parish Fall Festival on Sunday September 19, after the 10:30 a.m. mass. Volunteers are needed. Hot dogs, refreshments, and pull pork, provided by the Brewster Inn, will be available as well as many youth games and a dodgeball tournament.
- Fr. Foley planned a pilgrimage to St. Mary of the Assumption in Oswego to celebrate “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross” feast day on September 14th. After the mass, a brief social with refreshment will be followed by traveling to Oswego to pray the rosary and have Eucharistic Adoration. The Council recommended a recurrence annually.
- The Hospitality Committee discussed the success of greeters at all masses and offered ideas for additional participation by parishioners with the many programs offered by the church.
- The financial results for the parish for fiscal year ending June 30th was presented by a member of the Parish Financial Committee. Despite COVID-19, the parish improved its financial position as compared to the prior year. The Parish also received financial support from the Small Business Administration as part of the PPP loan program and recently received forgiveness for its outstanding loan.

Pastoral Council Members

Fr. John Kurgan	Fr. Brendan Foley
Claude Pilon - Trustee	Cookie Dunham - Trustee
Brook Gleasman - President	Karen Markoff
Ken Kirkman	Carl Thomas
Tom Griffith - Trustee	Linda Caderet
Kira Reed	Mark Bentz
Lola Gualtieri	Bob McCrone

Safe Environment

Training sessions continue to be in-person however, online training will still be an option. 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

**2021 Syracuse Catholic Women’s Mini Conference
Saturday, Oct. 23rd at Sacred Heart Basilica, Syracuse**

Sr. Jane Dominic Lauel, a Dominican Sister, teacher and author will be the guest speaker. She is the founder of the Catholic Faith & Culture Program at the University of Dallas. Conference is from 8:30am to 12:30pm and includes Rosary, Mass, Speaker Presentation, Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions and Benediction. Tickets are \$15 (\$20 walk-in at the door). Register at www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org

Crossing Guard Needed

The DeWitt Police Department is seeking to hire a Crossing Guard to cross students safely at Holy Cross School,

Schedule: Monday – Friday (5 days per week)
8:15am-9:00am & 2:30pm-3:15pm (3 hours total daily)

When: November 1st – April 1st

Also: Availability to substitute from April 1st through the end of school year as needed.

Pay Rate: \$12.50 per hour

Requirements: Applicants must be at least 21 years old, reliable, professional and personable.

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume to:

Lt. Jerry Pace, DeWitt Police Department
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057
Or by email to: jpace@townofdeWitt.com

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.†

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Brendan Foley, 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
- 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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School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

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Staff ~ Name and Title

- Robert McCrone, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse