



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

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Consecration of the Diocese of Syracuse to St. Joseph

Beginning on February 15 & continuing for 33 days, the consecration will culminate on March 19 in a diocesan celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Honoring both the Year of St. Joseph & the Year of Vocations, we invoke the intercession of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church, & bring our diocesan family under his care & protection. The consecration is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our baptismal calling, reminiscent of Joseph rising from a dream-filled sleep with renewed resolution to take Mary as his wife.

To receive a daily email with the consecration prayers, register at syrdio.org. Click the button that says, "Register for the Consecration to St. Joseph." The prayers and more information are also available by clicking the registration link.

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

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

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on
online - holycrossdewitt.org**

Upcoming Events:

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

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



Sunday, Feb. 14th – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Maria Chukwuani/ Amy Sansone

10:30am Bill Nowicki/ Wife Loretta

5:00pm John & Eva Cody/ Mona Bertrand

Monday, February 15th

7:45am John Kinzie/ Ron & Diane

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

Tuesday, February 16th

7:45am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/ Family

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

Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

10:30am Rosemary Dugan/ Mikey Conover

12:00pm Liturgical Service

5:30pm Special Intention / Malia Awald

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, February 18th

7:45am Joseph G. Darling/ His Sister, Mary Anne

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

Friday, February 19th

7:45am Letizia Magats/ Pat Humpleby

8:15am Stations of the Cross

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

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20th

9:00am Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co.

4:00pm John J. Relihan/ Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, February 21st – First Sunday of Lent

7:30am Family of Kerry Mannion (living intention)/
Kevin & Karly Mannion

10:30am Marianne Willians/ The Sportelli Family

5:00pm Susan Halleran/ The Kearney Family

Ash Wednesday collection is:
Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Next weekend's 2nd collection is:
Black & Native American Missions

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday February 14, 2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm 32

I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Paul invites his readers to “be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” As Paul has experienced his conversion and now has helped form church communities devoted to Christ, he finds that those who are filled with the faith of Jesus, and want to follow him, are falling back into old ways.



We know that the old ways always seem like the better way. In the case of the followers of Jesus, this is not true. The old way led to death, whereas the way of Jesus leads to new life. Even though the early ones had faith in eternal life they still would revert to what they had known before.

Before we critique their action it is important for us to look at our own lives. If we consider our habitual sin as a “tradition” for us we realize that we are called to move away from that sin and embrace what Christ offers us, and yet we know we are always tempted to look back.

This Lent, let us set our eyes on salvation, do not look back, but only look to Christ, the one who will lead us home.

Peace,

Fr. John Kurgan

Week of February 14

Host, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva Sr.

Requested By : Jo Oliva



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

\$13,821.00 January 31 collection

**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. 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).**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Frank and Wilma Frydrychowicz, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, 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.

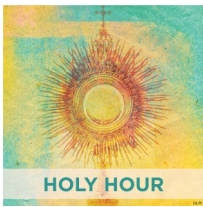
Thank you.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.

These hours may change so check the website.



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 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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel
- By Appointment

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Listen: How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families - Kimberly Hahn

Lenten Reflections - Sign up in Formed to receive daily meditations for Lent <https://formed.org/lent>

Watch: Ready Reasons: What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday

Watch: Ready Reasons: Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

Read: Meditations for Lent - Bishop Jacques Benigne Bossuet

Listen: Confession - Fr. Larry Richards

Listen: My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent - Bishop Robert Barron

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 14th

9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

Monday, February 15th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, February 16th

8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - off site

Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday (see page 2 for Mass times & distribution of ashes)

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Friday, February 18th

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20th

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

Sunday, February 21st

9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

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".

HOLIDAY INFORMATION



- Private Prayer & Devotion and the Holy Hour will take place on February 15th.
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am.

Father Matt's Address

If you would like to contact Fr. Matt, here is his address:

Fr. Matt Rawson

Christ Our Hope @ St. Joseph Church

108 Charles Street

Boonville, N.Y. 13309-1334

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.



Name: _____

Address: _____



Ash Wednesday – February 17th

In keeping with the various health and safety precautions in place for the celebration of the sacraments during the COVID-19 pandemic, the distribution of Ashes will take place in the Diocese of Syracuse this year by way of the Roman custom, which entails sprinkling them on the crown of the head.

Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday, February 17 during all of the Masses (7:45, 10:30 & 5:30) and 12:00 during the Liturgical Service. The Liturgical Service includes Liturgy of the Word, homily & distribution of ashes.

***LENTEN REGULATIONS** - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. Catholics 14 years of age & older are bound to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. Catholics age 18 to 59 are bound to the law of fasting. ("The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing-as far as quantity & quality are concerned-approved local custom.")
Apostolic Constitution Poenitemini, 1966

Stations of the Cross

Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the Stations of the Cross and identify with Jesus' journey to Calvary. Stations are at 8:15 am (following 7:45 am Mass) and at 7:00 pm. Also, they may be viewed by going to the Holy Cross website.



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 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.



Lent: A Season of Transformation

This Lent come join David Hines, for 3 studies on Zoom about spiritual transformation. The studies will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00- 8:30 pm, February 23, March 9 and 23. We will use Amy Ekeh's *Lent: Season of Transformation* as the basis for our 3 meetings. **Several gospel selections will be used to discuss transformation by repentance, surrender and love.** The book can be obtained individually from the Liturgical Press for \$7.95, or it can also be obtained as an e- book from litpress.org, or by calling 1- 800- 858- 5450. If you wish to participate, kindly let David Hines know that you are interested in attending the sessions by emailing him at dvhines51@aol.com (make sure to put "51" in the email address) with your preferred email address no later than February 18th.

IGNITE 2021 Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 20th

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 13th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is *Take Refuge in the Lord*. As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. We will be running a "hybrid" conference this year. You will have 2 ways to participate. Attend in person at a local satellite site, Holy Cross is one of the satellite sites or you can participate at home. When you register you can choose how you would like to participate. With the "hybrid" format, we will have a half day event - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. More registration information in next week's bulletin.



Christ The King Retreat House "He Reigns" Tour March 18th at Holy Cross 6-8pm

Christ The King Retreat House is excited to present the "He Reigns" parish mission tour for the Diocese of Syracuse! This new initiative is inspired by Saint Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio and encourages parish communities to allow the kingship of Christ to prosper in the hearts of the domestic household! Allowing Christ to reign means drawing our families into a more intimate relationship with a Messiah who has promised to rescue, govern and fulfill the deepest longings of His people.

This one-night mission is designed to appeal to family members of all ages! The evening will include: Inspirational praise and worship from Syracuse' very own Jeremy Bobak, 3 riveting mini talks from the Diocesan Director of Vocations, Father Jason Hage and moments of contemplative prayer led by Christ The King Retreat House Executive Director Chris Spilka. Families will also have an opportunity to pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and consecrate their families to Christ The King!

Viva El Cristo Rey! (Long live Christ The King!) -*Saint Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio*

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. More information about how to sign up will be coming soon.

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

Thank you to our Sandwich Ministry Volunteers!

On the first Tuesday of this month, sandwich ministry volunteers prepared sandwiches at home, and then braved the cold & snow to deliver them to Holy Cross. Special thanks to Ron Rabideau who loaded up his car with the sandwiches & bananas (provided by Sue Thompson). Thank you to all who were able to help despite the bad weather!

Hot meal instead of 3rd Tuesday Sandwiches: February 16th

Instead of our usual peanut butter sandwiches, the third Tuesday of this month we are seeking a few volunteers to prepare a hot meal for the shelter. Please let me know if you are able to provide a hot Beef Goulash casserole to be delivered on Tuesday at 3pm. The casserole should serve approximately 24 persons and should be placed in a disposable tin serving dish. We will need a delivery driver & approximately 4 individuals who are willing to prepare a casserole & bring it to Holy Cross on Tuesday at 3pm. If you are willing to help, contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.



Next Samaritan Center Dinner: March 21st

Thank you to our wonderful parish volunteers who helped to serve the first of our scheduled 2021 meals at the soup kitchen! Due to covid restrictions, there are 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Just 5 volunteers are allowed for each shift. Masks & social distancing are required in order to serve the take-out meals. If you can't join us next month, another meal is scheduled for April 18th. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com.

Refugee Assistance Meeting (RAC) online: Thursday, Feb 25th, 7pm

After almost 4 years, the relationship between Holy Cross refugee assistance volunteers and one particular refugee family from Afghanistan is one of love and friendship. As with any family, the day to day struggle is significant, especially in a family of 9 children and a single Mom. Recently the family was forced to adapt when Mom fell down the stairs & broke her leg. She is now on the mend and is beginning exercises to regain her mobility. Thank you to the many parishioners who ask about the family and all who offer prayers and occasional material support! For more information about the RAC, or to join our next online meeting, contact: beth@holycrossdewitt.org.

ACTS Race Matters Book Discussion: Monday, Feb 22nd, 7pm

The next discussion will be about The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander. The book offers an eye-opening look into how the criminal justice system unfairly targets communities of color. Contact Peter Sarver to sign up: peter-sarveracts@gmail.com.

World Marriage Day

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Congratulations!

On behalf of the Holy Cross Parish Community, I would like to offer heartfelt congratulations to all of our married couples, especially those who are celebrating special or milestone anniversaries this year. Please know of our continued prayers for you and your families as you continue to live out this most special sacrament. You are wonderful examples within our faith community and are greatly blessed!

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

A Family Perspective:

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when He said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.



Coming Soon THIS SPRING

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Holy Cross School Auction

Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Join us on **Saturday, May 15th at 5:30pm** for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. Registration and more info to come! Questions? Email thehsauction@gmail.com

PRE-K ENROLLMENT



Holy Cross School is beginning Pre-k enrollment for the 21-22 school year. The program is five full days & your child must be 4 by December 1st of that year. Please call (315-446-4890) to set up a private socially distanced tour with your child.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SUN 2/14	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
MON 2/15	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
TUE 2/16	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
WED 2/17	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THR 2/18	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
FRI 2/19	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
SAT 2/20	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

"God is waiting for you."

—POPE FRANCIS

Friday Fish Fry at Blessed Sacrament

The parishes of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Sacrament are working together to provide the community with a good old-fashioned fish fry this Lenten season. This year we will be doing drive-up or call ahead curbside service and pre-order delivery to the surrounding area (4 mile radius). **We will not be having a dine in option this year.** To get curbside pickup place your order outside or call ahead to one of the following numbers; 315 380-4946, 315 350-8646 or 315 420-9322. Patrons will enter the Blessed Sacrament parking lot via James St. and be directed to a pickup line. To place a Delivery Pre-order call 315 382-6652 before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Fish Fry.

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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Brette Cooper, Maintenance
Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
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Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
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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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