



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way  
of the Lord.”  
- Mk 1:3

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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, 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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **Mass Times**

**Daily Mass:** 7:45am  
**Saturday:** 9:00am  
**Reconciliation:**  
Wed. 5-6pm & 7-8pm  
Sat. 3:00-3:30pm  
**Sunday Mass**  
**Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm  
**Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am &  
5:00 pm

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on  
online - [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

**PLEASE WATCH THE HC  
WEBSITE FOR CURRENT IN-  
FORMATION ON MASSES,  
REGISTRATION OF MASSES  
& DEVOTIONS AND REGULA-  
TIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**



### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>—Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am Christian Hall/ Maureen Hall & Family

10:30am James Collins & Catherine Bona Collins/ Family

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

### Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Roxane Jeffery/ Susan Thomson

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

### Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Sue & Charles Farnett/ Claude & Mary Anne

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

5:30pm John Stach/ Kevin & Lucia Lombardi

### Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

### Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Timothy Reynolds/ Paul & Amy Sansone

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

### Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Adeline Fagan/ Prince Family

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

### Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Lucy Mirante/ Josephine Crisafulli & Family

4:00pm Brett Helmer/ Mary Dougherty

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

### Sun., December 13<sup>th</sup>— Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am Ann Wright/ Holy Cross Pastoral Council

10:30am Herbert & Angeline Silvestri/ Family

5:00pm Pat Testa/ Friends of JD

5:00pm Ben Stabile/ Elaine Lostumbo



### Week of December 6th

#### Host and Wine

*In Memory Of:* Frank Cappelletti

*Requested By :* Family

### Sunday December 6, 2020

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85

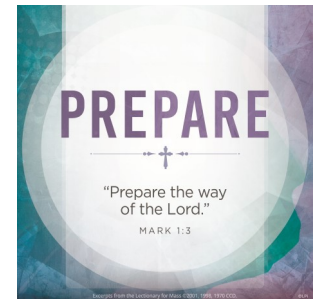
2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths. As we journey towards Christmas we are called to a deeper sense of prayer and reflection. During these weeks of Advent, we find ways to be able to prepare our hearts and homes for Christ. As we prepare our homes, what do they look like? Are we prepping them and beginning to unpack

the decorations so that we can celebrate with friends or family? While we prepare our homes, we should be preparing our hearts as well. This means dusting off the bible and maybe opening it to a particular passage we might enjoy reflecting on. One challenge we might take is reading the Gospel of Luke during this Advent season. The Gospel of Luke opens with the infancy narrative and reminds us of what we are preparing ourselves for. As we continue to prepare our hearts this Advent season, we remember that Confession is always a beautiful opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas. As we begin this new liturgical year let's start it on a good note. We can frequent the Sacrament of Confession here at Holy Cross on Wednesday evening before Holy Hour and Saturdays before Mass.

When we have made provisions to prepare the way of the Lord in our own hearts now, we are able to allow those preparations to take root. After we have had the opportunity to go to confession, work on our prayer lives, take some time to read scripture, maybe we implement something we can do to help us continue doing these things. It does not take much to form a habit but enough persistence and desire. If we want to walk with Christ this Advent and Christmas season, we must be able to form healthy prayer lives and habits. What can you do to strengthen those habits and continue them through this liturgical year?



Fr. Matt Rawson

### 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**

\$ 16, 201 November 22 collection

November 29 collection will be reported next week

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

### We encourage your support of Holy Cross Church.

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).** Thank you!

# WEEKLY PRAYER



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

- SUN 12/6** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- MON 12/7** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- TUE 12/8** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- WED 12/9** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
- THR 12/10** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- FRI 12/11** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- SAT 12/12** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
- SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

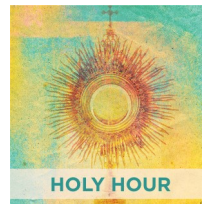
### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

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 from 5 to 6pm and 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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.



### 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.



## 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, Monique Missoff, 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.**

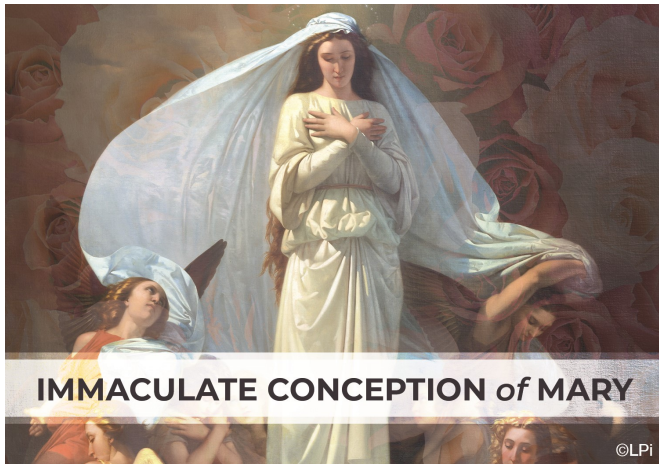
Thank you.

## NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

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**The Immaculate Conception of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are :

- \* 7:45 am - Holy Cross
- \* 5:30 pm - Holy Cross
- \* You may watch Mass on-line

There will be no Vigil Mass

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Please remember to sign up for Mass either on-line on our website or by calling the Parish Office.

**Holy Day Information**

- The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8 to observe The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Masses for the Holy Day are noted above.
- Private Prayer & Devotion will take place.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

All events are subject to change. Please watch the bulletin and check on-line to make sure the event will take place or may have changed to remote or online. Sign up for the bulletin brief and up to date information will be emailed to you. You may do this by visiting the Holy Cross website, then go to “News” & “Subscribe”.

**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:00 AM RCIA Session – remote

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00-6:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Discipleship - remote

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

**Mark Your Calendars !**

- “Light Is On For You” (reconciliation) - Wednesdays in December from 5-6pm and Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 4 to 7pm
- Giving Tree Project Deadline - December 13

Holy Cross is currently located in an **Orange Zone**. Services are limited to **25 people**. We are offering extra Mass locations at this time to accommodate more individuals. Be sure to make note of the *location* and time you are registering for and follow all instructions and guidelines. *If we can safely accommodate them, we will not turn anyone away from Mass.* Please refer to the Holy Cross website for any updated information.

**Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins**

- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 20 will be **Wednesday, December 9th at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 27 will be **Monday, Dec. 14 at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of January 3 will be **Monday, Dec. 21 at 9am.**

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

Thank you!

***Christmas and New Year’s Schedule 2020***

**Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, December 24**

4:00 pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm

12:00am Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day Masses - Friday, December 25**

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

**New Year’s Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 31**

4:00pm & 6:00pm

**New Year’s Day Masses - Friday, January 1, 2021**

7:30am and 10:30am

**All Are Welcome!**

Please note that reservations, masks & social distancing are required. Sign up on the Holy Cross website ([holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)).

The Masses at 4:00pm Christmas Eve & New Year’s Eve can be viewed on-line via the Holy Cross website.

### 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](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

#### December Collections

Thank you for your donations toward last month's candy drive to support Jail Ministry at the downtown Justice Center! During the month of 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!

#### Refugee Closet

Children's winter clothing is in demand as the weather turns colder. Please donate only freshly laundered clothing, especially coats, snow pants & boots. Children's clothing donations can be placed in the Faith in Action Closet downstairs.



#### Laudato Si Circle Meeting:

**Saturday, December 19th, 5pm**

Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si encourages Catholics everywhere to consider care for the environment as essential to a life of holiness. The circle 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. During the time of Covid, the one hour meetings meet virtually and are open to all. The meetings include prayer, reflection and actions inspired by the encyclical. For more info or to sign up: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto: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. This ministry serves hungry families on the south side of Syracuse. Sandwiches are prepared on site at 127 E. Glenn St. Please contact Beth if you would like to help occasionally: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

#### 2021 Samaritan Center Dinners

If you are interested in helping with a meal, our 2021 dates will be: January 24th, March 21st, April 18th, 2021. New volunteer shifts will be 9:00am to noon or noon to 3:00pm Thank you to our volunteers who serve hungry individuals and families in our community! For more info, or to sign up, contact Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)



### 2020 Giving Tree

Our 37th Annual Giving Tree Program will conclude next weekend.

**Please return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached**

**by noon on Sunday, December**

**13th.** You may return the gift cards by depositing them in the boxes that are used for the collection envelopes. If you would like to participate but have not taken a tag, please call the parish office (315-446-0473) and a tag will be assigned to you.

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

Merry Christmas!



### Thank You

Dear Holy Cross Friends,

Thank you for your generous "Helping Others" gift of \$2,397. 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,  
Mary Anne Hankins  
Francis House Executive Director

### Jamesville Food Pantry

**Are you or someone you know in need of food?**

If you are living in the 13214 or 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. **The hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-1 & the third Saturday of each month from 9-11.** Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry. Thank You!

### 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.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to the HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet the goal of \$101,362.59. 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](http://syrdio.org).** We would like to wrap up this year's campaign in the next few weeks.

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.



## Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates [amazonsmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile)



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## 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 Four - "I had a dream"

Your baby's brain has begun maturing - a process that will continue until they are about 14 years old. The baby's eyelids are now sealed and will re-open at 7 months. Their taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by their mother are passed on within an hour or two.



Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to parents of the baby can be seen at this time. This month REMS (rapid eye movements) have been recorded - a sign of dreaming. Your baby is now about 9 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

## Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

### FORMED

**Children/Family:** Watch: Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa (Feast 12/6)

**Youth:** Watch: YDisciple: Advent, Session 2: Trust in God

**Listen:** Come, Lord Jesus - Meditations from a Poor Clare nun

**Listen:** The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture - Dr. Scott Hahn (12/8 Immaculate Conception)

**Listen:** Our Lady of Guadalupe - Luis Soto (12/12 Feast)



## 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

**Reconciliation** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
Or by appointment

### 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. 16  
Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist  
Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13  
James Buttner, Seminarian  
Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38  
Brette Cooper, Maintenance  
Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass  
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. 21  
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

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

Website: [hcschooldewitt.org](http://hcschooldewitt.org)

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### Staff ~ Name and Title

Robert McCrone, School Principal  
Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse