# **OCTOBER 27, 2019**



THE THIRIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday afternoon, thirty-nine candidates will make their Confirmation here at Holy Cross.

Everyone is invited to attend and witness as these young friends are strengthened in their faith and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us at 3:00 PM for this special celebration.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi! We are so proud of you!

# Readings for the week of October 27, 2019

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/ Lk 6:12-16 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/ Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/ Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/ Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/ Lk 13:22-30 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/ Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/ Lk 13:31-35 Friday: 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

### 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**

7:45am						
9:00am						
Wed. 7-8pm						
turday 3:00pm						
Sunday Mass						
4:00pm						
7:30am						
10:30am						
5:00 pm						

### **Upcoming Events:**

Knitting Group Thursday, Nov. 7—1:00pm

**Men's Group** Thurs., Nov. 7 –7:00pm

#### **Monthly Luncheon**

November 14 - 12:00pm



# **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.

# Next weekend's 2nd collection is: Seminary

# PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

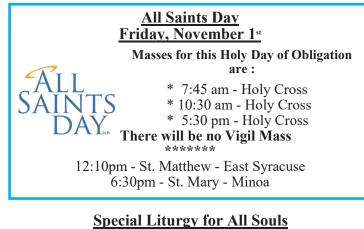
- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

# **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

**MUSICAL NOTES** Will not appear in the bulletin this week since the choir is singing at the Confirmation Mass Musical notes will return next week.



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 4:00pm liturgy on Saturday, Nov. 2, we will pray individually for each



person who has died since All Souls Day 2018 and a candle will be lit by a family member.

### **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 E-mail 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 meeting & special events. Any others may submit a request. For non-parish groups proof of insurance may be required. All will be approved by Fr. Kurgan & then placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

# YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

### \$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$14,504.07 Collection of Oct. 20 \$(5,200.91) Deficit \$1,918.00 Mission Sunday

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



The afternoon of **Sunday, October 27th** will be the Confirmation Mass for Holy Cross' 2019 class. We are grateful to have Bishop Emeritus Cunningham confer this sacrament on them and are so proud of the young people receiving this sacrament. Veni Sancte Spiritus!

#### **Quick teaching moment -Confirmation**

Over the past few decades we have often heard that Confirmation is a "confirming a decision to be Catholic", a "choosing the faith" or "becoming an adult in the faith". Although this is partially true (in America, is it is a completion of the sacraments of initiation), it can be misleading especially when different parts of Catholicism confer this sacrament much earlier in life. Many US Diocese are returning Confirmation to its original place before 1st Communion (2nd grade), whereas in the eastern Catholic Church, Confirmation has always been done immediately after baptism (infancy). When Confirmation is treated as a teen's "graduation" or a "catholic bar-mitzvah", it communicates that they have now completed something and are now finished. When if fact, the young people's faith is being strengthened, not their work completed! Also, we've missed what God is actually doing in them. The truth is far more beautiful (and useful) for our young people. Confirmation, coming from the Latin word confirmare, actually means strengthening. Our young people are already Catholic. They are a member of the Church by baptism, and since our faith is relational, our young people already have a daily choice of choosing to follow Jesus. Confirmation is giving them more of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and aid in their relationship with Jesus that already exists. October 27th is a huge day in our young people's lives, not because they are "choosing to be Catholic" but because the 3rd Person of the Trinity is going to descend from Heaven to fill and strengthen them in a way unlike any other moment in their life!

### <u>RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> <u>Information Session</u>

As a community, we all have a role to play in creating a vibrant parish! If you are interested in learning more about your role in promoting the growth of our parish family, please join a informational meeting on the role of the parish in promoting & encouraging inquiry into the Catholic faith.



All are invited to join the discussion at 11:30am on Sunday, November 3rd in the Chapel after 10:30 Mass.

Please join us!



Saturday Morning:9:00 amSaturday Vigil Mass:4:00 pmSunday Masses:7:30 am & 10:30 amAnd 5:00 pm

### Prayers Are Requested For...



BER biana 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, Mary McArdle, 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.

### 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.

# 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

### A Family Perspective

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

### <u>Thank you</u>

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program would like to thank the ongoing support of Holy Cross in our clothing closet. The weekly support of organizing & supplying the clothing room where new families are able to come & get appropriate clothes for our climate for free is an essential part of their success.

Thank you for all you do! Kate Holmes Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement

### Holy Cross CYO Boys Basketball

Team tryouts will be held in the Holy Cross School gymnasium starting Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Junior Varsity:** Boys from 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible and will practice from 11:00am -12:30pm.



**Varsity:** Boys from 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible and will practice from 12:30pm – 2:00pm.

For more information, contact Ed or Mary Michalenko at 315-445-9348, email: michsyr@aol.com.

#### **Monthly Movie** Tuesday, October 29 at 1:00pm

Words and Music is a 1948 American biographical musical film loosely based on the creative partnership of the composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist Lorenz Hart. The film stars Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland & Tom Drake, along with Janet Leigh, Betty



Garrett, Ann Sothern and numerous musical stars. All are welcome and it is free to attend. We will provide the popcorn

### **Evening Movie - "Unplanned"** Friday, November 1 - 6:30pm

WHAT SHE SAW

UNPLANNED

CHANGED

**EVERYTHING** 

*Unplanned* is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic

directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions & counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, & become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

This movie is rated R (Restricted) - anyone under 18 must have a parental consent form signed before viewing or be accompanies by a parent/guardian. This movie is not recommended for viewing by minors less than 9th grade.

This movie if free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Be a hero to kids

Support education programs by shopping at smile.amazon.com amazonsmile



Do you shop on Amazon? When you do your back to school shopping 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.

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 27th 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12 Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Race Matters Book Discussion - room 12 & 13 Tuesday, October 29th 6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9 1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall 7:00 PM Bible Study - The Book of Romans - rms. 12 & 13 Wednesday, October 30<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 31<sup>st</sup> 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9 7:00 PM HS Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth Room 6:30 PM Evening Movie - Yeazel Hall Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Food Giving Weekend 1:30 PM - First Sacraments Children's Workshop - Yeazel Hall 3:00 PM Penance - Church 4:00 PM First Sacraments Mass & Dinner Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Food Giving Weekend 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13 11:30 AM RCIA Information Meeting - Chapel 3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2 6:30PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13



# **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

# 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

#### October holds two special themes: **Respect Life & Missionary Discipleship**

This extraordinary Missionary Month should jolt us and motivate us to be active in doing good. Not notaries of faith and guardians of grace, but missionaries. But how does one set about being a missionary? By living as witnesses: bearing witness by our lives that we have come to know Jesus. Pope Francis, 10/1/2019

### Joseph's House Baby Bottle Drive

Our October Baby Bottle drive concludes this weekend. Thank you to all who filled a baby bottle with \$\$ & returned it to the office or the marked bins by the front doors.

#### Love your Enemies Book Discussion this Monday, 7-8:30pm

ACTS monthly Race Matters Book Discussion will be downstairs at 7pm Monday. The book to be discussed is Arthur C. Brooks' Love Your Enemies-How Decent People Can Save America From the Culture of Contempt.

Jamesville Food Pantry Boy Scout Food Drive: Nov. 2nd You are invited to help our interfaith food pantry! Local boy scouts will collect food donations from local neighborhoods & drop off bags of food at the pantry, located on Seneca Turnpike in Jamesville across from the Train station. Volunteers will sort & organize food donations so they can be distributed to local families in need. To sign up for a 2 hour shift on Saturday at 9:30 or 11:30, contact Beth (see above)

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

An early morning crew arrives at sunrise to prepare & serve a hot meal. If you are interested in joining us, Contact Beth to sign up: Beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Road to Emmaus Ministry Volunteer Information: Wed. Nov. 6' 6:30 - 8 PM, OR Sun, Nov. 10, 2 - 3:30 PM Would you like to learn more about the many opportunities to serve at Road to Emmaus? Please attend an information session at the Outreach Center, located at 4335 South Salina Street. Contact Sheila to sign up: 315-256-1982 or saustin@emmausministry.org

#### **Refugee Clothing Closet: Winter clothing donations** Please consider donating your gently used (clean & in good repair) winter clothing: coats, boots & shoes. Donations can be left in the closet downstairs next to the elevator.

*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 **NEIGHBORS** ride, a meal, or a one-time chore for a neighbor who needs help?



Sign up online: helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org

# Food Giving Weekend is 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 in advance for your donations.



We will not be having a flu shot clinic at Holy Cross this year as we were unable to secure a provider since Rite Aid closed.

### **CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE**

#### CATHOLIC MEDIA KIOSK

Book: "Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor" by Dr. Allen Hunt

Allen Hunt shares the insights and details of his 15-year journey into the Catholic Church. In 2007, Allen stepped aside as pastor of a Methodist congregation that served more than 15,000 persons each week. He entered the Catholic Church in 2008. His daily talk radio show is heard by over half a million listeners and is syndicated on 140 stations nationwide. "This story will deepen your faith and love for the Church" ~ M.S.

#### **FORMED:**

Movie: John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You 10/22 Feast of St. Pope John Paul II

Audio: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told Audio: La segunda historia más grande jamás contada Program: Lectio: Evangelization - 10/28 Sts. Simon and Jude Book: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints 10/29 St. Colman of Kilmacdaugh

# LIFE MATTERS

Proponents of abortion justify its violation of the moral law and constitutional law by arguing that the baby is not a human person. This issue may come again before the Supreme Court. Philosophy Prof. Peter Kreeft (Boston U.) gives us a clear explanation of why "personhood" begins at conception: The gist of his reasoning is that the essence of a person is



NOT defined by its "function" or stage of development but by its being. Functionalism is the "root pro-choice error" and applies not only during gestation, but also to persons with infirmities and the aged. Dr. Kreeft says, "Abortion is a clear-cut evil. Especially Christians should see this very clearly, for their faith reinforces their natural reason and conscience, a faith that declares that every human being is sacred because he or she is made in the image of God." https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/controversy/ abortion/humanpersonhood-begins-at-conception.html

# **Thank You From Francis House**

Dear Holy Cross Friends,

Thank you for your generous "Helping Others" gift of \$2,296. Each gift of support means that we can continue to become home and extended family to so many people in their final days. Your generosity is especially meaningful as you are the tangible example of God working through others to bring comfort and peace. God bless you.

Gratefully, Nancy Light, Francis House Executive Director

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF November 2 <sup>nd</sup> & November 3 <sup>rd</sup>						
MASS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN.	EUCH. MIN.	ALTAR SERVERS	<u>USHERS –A</u>	
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony DiBiase	H1 M.B. Domachowske	CH1 Martha O'Leary	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole	
		H3 Carol Dwyer	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DiBiase	Claude Pilon	
		H4 Theresa Beaty			Michael Krisak	
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ed Michalenko	H1 Al Highducheck	C1 Kathleen Bullion	Lindsay Parker	Ed Coolican	
		H3 Julie Johnson	C2 Teri Skandalis	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole	
		H4 Timothy Conan		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith	
					Charles Stepneski	
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Karen Markoff	H1 Chris Moltion	CH1 Catherine Muller	Joshua Gleasman	Neil Bourcy	
		H3 Marilyn Engle	CH2 Deacon	Oliver Gleasman	Don Brown	
		H4 Connor Buruss		Max Wysocki	Peter Bergamo	
					Milke Sigona	
					Ray Moade	
Sunday, 5:00PM	Ridzi Family	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Nancy Tourville	Volunteer Needed		
		H3 Regina Harty	C2 Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		
		H4 Volunteer Needed				

### **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

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months

Penance ~ Wednesday, 7-8PM Saturday, 3:00PM

prior to wedding

<sup>†</sup>To request either the <u>Anointing of the Sick</u> or <u>Communion to the Sick</u> please call the Parish Office.<sup>†</sup>

### 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 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

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214 School Office - Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799 Website: hcschooldewitt.org E-Mail: moleary@syrdiocese.org

### Staff ~ Name and Title

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