

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
*King of the Universe*

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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**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.*

**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."

**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.

**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**

**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](http://holycrossdewitt.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

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

**Check [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org) for the latest information on Masses, events, & changes in safety protocols. For information call the office at 315-446-0473.**



**Sun., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

7:30am James Franklin Porter & Janice Litchfield Porter/  
Mark & Jody Schappert

10:30am Olga G. Stirpe/ Daughters

5:00pm Mary Jo Driscoll/ David Pida & Leslie Farrand

**Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45am Stephen Oliva, Sr./ Wife and Family

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

**Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45am John J. Meehan/ John & Jennifer Evans

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

**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

**Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am In Thanksgiving for the former priests of  
Holy Cross Church both living & deceased

**Private Prayer & Devotion will not be held today.**

**Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Kathleen Hall/ Susan Thomson

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

**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am For the crushing of pornography/ Joyce Kotch

4:00pm Jim Bachman/ Mary Kay & Jim Moore

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sun., November 28<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent**

7:30am Bill Sovik/ Barbara Cangelo

10:30am Herbert Silvestri/ Family

5:00pm Sarah Villani/ Nives & Serafino Marzocchi

**Sunday November 21, 2021**

**Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time  
The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

The kings of this world come and go. We may remember kings for the benevolence shown to subjects, or the name they have claimed for themselves through the cruel and unjust way they treated those whom they were to serve.



Today we celebrate Christ the King! Christ is the only King for whom time has no bounds. The kingdom of Christ is for all time and for all people. We cannot question the benevolence of Christ! He has come to serve all creation.

So, why does the Church end its liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King? "Historically, this feast was instituted to remind believers that Christ rules over all earthly rulers, kings, presidents, governments, movements, cultures and societies." Of course, this means that Christ rules over all peoples, including us. It is a day in which we have the opportunity to render praise to the most powerful, most benevolent of Kings, ordained by God the Father for the benefit of all humanity.

We must remember that Christ's Kingdom is eternal and universal; it is a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace. Christ demands that we treat each other with justice and love. How do we, as sinners, accomplish such a feat? It is only through a change of heart, guided by Christ that we can truly live in the Kingdom as God the Father intends.

Peace,  
Fr. John

This weekend's second collection is:  
Human Development

**Banns of Marriage**

Alexandra Decker & Agostino Zona

**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**

Collection of November 14<sup>th</sup> will be reported next week.

**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](http://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 NOVEMBER 21, 2021

- Sunday** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



# 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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

### Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 25, 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.



### Change in the Mass Request Policy

Due to the high volume of Masses being requested, we have decided to limit the number of Masses requested by a person for the same intention to two during a six month period. Any 2023 intentions will be scheduled after Sept. 1, 2022.

### Attention Lectors



Your 2022 Workbook for Lectors is available this weekend at the table near the sign-in sheet. Please stop by and pick up your copy.

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

We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & conclude with Solemn Benediction.

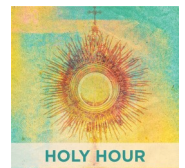
### Confession Wednesday Evenings – Church

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.



### Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45am Mass for a Holy Hour that is held in the Church.



# NOVEMBER

## Coffee and Conversation November 23

Join us **Tuesday, November 23**, from Noon - 2pm in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Fr. Brendan, our guest speaker, will recap and share pictures from our Parish Pilgrimage to St. Mary's in Oswego. Also he will share more about his vocation story that has led him to the priesthood and now to Holy Cross! Please join us and get to know Fr. Brendan more! Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**

**Join us for the Listening Sessions  
for the Synodal planning.**



Listening is an integral part of the planning. Below is the schedule for sessions in our area. All are welcome to attend.

Wed., Dec. 1st	6:30-8:30PM	Immaculate Conception Church, Fayetteville
Thurs., Dec. 9th	6:30-8:30PM	Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Syracuse

## HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to observe Thanksgiving.**
- **Private Prayer & Devotion will not take place on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Mass will be at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day.**



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## **Monthly Movie** **Tuesday, November 30th at 1:00pm**

This month's feature will be the "White Christmas". This musical stars: Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney. Music is by Irving Berlin. Having left the Army following WW II, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis team up to become a top song-and-dance act. Davis plays matchmaker and introduces Wallace to a pair of beautiful sisters (Betty and Judy) who also have a song-and-dance act. When Betty and Judy travel to a Vermont lodge to perform a Christmas show, Wallace and Davis follow, only to find their former commander, General Waverly, as the lodge owner. A series of romantic mix-ups ensue as the performers try to help the General. Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

**Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

**Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation - Yeazel Hall

**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation - Church

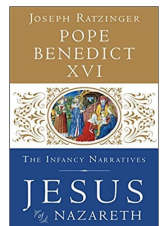
**Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Advent Study on The Infancy Narratives of Jesus of Nazareth

Once again, we turn our minds to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please join us this Advent season to discuss Pope Benedict's book on the infancy narratives so we can draw nearer to Jesus. **We will meet in Yeazel Hall on three Thursdays, December 2, 9, and 16 from 7:00- 8:30 pm to talk about the book.** The study will be facilitated by David V. Hines.



Please email David Hines at [dvhines51@aol.com](mailto:dvhines51@aol.com) (make sure to put 51 in the address) or by calling the Holy Cross office no later than **November 29** to reserve a spot in the study. Pope Benedict's book, The Infancy Narratives, can be obtained from Ignatius Press for \$17.00 in hard copy, or in an eBook format. The church will purchase 5 copies of the book. Obtaining them will be on a first come; first served basis. If you purchase a book payment will be by cash, or a check made out to Holy Cross Church. If you obtain the book before the first session; please read the forward and chapter one.

### Mark Your Calendars !

- **Food Giving Weekend - December 4 & 5**
- **Advent Study - Dec. 2, 9 & 16**
- **Knitting Group - December 2 & 16**
- **Sandwich Making - December 12 & 21**
- **Breakfast with Santa - Sunday, Dec. 5 - 11:30am**
- **"Light Is On For You" (reconciliation) - Monday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - 4 to 7pm**
- **Day of Reflection for Advent - with Deacon Dutter - Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Giving Tree Project Deadline - December 12**
- **Christmas Delight - Wed, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12:00pm**

*Watch the bulletin for more details.*

### 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.



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. If you are not able to make the minimum gift of \$325.00, please give your best gift. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross' 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06. **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. Bring your completed pledge card to Mass and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution or mail it by the office. If you would rather pledge your gift online you may do so at [syrdio.org](http://syrdio.org). **We would like to wrap up this year's drive by the beginning of December.**

### A Family Perspective:

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are You the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.



### Formed

**11/21 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Watch:** Opening the Word: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Listen:** Theology for Beginners

**Listen:** Jesus the Bridegroom

**Watch:** Children: Cat Chat: Better Than a Super Hero: Learning About Jesus

**Listen:** Faith & Culture: Ode to St. Cecilia

**Watch:** Spirituality of Thanksgiving by Tim Gray

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Have a blessed day with family and friends.

### Now Available

**Holy Cross Church Calendars and "The Little Blue Book" for Advent and Christmas are available near all the exits. Please take one per family so there will be enough for all to enjoy.**

## Faith In Action Opportunities

### Our 38th Annual Giving Tree Program has begun!

Due to continuing covid concerns, many requests are for gift cards.

Again this year, we are offering 3 options for you to participate in this wonderful tradition:

- Take a tag from the trees in the gathering area.
  - Use the link on our parish website to purchase a gift from our Amazon Wish List.
  - Call the parish office and a tag will be assigned to you
- Please return your unwrapped gift or gift card with the tag attached by 11am Sunday December 12th.** Gifts may be returned during weekend Masses or brought to the parish office during the week. If you are returning gift cards, please deposit them in the collection box in the **Gathering Area.**

**Thank you for helping families in need during the Christmas Season!**



### Jail Ministry 2021 Christmas Party

Jail can be a sad & lonely place during the holiday season. Jail Ministry is preparing for the holiday season & we are asking for donations for our 400 gift bags, 1 for each inmate. We try to bring a message of hope & God's love & mercy when we pack & deliver gift bags while singing Christmas carols on the pods with the inmates.

This year we are requesting:

First class postage stamps or

Instant Coffee from the Dollar Stores

Please drop your donation in the baskets by the front door by **December 12th.**

Thank you for your generosity! For more information, contact Beth Schafer 315-416-4576.



### Sandwich Ministry

The First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, 12/7 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.**

**Currently we are not taking donations of clothing. Please do not bring any clothing articles to church since we are not able to store them at this time. Thank you!**

## Christ the King Retreat House Fundraiser- “Matilda” Syracuse Stage-December 12

Join us for a special matinee performance of “Matilda” at Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St. The show starts at 2 pm. Some refreshments in the lobby from 12:30 pm and take a chance on beautiful gift baskets. Tickets: \$60 per person or \$40 for under 17. If you would like to be a sponsor or contribute to our gift basket raffle or if you need more information, give us a call at 315-446-2680. Proceeds will benefit the Retreat House.

Totus Tuus Missionary Applications are open!  
Summer 2022: June 15 - August 6  
**\$4,000 stipend for the summer!**

Do you know a Catholic college-aged young adult looking for a summer job with purpose and meaning? The Diocese of Syracuse is hiring Totus Tuus Missionaries! This is a great summer job experience for anyone who wants to work in ministry, education, or with children in any setting.

These young adult missionaries will:

- Work as part of a team to execute the week-long program at parishes across the Diocese
- Attend an intensive training program
- Prepare for and disciple young people in the faith throughout the lessons
- Lead songs, games, activities, and skits designed to help youth grow in their faith
- Stay with a host family as a guest at each parish
- Be a model and visible witness of the Catholic faith in word and deed
- Pray daily with your team and frequently receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist
- And more!

Interested? Contact the Diocesan Office of Youth & Adult Ministry at 315-470-1427

## Closing Mass for the Year of Vocations Sunday, November 21—5:10pm

Bishop Lucia cordially invites the youth and young adults from our diocese to join him for this solemn celebration as he officially closes the Year of Vocations. He will also be offering a special blessing over those who attend with the traveling icon of St. Joseph that has visited all regions of our diocese during this year of grace. All are welcome.

## EDUCATE - A - KID

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a student away who seeks a Catholic Education. Some parents cannot afford school tuition in whole or part. Your contribution helps provide a Catholic Education for a student. Tuition & operating expenses per student exceeds \$7,800.00 annually.

Holy Cross School is incorporated as “Friends of Holy Cross School Inc.” Many companies will match donated funds. The Friends of Holy Cross School Federal Tax I.D.# is 26-3789417.

If you are interested in supporting tuition for a child please complete the form below!

God bless you for bringing a child closer to Him.

Yes, I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Cost per student - Yes, I am interested (\$7,800)

\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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Rev. Brendan Foley, ext. 16

Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist

Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 21

James Buttner, Seminarian

Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38

Brette Cooper, Maintenance

Josh Corcoran, Communications Assistant & Music Ministry, ext. 13

Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33

Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24

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](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

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

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### Staff ~ Name and Title

Robert McCrone, School Principal

Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse