



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good
and faithful servant.”
– Mt 25:21

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Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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.**

**Sun., Nov. 15th-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Intentions of the Rosary Group/

Margaret Ingraham

10:30am Craig Doby/ Maureen Hall & Family

5:00pm Joe & Joan Simonetta/ Family

Monday, November 16th

7:45am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/

Claude & Mary Anne

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

Tuesday, November 17th

7:45am Jim & Madeline Moore/ Jim & Mary Kay Moore

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

Wednesday, November 18th

7:45am Kristen J. Woodmansee/ Richard & Sue Berkery

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, November 19th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

Friday, November 20th

7:45am John Jordan/ Paul & Amy Sansone

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

Saturday, November 21st

9:00am Eleanor Moloney/ Schafran Family

4:00pm Julie Namory/ Ralph & Milburge & Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, Nov. 22nd-Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

7:30am Celeste Rheume/ Paul & Amy Sansone

10:30am Henry Brault/ Family

5:00pm Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co.

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday November 15, 2020
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

We must remember we are people of the light! Paul reminds the Thessalonians that it is possible for us to be lulled into a false sense of security. When that happens we may think of that as peace and prosperity, but in fact it may be a time of darkness, when we forget that Christ will return, and we will have to make an accounting of our lives! Paul reminds his readers that they are to live in the light of Christ. This way, they will not lose track of what is important.



Personally, I find it easy to fall into that false sense of security. Often I find comfort and security in the familiar things that surround me, possessions, my daily routine, etc. Although these things are a necessary part of everyone's life, we need to have our focus on Christ, which requires us to remain alert and sober. "Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober."

What do we have to forgo? What is standing in the way of a complete dependency and recognition of God in our lives? As we each search for that answer which is so personal to us, let us remember that others may be on the same search, and treat them with the patience and forgiveness that Christ affords us!

Peace,

Fr. John Kurgan

Week of November 15th**Host and Wine***In Memory Of:* James Millar*Requested By :* Family**Sanctuary Lamp***In Memory Of:* Bryan & Dorothy Poppleton*Requested By:* Daughter, Ellyn**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**

\$15,550.00 Collection of November 8

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\$ 781.00 Seminary Collection

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF YOUR PARISH!****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 updated 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 NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- SUN 11/15** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
- MON 11/16** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- TUE 11/17** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- WED 11/18** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
- THR 11/19** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- FRI 11/20** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- SAT 11/21** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
- SUN 11/22** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



PRAYER REQUESTS



Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, 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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 26, - 9:00 AM



Please join us for this special Liturgy, including the Blessing of Bread. All will be invited to the sanctuary during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh bread to share with your family and friends for your Thanksgiving dinner table. **Please remember to register for Mass.**

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.



Holy Hour

Mondays

Following

Mass

8:15 - 9:15

Main Church

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.

You are invited to

CTK (Christ the King) Cenacle

At the Holy Cross Church room 12&13

Every Monday 10:30-11:45 am

Contact person: Christina Hahn 315 436 5479
Rita Chanthasensak 315 395 4906

Please bring your Rosary.

Books for the Cenacle prayers will be provided at no charge.

The format of the cenacle:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit
2. The Rosary
3. Prayers for the Pope
4. Reading and meditation on a message from the book, "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons"
5. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Learn, From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science
(Father Robert Spitzer)

Watch, The Gardener of God (Gregor Mendel,
Catholic priest, father of modern genetics)

Read, Saint Guisepppe Moscati (11/16)

Watch, Mary of Nazareth (11/21 Presentation of Mary)



Our Monthly Movie will be shown on **Tuesday, November 24 at 1:00pm**. The feature this month will be the 2020 version of "Fatima". Based on historical events, three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal, report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to force them to recant their story.

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

Coffee and Conversation

Join us **Tuesday, November 17**, from Noon- 2pm in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Steve Nepil, our Faith Formation Director for grades 5-12 & our Youth Ministry Director will be our guest speaker. Steve will speak about this important ministry to our Youth.

Reservations needed - call Jo 446-3328. Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 15th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

Monday, November 16th

8:15AM Holy Hour - Church

10:30AM Christ The King MMP - rooms 12 & 13

8:00PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, November 17th

8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 12 & 13

1:00 PM Coffee & Conversation - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, November 18th

7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Penance - Chapel

Thursday, November 19th

10:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - rooms 12 & 13

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Discipleship - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, November 21st

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, November 22nd

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Upcoming Events

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

- Giving Tree begins Nov. 21 & 22
- Monthly Movie - Nov. 24 at 1:00pm
- Thanksgiving Day Mass - Nov. 26- 9:00am

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines Changes



The deadline for the bulletin of **Nov. 29** will be **Monday, November 16th at 9am**

All notices received after this deadline will be published in the following bulletin.

Thank you!

Thank You!

We would like to thank our wonderful Altar Rosary members for their recent and most appreciated donation of a new coffee system that is used in the kitchen downstairs.



Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, November 19th** – **1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. **Reservations are required;** call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328 to reserve.



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 Drive for Jail Ministry

Jail Ministry is not able to visit inmates at the local jail due to the pandemic, but they are able to share with each inmate a small Christmas gift bag. If you have leftover Halloween candy, or if you are interested in purchasing individually wrapped hard candy or snack size chocolate bars for the gift bags, please drop them off at the parish office or leave them in the marked donation baskets. Thank you!

Refugee Assistance Online Meeting:

Mon, Nov 16th, 4pm

Volunteers with our Refugee Assistance group continue to work at the Refugee Resettlement clothing closet and with the Al Khel family, a single Mom with 9 children from Afghanistan who lost their father during the war. We are very grateful to Dr Grasso for his help. We have chosen to focus on supporting educational goals to help the family to achieve independence. Thank you to the volunteers who help with math & reading! Joan Willard is working with the children & their teachers at an elementary, middle & high school in the city. Two older siblings in the family are now employed, which is good news! However, food benefits have been reduced-- and navigating the social service system is an ongoing challenge. If you have any expertise in this area, we welcome your assistance. To volunteer to help, please call the parish office and ask for Beth or email: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Third Tuesday Sandwiches: Nov 17th, 8:15am

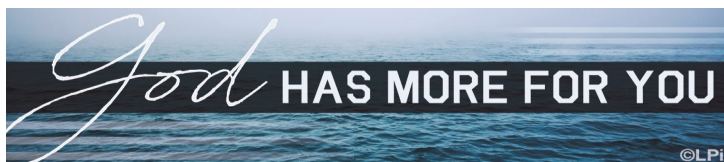
Join a small group of volunteers in Yeazel Hall to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for hungry people in Syracuse. Please join us in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass on Tuesday. Sign in for contact tracing, masks and social distancing are required.

Laudato Si Circle Meeting: Saturday, Nov 28th, 5pm in Yeazel Hall

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

Road to Emmaus Ministry: Wednesdays, 1pm

Thank you to our steadfast volunteers who help to prepare sandwiches at Road to Emmaus Ministry: Michelle & John Engle, Sue Hines, Mark Wildrick, Patti Kirshner and Melody Foster are serving our hungry neighbors on the south side of Syracuse. Thank you for your care for our neighbors in need!



HOPE Appeal 2020

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

If we exceed our 2020 HOPE Appeal goal, 100 percent 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.** 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.



Our 37th Annual Giving Tree Program will begin on the weekend of November 21st & 22nd. To make it safer for the purchaser and for the receiver of the gift, many of the requests will be for gift cards from online shopping or from local stores like Target & Walmart. Please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift **with the tag attached by the weekend of December 12 & 13th.**

Gifts can be returned during weekend Mass or brought to the parish office during the week until December 13th. Please have your gifts back **by noon on the 13th** so that volunteers can sort them for delivery.

Thank you for helping families in need during this difficult time.

Merry Christmas!

Be a hero to kids

Support education programs by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

amazonsmile



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](https://www.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 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 \$ _____

Attention Lectors

- We have your copy of the Workbook for Lectors in the Parish Office. Please stop by to pick up your copy.
- If you would like to be scheduled to lector at one of the weekend Masses please call or email the parish office.
- If you would like to be removed permanently as a lector please call or email the parish office.



Mass at St. Mary's

There will be a Mass at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville, on **Monday, November 16** at 10:30am. All are welcome.

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

Spiritual Adoption Program Month Three - Developing Baby

"I grabbed my hand!" The baby can now squint, swallow & move its tongue. The baby sleeps & awakens. Fingernails & toenails form & it now has its own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, it will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of its hand. The baby breathes amniotic fluid to help develop & strengthen the respiratory system, but gets the oxygen needed through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce & is about 3 inches in length.



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 - 3:30pm
Or by appointment

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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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