

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” - Mt 25:40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, married 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.



**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.

Monday, November 23rd

7:45am Virginia Kemme/ Family

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

Tuesday, November 24th

7:45am Brett Helmer/ Claude & Mary Anne

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

Wednesday, November 25th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Frank Cappelletti/ Family

No Private Prayer & Devotion Today

Friday, November 27th

7:45am Jack Mott/ Bill Cappelletti

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

Saturday, November 28th

9:00am William Moloney/ Schafran Family

4:00pm Mary Carsello/ A. Jutton

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sun., November 29th - First Sunday of Advent

7:30am Thanksgiving for St. Nicolas/
Angela & Nick Mastrogiovanni

10:30am Nicholas, Donna & Nicholas III Roppo/ Family

5:00pm Rosalind Pristash/ Jerome & Ellen Pristash

Week of November 22nd

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Stanley Blanchfield

Requested By : Family



Reflection for Christ The King Sunday

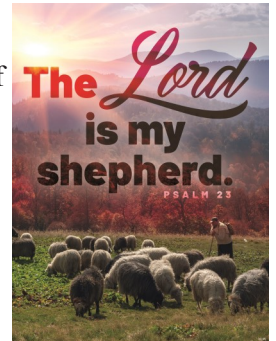
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, we are now shifting from the ordinary season to the season of Advent. A time of preparation for Christ to come and dwell in our hearts. On this last week of Ordinary Time, we recall Christ as our king and ruler. Our first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of God tending to his sheep. This image of God as shepherd is a beautiful image to reflect upon. Often



when we think of a shepherd, we think of one who cares for his animals and leads them from any harm. That is the same image we focus on today. As Ezekiel states, God will lead His people from darkness, give them rest, seek them out, heal them, and shepherd them rightly. The final verse of the first reading reminds us that God will separate and judge one sheep from another, the rams and the goats. When the time comes for the final judgment Christ will be the judge. This is not to be viewed as a “fire and brimstone judgment” but simply meant to remind us of Christ’s kingship. We see this imagery of shepherding in our psalm as well from Psalm 23:” the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.” How has God been leading you over this last year? I think we can all agree this year has been anything but average, with Covid-19 the absence of being able to be with people as we normally would. God leads us in all that we do, and where we go. How can you see His presence in your life leading you? God leads us gently as a shepherd. Take some time and let Him lead you if you have not already done that. Remember His presence is always among us each day of our lives.

Fr Matt Rawson

This weekend's 2nd collection is:
Human Development

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 15 will be reported next week

**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 22, 2020

- 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
- MON 11/23** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
- TUE 11/24** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
- WED 11/25** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
- THR 11/26** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
- FRI 11/27** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
- SAT 11/28** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36
- SUN 11/29** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



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.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED Feast of Christ the King

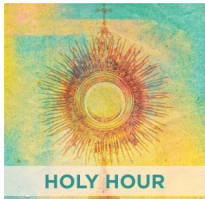
Listen: The History of Salvation

Learn, Youth: YDisciple: Who is God?, Session 3: Is Jesus Really Divine

Listen: Beyond Belief

Listen: Podcast, Faith and Culture: Ode to Saint Cecilia

Listen: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



Holy Hour 8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the 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.



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

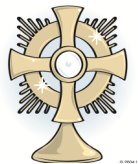


Please join us for this special Liturgy, including the Blessing of Bread. All will be invited to the sanctuary during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh bread to share with your family and friends for your Thanksgiving dinner.

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.

Advent Day of Recollection

December 7th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and join us as we go deeper into the spirituality of Advent. We are focusing on the Gospel of John in order to discern what God is trying to accomplish in giving us the priceless gift of the Word made flesh.

Lunch will be served, details coming in the next bulletin. Please join us. If you are interested, contact Deacon Dare at dare@holycrossdewitt.org, or call him at 315-657-0436.

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

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.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 22nd
 9:00 AM RCIA Session- room 8
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
Monday, November 23rd
 8:15AM Holy Hour - Church
 10:30AM Christ The King MMP - rooms 12 & 13
 8:00PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
Tuesday, November 24th
 10:00AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - rms. 12 & 13
 1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall
 7:00 PM Catholic Book Club - rms. 12 & 13
Wednesday, November 25th
 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
 7:00 PM Penance - Chapel
Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, November 28th
 3:00 PM Penance - Church
 5:00 PM Laudato Si Circles - Yeazel Hall
Sunday, November 29th
 9:00 AM RCIA Session - room 8
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26th & Friday, Nov. 27th to observe Thanksgiving Day**
- **Mass will be at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day**
- **Private Prayer & Devotion will not take place on Thursday, Nov. 26th**
- **Private Prayer & Devotion will take place on Friday, Nov. 27th**

JOIN US!
 CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE PRESENTS:

He Reigns

LET'S GATHER TO DRAW FAMILIES NEARER TO THE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

Dec. 10th at Holy Cross Church, Dewitt
 Dec. 17th at Holy Family Church, Fairmount



CHRIS SPILKA
 DIRECTOR OF CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE
 3 DIFFERENT FORMS OF PRAYER & TESTIMONY OF OUR MISSION



FATHER JASON HAGE
 DIRECTOR OF VOCATION PROMOTION
 CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & HOW WE LEFT CHRIST REIGN IN OUR HOMES PLUS ADORATION AND BLESSING OF EACH FAMILY



JEREMY BOBAK
 PRAISE & WORSHIP LEADER

6:30-8PM

Find us on social media
WWW.CTKRETREAT.COM



CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE & CONFERENCE CENTER
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MONTHLY MOVIE!



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.

Weekly RCIA Sessions
Sundays, 9am--Yeazel Hall, Rm #8

RCIA might just be for you: 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 if someone you know is interested in learning more about receiving sacraments, please join us on Sunday or call Beth at the parish office for more information: (315) 446-0473.

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

"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God." Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 119

November/December Collections

Our November candy drive to support Jail Ministry at the downtown Justice Center concludes this month. In December we will be collecting colorless chapstick donations for Sr Maura Rhode's ministry at the Jamesville Prison. Thank you so much for your generous support during the holiday season!

Laudato Si Circle Meeting:

Saturday, Nov 28th, 5pm in Yeazel Hall

Join us after 4pm mass on Saturday! Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* encourages Catholics everywhere to consider care for the environment as essential to a life of holiness. This is a small group that gathers every 2 weeks to express concern for our common home and to discuss personal and group actions to sustain and support life on this planet. The one hour meetings are open to all and they include prayer, reflection and actions 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!

Samaritan Center Dinners

A crew of 9 parish volunteers helped to prepare and serve a Sunday afternoon take out meal at the Samaritan Center soup kitchen last weekend. Thank you to Rick Coughlin, Trish Lowney, Tim & Katie Deehan, Jean Kelly, George & Teri Skandalis, Liz & Jim Lawler for giving generously of your time to serve hungry individuals and families in our community! If you are interested in helping with a meal, our 2021 dates will be: January 24th, March 21st, April 18th. For more info, or to sign up, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

2020 Giving Tree

Our 37th Annual Giving Tree Program will begin this weekend: November 21st & 22nd. **Please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached by noon on the weekend of December 12 & 13th.**

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. During the next two weeks, gifts can be returned during weekend Mass or brought to the parish office during weekdays until noon on December 13th. **If you are returning gift cards please deposit them in the boxes that are used for the collection envelopes.** 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!

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.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendars !

- **Knitting Group - December 3 & 17**
- **Food Giving Weekend—Dec. 5 & 6**
- **Reconciliation (additional time) - Wednesdays in December from 5-6pm**
- **Day of Reflection for Advent - with Deacon Dutter - Monday, December 7th**
- **"He Reigns" Tour - Thursday, Dec. 10—6:30pm**
- **Giving Tree Project Ends - December 13**
- **Exalt Worship Night - December 13 - 7pm**
- **Coffee & Conversation - Tuesday, Dec. 15th ~ 12:00pm**
- **"Light Is On For You" - Monday, Dec. 21st ~ 4 to 7pm**
- **Christmas Delight - Wed, Dec. 22nd - 12:00pm**

Watch the bulletin for more details.

Poinsettia Sale - Order Today

The annual Poinsettia Sale to benefit Holy Cross School PTA is in progress this week-end. These beautiful flowers are in 6 1/2 pots that are approximately 16" high by 16" across. Cost is \$13 each or 3 for \$35.

Please order today by contacting kellyshetsky@gmail.com. Deadline for order is Monday, November 23.



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.

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 \$ _____

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.



Other Suggestions:

Intercession: May each expectant mother making an adoption plan receive support and care of the Christian community as she makes a loving choice for her child.

Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: To a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy in difficult circumstances, adoption is sometimes felt to be worse than aborting her child. In reality, placing a child for adoption is a loving, generous & sacrificial option that demonstrates a woman's profound, long-term motherly care. In considering & choosing whether to place her child for adoption, a mother seeks what is best for her child, making a selfless act of love. Still, a woman considering adoption may experience a number of conflicting emotions. It is essential that she be supported throughout & after the process, whether she decides to place her child with another loving family or to raise her child herself. By grace, we are made children of God through adoption and can call him.

Acts of Reparation: Offer this Prayer for Pregnant Mothers, praying especially for this month's intention. Take a copy of this beautiful prayer from the Spiritual Adoption Board in the main entrance of church.

Abstain from meat or another enjoyment for one day this week. Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

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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Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
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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

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