OCTOBER 25, 2020



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WALK WITH US



on this Journey of Faith

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. Holy Cross' goal is \$101,362.59. 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, I strongly encourage 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 our 2020 HOPE Appeal goal, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, & services.

If we exceed our HOPE Appeal goal, 100% of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. Normally, we keep 50% of the excess but this year the Diocese wants each parish to keep any amount collected in excess of the goal. 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, or you may also drop it by or mail it to the 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.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. 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	
Penance:	Wed. 7-8pm	
Sat.	3:00-3:30pm	
Sunday Mass		
Vigil Sat.:	4:00pm	
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am &		
	5:00 pm	
View Sunday & Daily Mass		
on TV or online -		
www.holycrossdewitt.org		

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this week's events.

Check the Holy Cross Web site www.holycrossdewitt.org for up to date information.



Sunday, Oct. 25th–The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30am Pat Highducheck/ Family 10:30am Edwina Rapp/ Family 5:00pm Bryant & Mary Dates/ Children Monday, October 26th 7:45am Jacob Monty/ Claude & Mary Anne Pilon (Living Intention) and Ruth Paulus / Family 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion Tuesday, October 27th 7:45am People of Holy Cross 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion Wednesday, Ôctober 28th 7:45am Mary Maiurino/ Marie & Jon Pettit 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance Thursday, October 29th 7:45am Kristen Woodmansee/ Julie Higgins 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion Friday, October 30th 7:45am R.J. Schafer/ Parents 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion Saturday, October 31st 9:00am Jim Hughes/ Family 4:00pm Dawn Holt / Family 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance Sunday, Nov. 1st– All Saints 7:30am Gene McNally/ David Rapp 10:30am Brette David Revette/ Family 5:00pm The Deceased of Holy Cross Parish

Week of October 25th

Host and Wine In Memory Of: Brian & Dorothy Poppleton Requested by : Daughter, Ellyn Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of: Frank Cappelletti Requested By: Family

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

\$14,209.35 Collection of October 4 \$(5,495.53) Deficit

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

Sunday October 25, 2020 Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

We are called to ask ourselves again what it means to love. In our first reading as well as our Gospel the primary focus is love of God and love of neighbor. St Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians reminds the people of Thessalonica how they changed from their former way of living of worshiping idols to serving the living and true God. How often do we



like to hear the word change? Let's face it, none of us like change. We get into a habit or a routine and continue to live out that routine each day until we decide to change or get bored with it. We all know that it is not easy to change a pattern. Statistics even tell us that it takes a certain amount of time of doing a different habit to be able to break the old one. So, let's get back to the Gospel, how are we at the two commandments in the Gospel today? Love of God seems rather easy but love of neighbor is not always as easy. People tell me all the time, "Father, it's not easy to love our neighbor". My mind often is drawn to Matthew's Gospel where Jesus says "whatever you do for the least of my people you do for me." (Matthew 25) Does this mean we are going to be best friends with every person we encounter? No! When we encounter people we do not like or disagree with we often shy away so that we do not offend them. Although we are not called to be perfect friends with everyone, we are called to respect each person, even if we disagree with their political views, sexual orientation, values, and outlook on life. In the words of Pope Francis, "who am I to judge?" Take some time this week and reflect on how you have been acting with the people around you and how you can become a better person to them. Love of God and love of neighbor are the two things that God asks of us. While we profess Him each week by coming to Mass, praying, and receiving the Eucharist, we love Him by simply loving the people around us.

Fr. Matt Rawson

Next weekend's 2nd collection is: Seminary

What about Mass Offerings?

We encourage you to 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 updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214). Thank you

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

SUN 10/25	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40
MON 10/26	Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
TUE 10/27	Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
WED 10/28	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
THR 10/29	Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
FRI 10/30	Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
SAT 10/31	Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
SUN 11/1	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a



<u>Special Liturgy for All Souls</u> Next Weekend - 5:00pm Mass

November is the month that we as a church & faith community remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As part of our **5:00pm liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 1**, we will pray individually for each person who has died since All Souls Day 2019 and a candle will be lit by a family member. **All are asked to register for Mass at holycrossdewitt.org.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, o, Armand Cincotta, Mark Cywilko, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, 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.

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.

New Holy Hour at Holy Cross



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.

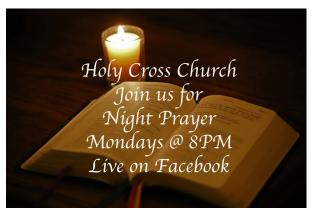


Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday 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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

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.





Our Monthly Movie will be shown on **Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00pm.** "Hello Dolly!" is the feature this month. This 1969 American romantic comedy musical film is based on the 1964 Broadway production of the same name. It stars Barbra Streisand, Walter Matthau, Michael Crawford, Danny Lockin, Tommy Tune, Fritz Feld, Marianne McAndrew, E. J. Peaker & Louis Armstrong The film follows the story of Dolly Levi, a strong-willed matchmaker who travels to Yonkers, New York in order to find a match for the miserly "well-known unmarried half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder. In doing so, she convinces his niece, his niece's intended and Horace's two clerks to travel to New York.

Please bring your own drinks and wear your mask. Reservations required; call Jo 315-446-3328. We will be socially distanced.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Program: Lectio: Evangelization

- Program: True Reformers, Episode 5: St. Teresa of Avila
- Audio: Why I Left Planned Parenthood: From Death to Life Abby Johnson
- Audio: Swimming Upstream: Going Against the Current Culture - Stephen Ray

Watch and Pray: Formed Live: The World Rosary (Augustine Institute)

Read: Conquering Coronavirus by Teresa Tomeo

Christ the King Cenacle

You are invited to

CTK (Christ the King) Cenacle

At the Holy Cross Church - Room 12&13

Every Monday 10:30-11:45 am

Please bring your Rosary. No fee to attend Books for the Cenacle prayers will be provided.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 25th 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13 Monday, October 26th 8:15AM Holy Hour - Church 10:30AM Christ The King MMP - rooms 12 & 13 8:00PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook Tuesday, October 27th 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 12 & 13 1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall 7:00 PM Catholic Book Club for Young Adults - Yeazel Hall Wednesday, October 28th 7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers—Yeazel Hall 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church 7:00 PM Penance - Church Thursday, October 29th 10:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - rooms 12 & 13 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study - Yeazel Hall Saturday, October 30th 3:00 PM Penance - Church 5:00 PM Laudatio Si Circles - Yeazel Hall Sunday, November 1st 9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

> Be sure to check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.



Gardening Angels Update



Your Gardening Angels continue weeding, will next separate the Iris plants for a June bloom & add Native Plants to the south wall garden. They've removed the overgrown trees along the north side of the Church to be replaced soon. They have put down mulch around the gardens, islands &

along Paddock Drive. The September plan for the Angels to replant the Daffodils and Narcissus for blooming in Spring is done. A final Fall clean-up will happen over the coming weeks. God's House surely is looking great for Advent. For next Spring, there will be simple work & admiration of our Fall planting. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980 to join the Angels now, & for next year. *"For we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building."* (1Corinthians 3:9)

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

November Candy Collection for Jail Ministry Gift Bags

Each year, Jail Ministry asks us to collect candy or Chapstick for their Christmas gift bags. Holy Cross has responded by generously purchasing and donating individually wrapped hard candy or snack size chocolate bars-- or by donating unused individually wrapped candy purchased for trick or treating. If you are interested in donating candy for Jail Ministry gift bags, please leave your donation in the marked baskets by the front doors on Sunday or drop them off at the parish office during the week.

Laudato Si Circle Meeting: Saturday, Oct 31st, 5pm in Yeazel Hall

Open to all who are interested in the future of our common home. Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical <u>Laudato Si</u> encourages Catholics everywhere to consider care for the environment as essential to a life of holiness. This small group incorporates prayer, reflection and actions that are inspired by the encyclical. For more info or to sign up, contact: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Road to Emmaus Ministry Wednesday Sandwiches

Thank you to JD Tessier, Michelle Engle, John Engle, Patti Kirshner, Mark Wildrick and Sue Hines for volunteering to prepare sandwiches that will be distributed to guests at Emmaus Ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry as an alternate on Wednesday at 1pm when a regular volunteer is not available, please contact beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Help wanted! Samaritan Center Team: Nov. 15th, 11:30-2:30pm

A few of our Samaritan Center volunteers were able to return to the soup kitchen to help with a Sunday afternoon meal this fall. Rigorous sanitary safety protocols were in place & meals are takeout only. Procedures are adjusted with the goal of limiting the spread of the virus while feeding our hungry neighbors. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and masks are required. If you are interested in volunteering for a meal, please contact Rick: <u>philiprcoughlin@gmail.com</u>

Race Matters Online Book Group: Monday, Oct 26, 7pm Join the ACTS October book discussion about <u>Can We Talk</u> <u>about Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation</u> by Beverly Daniel Tatum. Holy Cross parishioner Linda Mulvey, retired Chief Academic Officer for the Syracuse City School District will be the lead facilitator for this online discussion. Contact Peter Sarver to register: <u>peterfsarver@gmail.com</u>

Catholic Social Teaching Workshop: Nov. 7th, 9 am-3 pm

You are invited to an all day Formation for Ministry workshop here in Yeazel Hall to develop a deeper understanding of <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u>, its origins and implications for today's world.

The keynote speaker, Sr Danielle Bonnetti, CSJ will be followed by lunch and a panel discussion with Beth Schafer, HC Faith in Action, Keith Cieplicki, Jail Ministry, Amy Fleming, Social Justice Advocacy & Paul Welch, Social Justice Ministry. This workshop is open to anyone interested for \$35. For more info, call Eileen Ziobrowski: 315-470-1479 or register online at formationforministrysyr.org

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA might just be for you!

RCIA Information Session:

Sunday, November 8th, 9am--Parish Chapel

RCIA groups are for you if:

- You are interested in becoming Catholic
- You were never baptized, but would like to be baptized
- You were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to receive the Sacraments

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please join us in the Chapel on Sunday or call the parish office for more information: (315) 446-0473.

<u>Spiritual Adoption Program</u> Month Two - Developing Baby



"I can suck my thumb now!" The developing baby is now called a "Fetus" (Latin for "little one"). The child is making rapid progress developing all external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. The ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be

recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all baby systems are present. This little one can now suck its thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!

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



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

Holy Cross Church, DeWitt

October 25, 2020

Be a hero to kids

Support education programs by shopping at smile.amazon.com

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Do you shop on Amazon? When you do, use amazon smile and support Holy Cross School. There is no cost to you but just by signing up, your shopping will make a difference and help Holy Cross School. Sign up today and do your regular Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com/ ch/26-3789417 and Amazon donates to Friends of Holy Cross School.

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 provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00. part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Par-ish 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 \$



Upcoming Events

Here are some of the events coming up. Watch the bulletin for more details.

- Knitting Group November 5 & 19 at 1pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation November 5 at 7pm
- Food Giving Weekend Nov. 7 & 8
- Laudato Si Circles Nov. 14 at 5pm
- Coffee & Conversation Nov. 17 at Noon
- Monthly Movie Nov. 24 at 1:00pm

Bulletin & Scheduling Information

• If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item 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 Email to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org. All announcements are subject to editing.

• 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 getting placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

SACRAMENTS

<u>Baptism</u> ~ Please call the Parish Office <u>Marriage</u> ~ Please make an appointment Penance ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, with a priest at least 6 months Saturday 3 - 3:30pm to make arrangements Classes required for 1st child's Baptism prior to wedding 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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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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