



## Fall Festival Wrap Up

The Fall Festival last weekend was a huge success!! We were so happy to see everyone having a great time enjoying the games, food, and each other's company. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Also, thank you to those who attended the event. See you in June when we have our Parish Picnic!

### 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

<b>Daily Mass:</b>	7:45am
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am
<b>Penance:</b>	Wed. 7-8pm
	Saturday 3:00pm
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	
<b>Vigil Sat.:</b>	4:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30am
	10:30am
	5:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

#### Evening Movie

October 21—6:30pm

#### Bible Study Begins

Tues., October 22 - 7:00pm

#### Rosary & Benediction

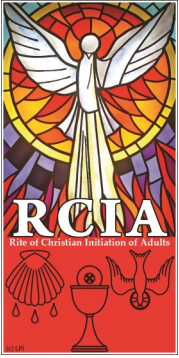
October 24 - 6:00pm

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, October 27 - 3pm



**RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**



Have people mentioned to you that they wish they had your faith?

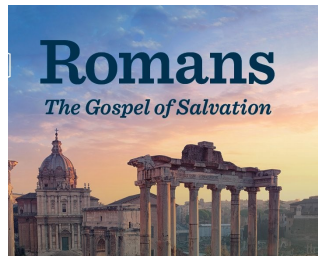
You may have a friend or family member who has never been baptized, or they were baptized in another Christian faith. An acquaintance or coworker may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church. Someone may indicate to you they are searching for a sense of community, or a desire to hear more of the Good News of Jesus, the Gospel.

You are all cordially invited to learn more about the Catholic Christian Faith by attending an open informational meeting coming soon.

This is an opportunity to ask questions about “things Catholic” such as what do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do?

**Bible Study Offered in The Book of Romans: “The ‘Gospel’ of Salvation”**

This fall David V. Hines will facilitate four sessions on this pivotal book of the New Testament. Another four sessions will be given next year. The study will be taught by the theologians Andrew Swafford, Ph.D of Benedictine College and Jeff Cavins. The sessions will run from 7:00- 8:30 pm with a 25 minute video and a discussion following. **The dates for the study are Tuesdays: October 22, October 29, November 12 & November 19.**



All who wish to participate are asked to email David Hines at DV Hines51 @aol.com, be sure to put 51 in the address, or call the Holy Cross office by Friday, 11 October. This is so the work books for Romans can be ordered. The cost of these books is \$27.00. You can pay by check, made out to Holy Cross Church or cash on the first date of the class October 22.

Participants are encouraged to bring your own personal Catholic Bible to class and to begin to read Romans. There is a trailer that you can view on the series by going to the Ascension Press homepage and looking for the trailer to the course.

**Rosary and Benediction**



On **Thursday, October 24 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! A reception will follow.

**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.



**Saturday Morning: 9:00 am**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm**  
**Sunday Masses are now: 7:30 am & 10:30 am**  
**And 5:00 pm**

**Prayers Are Requested For...**



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason

Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Jane Pigott, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer and Kristen Woodmansee.

**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 MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE**

**Catholic Media Kiosk**

**Book:** “True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation” by Jerome K. Williams.

**Comment:** “...This book...has been one of the most positive Catholic books that I've read. The Church in the 1500s-1600s was as lost and corrupt as today's Church, but within that grime emerged a dozen incredible saints...It's awesomely uplifting to see that a dozen spiritual warriors can reform and redirect a wayward generation...Truly great! ~Sean / Vermont

**FORMED:** 10/11 Feast of St. Pope John XXIII

**Movie:** The Revolution of John XXIII  
 Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima & the Miracle of the Sun 10/13

**Program:** Fatima: Hope for the World

**Movie:** The Day the Sun Danced (Great Children's movie for ALL ages)

**A Family Perspective**

Everyone needs “A Round Tuit.” The lepers in today’s gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn’t get ‘around-to-it.’ We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself “A Round Tuit.”



**Banns of Marriage**

Shannon Robin and Robert Clark

**Coffee and Conversation**

**October 15**

Men and Women are invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation on **Tuesday, Oct. 15 - 12:00pm** in Yeazel Hall. Tell your friends & plan to come. Bring your bagged lunch & we will provide the dessert and refreshments.



**Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon - Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**. This month's luncheon will be held at Erawan Thai Restaurant. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than Monday morning, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** to let her know you will be coming. She will need a count for the restaurant reservations.

**Attention Ladies!**

The 10th Annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference is coming soon, Saturday, Oct. 26th, at the Oncenter. Our 2019 theme is "Fountain of Life". **Our tables of 10 are filled but you may still register on line.** Cost is \$55 online through Oct. 19 or by mail through October 12. For more information or to register online visit [www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org](http://www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org).



**Evening Movie**

**Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30pm**



For those who missed the movie last month, you are invited to join us on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 PM for the viewing of **Mother Teresa**.

This powerful & inspiring film is considered the definitive portrait of Mother Teresa. Shot on the run over 5 years, this award winning film follows Mother Teresa into the world's most troubling spots. All are invited to come. Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

**Knitting Group**

We will meet on **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 1PM** downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome.



**Holy Cross is hosting the following Virtus sessions**

RECERTIFICATION: Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 9:00am and again at 5:30pm. Call the office to leave a message for Julie.

\*Also visit the Diocesan Safe Environment website for additional dates/times.

**St. Mary's Holy Hour**

There will be a holy hour at St. Mary's church in Jamesville, on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. This hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome!

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day**

**Office Closed / No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Safe Environment - Recertification - rms. 12 & 13

10:00 AM Exploring God's Word - room 9

12:00 PM Coffee and Conversation - Yeazel Hall

5:30 PM Safe Environment - Recertification - rms. 12 & 13

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Member's Home

6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11

7:00 PM NA & Nar-Anon Mtgs. - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Penance - Church

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM HS Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth Room

7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/Youth Group - rms. 10-13

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM RCIA Committee Meeting - Yeazel Hall

1:30 PM First Sacrament Workshop & Mass & Dinner

3:00 PM Penance - Church

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Parish Council Meeting - Room 11

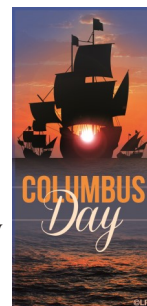
10:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2

6:30PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13

**HOLIDAY INFORMATION**

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> to observe Columbus Day.**
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Daily Mass will be at 7:45am at Holy Cross.**



**Going Away for the Winter?**

If you are planning on going away this winter would you please fill out the form below & return it to the office so we can stop 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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)

**3rd Tuesday Sandwiches: October 15th: 8:15am-**  
Join us downstairs after daily Mass!

**October Baby Bottle Drive:**

In honor of "Respect Life Month" this month, we are hosting a Baby Bottle Drive to support pregnant women and children in need at Joseph's House.



**Joseph's House**

Thank you for filling your baby bottle with cash-or checks made payable to "Joseph's House" & returning your bottle to the bins in the gathering space by the front doors--or drop it off in the parish office during the week. To learn more about the mission & work of Joseph's House, visit [jhfw.org](http://jhfw.org) or [facebook.com/JosephsHouseSyr](https://facebook.com/JosephsHouseSyr)

**Jamesville Food Pantry Boy Scout Food Drive: Nov. 2**

Help wanted at our local interfaith food pantry; local Boy Scouts will collect food donations from the community & drop them off throughout the morning. Volunteers will sort & organize food donations. To sign up for one of two shifts on Saturday: 9:30-11:30am, or 11:30-1:30pm, contact Beth.

**Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, November 10th, 6-8:30am**

Several times a year we organize a Sunday breakfast at Catholic Charities homeless shelter. The early morning crew arrives at sunrise to prepare & serve a hot meal. If you are interested in joining us, Contact Beth to sign up.



**Refugee Clothing Closet: Winter clothing donations**

Please consider donating your gently used (clean & in good repair) coats, boots & shoes & clothing, for all ages and genders. Children's clothing is always in demand-but extra-large and larger items are of modest need. Donations can be left in the closet downstairs next to the elevator.

**Love your Enemies Book Discussion: Monday, Oct 28th, 7-8:30pm**

Holy Cross will be the next host site for the ACTS monthly Race Matters Book Discussion. You are invited to read Arthur C. Brooks' Love Your Enemies-How Decent People Can Save America From the Culture of Contempt & to join a book discussion. The author is a center-right social scientist & commentator known to many from his years at SU and as a parishioner at Holy Cross. The book discussions are free and open to the community. For more info contact: [petersarverACTS@gmail.com](mailto:petersarverACTS@gmail.com).

*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](mailto:helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org)

*Do you or a neighbor have a short-term need or prayer request?*

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**



**October is Respect Life Month.**

"The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message." (St. J-P II, Evangelium Vitae)



- "...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life so that both you and your seed may live;" (Deuteronomy 30:19+)
- "...All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (Declaration of Independence)
- "If we do not defend a persons right to life...the very Foundations of the state begin to disintegrate...everything else we say about human rights, democracy, freedom, collapses...like building on quicksand... [Abortion] is not just an issue, it's the foundation of every issue..." (Fr. Frank Pavone interview, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JsQ-OnEI9w&app=desktop>)

**POWER IN MY HANDS...** Join our fellow PCA Tri-Parish Group (St. Matthew's, St. Mary/s & St. Francis) on Thurs., Oct 17, - St. Mary's Parish Center, 6 - 7:30pm **POWER IN MY HANDS**, a movie on the power of praying the Rosary. *This is a great opportunity if you missed viewing the movie at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Sharon at 315-656-8910 or [Sbartholomew46@gmail.com](mailto:Sbartholomew46@gmail.com)*

**Annual Annulment Information Session - Oct. 15—6:30pm**

At Christ the King Retreat House, Msgr. Timothy Elmer & staff from the Marriage Tribunal will dispel misconceptions, answer questions, & give updates on the process of annulment. Open to the public & free of charge, but RSVP's are appreciated. Register at: <https://annulment-session.eventbrite.com> or call Dcn Dean Brainard 315-472-6754x5

**Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners!**

Chad Breidinger will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin this week. Please consider advertising in our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the men's or women's shelter, etc. We need & appreciate your help. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Chad directly at (610) 393-5329

Thank you in advance for your generous support, & please patronize our advertisers!

**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 \$5,250.00.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Partial Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF October 19<sup>th</sup> & October 20<sup>th</sup>**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	HC School Students	H1 Kay Sgarlata	CH1 Claudette Tanner	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Terry Dooher	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DiBiase	Claude Pilon
		H4 Martha O'Leary		Ashlynn Johnston	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Teri Skandalis	H1 Ronald Naumann	C1 Kathleen Bullion	Cecila Lombardi	Ed Coolican
		H3 <b>Sub Needed</b>	C2 Robert Brunette	Lindsay Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Leonard DeStefano		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Constance Chase	H1 John Fix	CH1 Kelly Griffith	Finn O'Brien	Neil Bourcy
		H3 George Given	CH2 Deacon	<b>Sub Needed</b>	Don Brown
		H4 Sue Given		<b>Sub Needed</b>	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Signona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Emma Deehan	H1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	C1 Regina Harty		
		H3 Margaret Ingraham	C2 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>		
		H4 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>			

**OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**St. Matthews:**

- Daily Mass: M~TH~F 6:45am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Thursday 5-6pm
- Reconciliation: Wednesday 5-6pm

**St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)**

- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

**St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)**

- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**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. 18
- 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](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

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse