



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
A CARING COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, December 15th - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Deceased Members of Colao Family/
Deborah & Jim Stewart
10:30 AM James Collins & Catherine Bona Collins/Family
5:00 PM Kris Reid, Phyllis Reid & Bob Reid Sr./ Family
Monday, December 16th

7:45 AM Joe Wilczynski/ Wife & Family
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4:00 - 7:00PM "The Light Is On"

Tuesday, December 17th

7:45 AM Theodore Foss Roe/ Bill and Sandy Galvin
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4:00 - 7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 18th

7:45 AM Beatrix Murphy/ Dorothy DeMari
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, December 19th

7:45 AM Mariangela Massa/ Friend
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 20th

7:45 AM Edward & Viola DeStefano/
Leonard & Marie DeStefano
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 21st

9:00 AM Betty Galletta/ Victor & Geraldine Vasta
3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
4:00 PM Cara Christensen/ Mother

Sunday, December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Fred Bullion/ Family
10:30 AM Bernadine & Victor Becker/ Family
5:00 PM Frank Cappelletti/ Bergamo Family

Week of December 15th

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Angeline Silvestri

Requested By: Family



Children's Liturgy - Sundays in Advent during 10:30 AM Mass

This Advent, we are offering an exciting opportunity for our young families! On **each Sunday in Advent during our 10:30 AM Mass**, we will offer Children's Liturgy of the Word in the daily chapel. Children's Liturgy of the Word allows for young children to hear the scripture readings proclaimed & explained at an age-appropriate level. We're looking for some adult & teen volunteers too!

Opportunities for Reconciliation

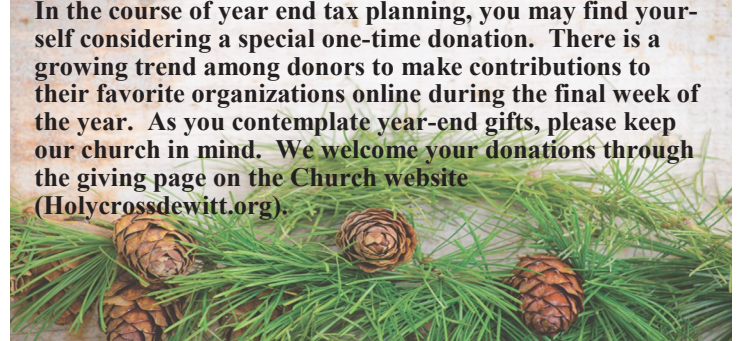
"The Light is On For You" - This Monday we welcome all for confession. Confessions will be heard on **Monday, December 16th from 4-7pm** at most the Churches of the Diocese.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Tuesday, December 17th from 4-7pm.
- Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm in the church
- Every Saturday in December at 3:00pm in the church.

Make year-end gifts on the church website

In the course of year end tax planning, you may find yourself considering a special one-time donation. There is a growing trend among donors to make contributions to their favorite organizations online during the final week of the year. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep our church in mind. We welcome your donations through the giving page on the Church website (Holycrossdewitt.org).



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

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$20,315.48 Collection of December 1

\$ 2,136.00 Campaign for Human Development

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

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, December 24
 Carols & Children's Procession at 3:30pm
 4:00 pm Mass
 6:00pm Vigil Mass
 Christmas Concert and Carols begin at 11:30pm
 12:00am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, December 25
 8:00am, and 10:30am

New Year's Vigil Mass
 4:00pm - Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Day Masses - Wednesday, January 1, 2020
 8:00 and 10:30am

Christmas Flowers

All are welcome to give a donation for our Christmas Flowers however we will not be publishing a memorial list as we have done in the past. All envelopes that contain names for a memorial will be placed on the altar during the Advent & Christmas Season. These people will be prayed for during each Mass.

Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers:

- ◆ We have posted sign-up sheets for any Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who are able to serve the Christmas and the New Year's Day Masses. Please sign up near the Chapel.
- ◆ As part of the preparation for the next schedule, we would like to know if there are changes in your Mass preference or if there are times when you are not available for the next few months (January - March). Please call the office or email Peg (peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new information.

World Marriage Day Celebration

The Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **Feb. 16, 2:30pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invites all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2020.

If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2020, please contact your parish office to register. **All married couples and their families are invited to attend!**

A Family Perspective:



The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos & music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

Immaculata Award

Congratulations to Sue and Bill Sovik who are the recipients of the 2019 Immaculata Award for Service. This was awarded to them by Bishop Lucia on December 8, 2019. Watch for more in the next bulletin. Thank You.

Prayers Are Requested For...



Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, 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, Tracey Montague, 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.

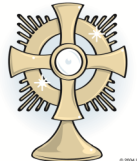
If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

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.



RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA Inquiry Sessions have begun. This is an opportunity to ask about all things "Catholic"--such as what do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do. If you know someone who would like to explore the Catholic Christian Faith, please invite them to join you at one of our group sessions. We will meet weekly on Sunday, 11:30-12:30pm, downstairs in Room #9. For more info, contact the parish office: (315)446-4073.

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Formed:

Study: Lectio: Mary

Advent Reflections - Available in both English and Spanish, receive a daily reminder to dive into the depths of God's Word. Opt in to receiving children's reflections with new Brother Francis episodes to include the whole family. Sign-ups will be available at formed.org/advent or formed.org/adviento.

Catholic Media Kiosk:

CD: "God Made Man" by Father Shannon Collins

In this Christmas themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church.

Comment: "Magnificently explains the who, what, why, when and where of Christmas. Can clearly see God's hand in all the details." ~ Cynthia - Horseshoe Bend, AR

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 20th between 12:00 & 2:00.



Join us in the Gathering Area after Mass this weekend for Hospitality Weekend

Christmas Delight Luncheon
Coffee and Conversation

You are invited to join us for **Christmas Delight Luncheon** (which will replace Coffee and Conversation) this month at **12:00pm** on **Wednesday, December 18th** in Yeazel Hall. We will be doing an exchange of \$5 gift cards from any store among those present. Also, we will have pizza and salad for lunch (\$6 donation). Please make your reservation by Dec. 15th by 9:00am with Jo Oliva at 446-3328.

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, December 19th -1PM**  **downstairs in Yeazel Hall.** New knitters are always welcome.



#1 holiday hack:
When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.
amazonsmile

Do you shop on Amazon? 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 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 _____

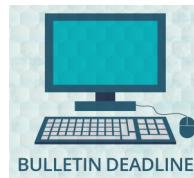
Full Scholarship _____

Partial Scholarship _____

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, December 15th - Hospitality Weekend**
 9:00 AM Parish Council Meeting - room 11
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
 10:30 AM Caroling Party - Yeazel Hall
 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel
 11:30 AM RCIA - room 9
 3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2
 6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13
- Monday, December 16th**
 4:00 - 7:00 PM "Light Is On" - Church
- Tuesday, December 17th**
 6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
 8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9
 1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall
 4:00 - 7:00 PM Confessions—Church
- Wednesday, December 18th**
 6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
 10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Member's Home
 12:00 PM Christmas Delight - Yeazel Hall
 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, December 19th**
 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9
 1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Practice - Church
 7:00 PM HC Men's Group - room 9
 7:00 PM High School Faith Formation - Youth Room
 7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/ Youth Group - rooms 10-13
- Saturday, December 21st**
 3:00 PM Penance - Church
- Sunday, December 22nd**
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel
 11:30 AM RCIA - room 9

Deadlines for the Upcoming Bulletins




- The deadline for the bulletin of **Dec. 29th** will be **Monday, December 16th at 9:00 am**
- AND
- The deadline for the bulletin of **Jan. 5th** will be **Monday, December 16th at 9:00am.**

All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin of the following week.

Watch the bulletin for more deadline changes.

Monthly Movie

Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00pm

 Be sure to come on Tuesday for our next Monthly Movie. We will be showing *Holiday Inn*. *Holiday Inn* is a 1942 American musical film starring Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire, with Virginia Dale, Marjorie Reynolds, & Walter Abel and with music by Irving Berlin. All are welcome and it is free to attend. We will provide the popcorn

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

“Pope Francis has written an apostolic letter on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene, in which he encourages Christians worldwide to continue “the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas” by setting up the Christmas crèche not only in their homes but also “in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares....”

“The crèche, Francis added, “invites us to “feel” and “touch” the poverty that God’s Son took upon himself in the Incarnation” and “implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in greatest need.”

by G.OConnell, America Magazine Dec 1, 2019

Thank you for your generosity!

One of the beautiful charisms of the Holy Cross community is your generosity toward others. As of this week, our parade of collections comes to an end until next year. Baby bottle coin banks have been returned to Joseph’s House, toiletries & paper goods are on their way to Catholic Charities in support of families in poverty, hard candy will be distributed to the Justice Center by Jail Ministry, and Sr Maura will gift the individuals at Jamesville Prison with chapstick for the winter season.

Your used winter clothing for refugees filled our downstairs closet; Trish & Meg, from the Refugee Assistance Committee, are diligently sorting them for distribution at Refugee Resettlement. Last week, 400 giving tree gifts were distributed to 12 local organizations that support children in need.

As we celebrate the third week of Advent, I am deeply grateful for your continuing generosity-I pray that you will be abundantly blessed with the intangible gifts that the Christ child brings-- peace on earth and love for all.



Sandwich Ministry--Tuesday Downstairs - Dec 17th, 8:15am

Drop by Yeazel Hall next Tuesday to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. The sandwiches will be donated to Catholic Charities Men’s homeless shelter. Join us!

Annual Parish Caroling Party today!

Join us at 12:30pm, downstairs in Yeazel Hall to rehearse for an hour or join us down the road for a 2pm performance at Brookdale Senior Living; Genesee St, Fayetteville.



January Save the Dates:

- **Sandwich Ministry:** Downstairs on **Tuesday, Jan. 7th & 21st, 8:15-9am**
- **Emmaus Ministry Meal:** S. Salina St, **Jan. 9th, 4-6:30pm**
- **Men’s Shelter Pancake Breakfast:** 1074 S.Clinton Street **Jan. 12th, 6:30-8am**
- **Samaritan Center Dinner:** 215 N. State St, **Jan. 26th, 11am-12:30 or 12:30-3pm**

News From GS Troop 60500



The troop donated the most cans of honey roasted peanuts (2,700 cans) to the Food Bank of CNY of any other troop in the GSNYPENN Pathways Council! The girls were honored to meet the President of GSNYPENN Pathways and the Executive Director of the Food Bank Of CNY. They were also able to see the warehouse which was filled with donations. If you would like to see the clip from Spectrum News TV you may go to

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=d618319c-6e7d-402b-bbc1-08f8e974fc59>

Thank you for supporting our troop and helping our girls learn how to give back!

A Note From Quinn Ridzi

Thank you to everyone who has supported me during my Eagle Project.

Those who donated to my project and have provided snacks for the workers are all greatly appreciated. We successfully built a pathway for the organization A Tiny Home for Good that will help ensure that every resident can walk to the site’s laundry facility without having to walk through terrible weather especially during winters and springs.

Thank you for all your support!
-Quinn Ridzi



Giving Tree Wrap Up

Thank you for generously supporting our 36th Annual Giving Tree program! Giving Trees with gift tag suggestions from 12 different agencies were placed at the Church doors starting November 23rd. Thank you for bringing your gifts back in time for sorting. Over 400 unwrapped gifts were returned, sorted and distributed last weekend.

Special thanks to Carla Semmel & Katie Deehan for organizing this effort on behalf of the local community. Thank you to Maureen McManus, who makes everything at Holy Cross run more smoothly. Thank you to our volunteers: Donna Gibbons, Gayle Resetarits, Melody Foster, Cookie Dunham, Kim Schellinger, Janet Murphy, Kathy Fitzgibbons, Nancy Tourville & Cathy Relihan as well as our Confirmation helpers: Lindsey Hildreth, Jillian Dominicos, Jordan Ristau & Marianna Lorenzo.

Thank you for helping families in need to celebrate a Merry Christmas!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 21st & 22nd

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony Ortega	H1 Claudette Tanner	CH1 John Passonno	Ashlynn Johnston	Dennis Cole
		H3 Martha O'Leary	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	Claude
		H4 Kay Sgarlata		Volunteer Needed	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Melody Foster	H1 Timothy Conan	C1 Peter Demlein	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Ronald Naumann	C2 Kelly Griffith	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Mary Malay		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Constance Chase	H1 Laureen Wisniewski	CH1 Ed Judge	Joshua Gleasman	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Sue Judge	CH2 Deacon	Oliver Gleasman	Don Brown
		H4 Ron Deluca		Volunteer Needed	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Ridzi Family	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Volunteer Needed	Declan Reed	
		H3 Nancy Tourville	C2 Volunteer Needed	Rayna Reed	
		H4 Volunteer Needed		Kaitlin Houglan	

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: Friday 9:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul

- Daily Mass - M ~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)

- Daily Mass: Mon. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

- Daily Mass: Wed. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

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

†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, 3:00PM

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. 19
- 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

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School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

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Staff ~ Name and Title

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