



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.”
- Mt 5:33

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

©LPI

Readings for the week of February 16, 2020

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/ Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/ Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/ Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/ Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/ Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/ Mt 16:13-19

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
Saturday 3:00pm
Sunday Mass
Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
10:30am

Upcoming Events:

Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Bread & Soup Supper

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Feb. 29 & March 1

Pastoral Council Mtg.

March 1 - 9:00am



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 16th-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Dr. Lorne Renge/ Hall Family
 10:30AM Souls in Purgatory/ Margaret Ingraham
 5:00 PM Dominic Tirinato/ Tom & Patty Quartier

Monday, February 17th

7:45 AM John Centolella/ Jim & Joyce Corona

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today

Tuesday, February 18th

7:45 AM Richard Purcell/ Vincent Mahar
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 19th

7:45 AM Mae & Joseph DeCastro/ Family
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 20th

7:45 AM Joseph & Marleah Farnett/
 Mary Anne & Claude Pilon
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 21st

7:45 AM Veronica A. Ellithorpe/ The Maio Family
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 22nd

9:00 AM Margaret C. Ross/ Family
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
 4:00 PM Barbara J. Every/ Family

Sunday, Feb. 23rd - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Theodore Foss Roe/ Bill & Sandy Galvin
 10:30 AM Genevieve Zappala/ Joann & Tommy Smith
 5:00 PM Lee Ridley/ Joanne & John Verone

**February 16th, 2020
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.



We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

Week of February 16th

**Sanctuary Lamp
 Host & Wine**

In Memory Of: Fungsin Yu
Requested By: Mary Beth Smith



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



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

\$14,030.27 Collection of February 9
 (\$ 5,674.61) Deficit

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!



This weekend Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Area to support Holy Cross School.

From the Sixth Grade Class

We are so proud and pleased to announce that five sixth graders have earned academic scholarships to CBA: Owen Cruceta, Rowan Doyle, Matthias Freeman, Joseph Martin, and Will Radford. Furthermore, Will Radford was awarded first place in the school essay contest, "My Years at Holy Cross School" that was judged by faculty and radio announcers, Ted and Amy of 93Q. Congratulations one and all!



Substitute Teachers & Nurses Needed

Holy Cross School is looking for substitute Nurses and Teachers. We are interested in Registered Nurses who are up to date on all certifications. All individuals must be willing to be Virtus Trained within the Diocese. Please e-mail your resume to Martha O'Leary at moleary@syrdiocese.org.

FAITH FORMATION

Julie Sheridan - DFF grades 1-6
446-0473 x 12 Julie@holycrossdewitt.org
Steve Nepil - DFF grades 7-12
446-0473 x 18 Steve@holycrossdewitt.org

Middle School Youth Retreat

All 6-8 grade students are invited to an overnight youth retreat that we are planning here in Syracuse! We are collaborating with several other parishes and the Diocese to host an incredible retreat that includes transformative talks, exciting games and skits, small group time in our parish, opportunities to make friends from all over the Diocese, worship, Adoration, confession, & Mass. The retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat House (just up the road from our parish) from **Friday evening, May 8 to Saturday Evening May 9th**. The cost is just \$35 and registration is now open. We have a limited number of spots, so sign up soon! To register visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/youth or for more information email Steve@holycrossdewitt.org



A Family Perspective:

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

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, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, 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 Kristin 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.

Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of which hospital and their room number. The priests or deacon would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. 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.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED - This Lenten season, join FORMED Daily for video reflections from esteemed scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray. You don't have to be a FORMED subscriber to view these short 3-minute videos on formed.org. Registration opened February 10th at formed.org/lent.

Watch: Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes (Children & Family) Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb. 11)

Watch: Francis: The People's Pope Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22)

Study: Lectio Salvation

Catholic Media Kiosk:

CD: "The Healing Power of Confession" by Dr. Scott Hahn
Dr. Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). He also answers questions about Confession that he had when he was first discovering the Catholic Faith, giving us insights into how the sacrament works to bring healing to our lives.

Comment: "This is great for answering my children's questions. It will also help me answer questions of non-Catholic and fallen-away Catholic friends". Bill - Chino, CA

HOLIDAY INFORMATION



- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th to observe Presidents' Day.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Feb. 17th.
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am at Holy Cross.

Conclusion to the Bible Study Offered in The Book of Romans: "The 'Gospel' of Salvation"

This spring David V. Hines will facilitate the last four sessions on this pivotal book of the New Testament. The study will be taught by the theologians Andrew Swafford, Ph.D. of Benedictine College and Jeff Cavins. The sessions will run from 7:00 - 8:30 pm with a 25 minute video and a discussion following. The dates for the study are Tuesdays: 3 March, 10 March, 24 March and 31 March.

All who wish to participate are asked to email David Hines at DV.Hines51@aol.com, be sure to put 51 in the address, or call the Holy Cross office at 315-446- 0473 by Friday, February 21. Those who intend to participate in the Bible study are encouraged to order the work books for Romans by calling Ascension Press at: 1-800-376-0520 or ordering online through their website. The cost of the book is \$27.00. Please have the workbooks prior to 3 March. We will have a review of Romans the first session and then we will begin in Romans, chapters 7-8.

Participants are encouraged to bring your own personal Catholic Bible to class and to begin to read Romans. There is a trailer that you can view on the series by going to the Ascension Press homepage and look for the trailer to the course. **All are welcome to attend, even though you were not in the study last fall.**

Soup and Bread Meal - Ash Wednesday

Have you thought about how to enter into the Lenten season? On Ash Wednesday we observe fasting & abstain from eating meat. **This year we will be again hosting a simple, lite Soup & Bread meal on Ash Wednesday, February 26 in Yeazel Hall following the 5:30pm Mass.** Please join us for soup & homemade bread, (spaghetti-o's for the kids!) Then spend some quiet time reflecting on the Lord at the 7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church....a wonderful way to begin Lent with your Holy Cross family. We will ask for a \$5 per person donation (children under 8 are free) with proceeds going to help our Food Donation for the poor.



2019 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 basket or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 16th

HC Raffle Ticket Sale - Gathering Area
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

Tuesday, February 18th

8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9
12:00 PM Coffee and Conversation - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, February 19th

9:00 AM Marian Book Club - room 9
10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Members Home
6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11
7:00 PM NA & Narnon Meeting - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Penance - Church

Thursday, February 20th

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 6
1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room
7:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation/ Youth Group - Rms 10-13

Saturday, February 22nd - Hospitality Weekend

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, February 23rd Hospitality Weekend

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Marian Book Group

Our goal is to learn more from our Blessed Mother, to understand her words to better our lives and the lives of others. This is not really a study course, rather a way to discuss what is important to each of us, and hopefully how to live by our Blessed Mother's words. We meet on the first Saturday of the month following Mass, and other times based on attendees' schedules. We welcome new participants, and guests.

Our guidebook: [Fatima for Today](#) by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, available on the kiosk or from Kathleen Pagano. Wednesday, February 19th, 9am in Room 9.

Evening and Monthly Movie
"Fatal Flaws"

Monday, February 24 at 6:30pm and
Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00pm

"Are laws allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path?"

A thought-provoking journey through Europe & North America to ask one of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time: should we be giving doctors the right in law to end the life of others by euthanasia or assisted suicide? Filmmaker Kevin Dunn uses powerful testimonies & expert opinion from both sides of the issue to uncover how these highly disputed laws affect society over time.

All are welcome and it is free to attend.

Coffee and Conversation
February 18

Men and Women are invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation on **Tuesday, Feb. 18 - 12:00pm** in Yeazel Hall. Tell your friends & plan to come. Bring your bagged lunch & we will provide the dessert and refreshments.

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

Third Tuesday Sandwiches: Feb 18th, 8:15-9am

This week is peanut butter & jelly week for sandwich prep volunteers. Join us in Yeazel Hall to prepare over 200 sandwiches, and to pray for the homeless persons in the Syracuse community. Drop in if you are available - no advance sign up is necessary.

Refugee Assistance Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 6:30-8pm

Join us to learn some of the ways that our parish seeks to advocate for, and to love and support refugees. **Clothing Donations:** Clean, gently used children's clothing as well as small & medium adult clothing are much appreciated! Donations to the Refugee Resettlement closet are collected downstairs in the coat closet nearest the water fountain.

Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast: March 29th, 6:30-8am

Several times a year we bring our griddles to Catholic Charities homeless shelter to prepare a hot pancake breakfast. Join us to share a warm smile with men who desperately need a hot meal and a friendly smile. It will make your day brighter to know you extended a hand to a person in need. To sign up, contact Carolyn Smith: cjsmith5255@gmail.com

Jail Ministry Visitor Advocate Training Postponed

The Jail Ministry's Visitor Advocate Training has been postponed until Monday, April 20th. Training will take place in the building behind the downtown Cathedral. The initial commitment is for 5 weeks on Mondays, 6-8pm. After a background check, a visit once per week is expected. Jail ministry has been providing visitors to inmates since 1976. For more information contact Keith Cieplicki: jailministry@gmail.com

Samaritan Center Dinner: April 26th, 12:30-3pm

On Sunday afternoon, a few weeks from today, bring your family members or friends to our local soup kitchen to help serve hungry people in Syracuse. Each month, a different area church sponsors a Sunday afternoon meal. Holy Cross has committed to helping on Feb 16th & April 26th. Please sign up in advance: contact Rick to sign up: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com An earlier (11:30am -12:30pm) time period is set aside for families with children under 12 years old.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Do you have a need for help? Our email group offers assistance by request. If a volunteer from our email chain is able to help, we might be able to shovel your walk or bring a meal when you return from the hospital. Call the parish office (315)446-0473 and ask for Beth. If you would like to help with a tasks -- or hear about the need for help with other parish activities, sign up at helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org

**Be sure to check the bulletin board,
located by the main entrance,
for more information about
upcoming events in our area.**

2019 Hope Appeal Report

We would like to thank our parishioners for their faithful and generous response to the 2019 Hope Appeal.

The final results are:

Parish Goal:	\$113,165.40
Total Gifts:	\$184,311.30
Overage:	\$ 69,945.40
Parish Sharing:	\$ 34,972.70
Donor Families:	1,559
Participants:	428



Boundless Compassion by Joyce Rupp

Lenten Book Group with Beth Schafer 9am Sundays in Lent: March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th

The Gospel of John says that we are children of the light; illuminated by Jesus who is the light of the world. In these dark times of increasing division and dehumanization, how are you called to be light for the world? As people of faith, we are called to be courageous beacons of light, hope, and love for all people—not just for our family, friends, and neighbors. We are called to be courageous beacons of light for those who stand in the shadows, for those who are oppressed, and for all our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Erin McDonald, CSJ

Boundless Compassion is written by master teacher Joyce Rupp. She offers a guide through prayer, daily reading and weekly group reflection. You will be encouraged to explore personal and professional expressions of compassion, and to re-energize your ability to offer loving kindness to those around you. To sign up, contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Funeral Reception Ministry

Possibly you are looking for a way to give of yourself in a very distinctive way. Through the Holy Cross Funeral Reception Ministry, you can give comfort to others in a particular time of their neediness. As part of this intentional ministry, they will prepare Yeazel Hall, serve food & beverage & clean-up.

To be part of this Ministry, please call Sue Sovik at 315-445-8980, or the Parish Office at 315-446-0473 to become part of this special ministry.

Oratory Contest

Syracuse Right To Life Oratory Contest will be on Sunday, March 29 from Noon to 3pm at the Holiday Inn @ 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. Students will speak 5-7 minutes on a pro-life issue (abortion or euthanasia). 11th and 12th graders vie for \$250 first place and \$150 and \$50 2nd & 3rd place. 9th and 10th graders vie for \$50 first place. For an application call Jim Dooher at 315-446-6168.



We are family.

Our diocesan family includes 230,000 members across seven counties and 5,500 square miles. The Catholic Sun is the only media dedicated to telling our family's stories. Get to know your 229,999 brothers and sisters.

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SUN
TODAY!**

Envelopes can be found in your contribution packet or on the tables near the exits.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF February 22nd & 23rd

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS –B</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Kay Sgarlata	H1 Martha O’Leary	CH1 Carol Dwyer	Ashlynn Johnston	Dennis Cole
		H3 M.B. Domachowske	CH2 Deacon	Flynn Johnston	
		H4 Lola Gualtieri		Volunteer Needed	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ed Michalenko	H1 Charlene Hughes	C1 Al Highducheck	Lindsay Parker	Ed Coolican
		H3 Kelly Griffith	C2 Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Teresa Koulouris		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Ellyn Lubel	H1 Rani Ristau	CH1 Laureen Wisniewski	Volunteer Needed	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Chris Moltion	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	Don Brown
		H4 Jon Fix		Volunteer Needed	Peter Bergamo
					Mike Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Ridzi Family	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
		H3 Margaret Ingraham	C2 Nancy Tourville	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
		H4 Gretchen Lane			

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

4112 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

Church Office – Phone: 315 446-0473, FAX: 315 446-7608

Website: holycrossdewitt.org ■ E-Mail: info@holycrossdewitt.org

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

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

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

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

E-Mail: moleary@syrdiocese.org

Staff ~ Name and Title

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



HOLY CROSS

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

Volume VI

Sunday

February 16, 2020

EARLY RESULTS ENCOURAGING

We are pleased to announce that over 100 families have made a Stewardship Commitment to Holy Cross Parish on or before last Sunday. Thus far, 108 families have returned their commitment cards and 103 have been able to make a financial pledge for the year. It is also encouraging to note that many of these families have indicated a desire to generously increase their weekly offering. These initial results are very promising and we are most thankful to our early supporters for their sacrificial generosity. If anyone needs a stewardship card, return envelope, or brochure, they can be found at the exits of the church.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

The answer to that question must be carefully weighed by each individual and family. It should be based on what one has "inwardly decided." Whatever the amount, your gift should be measured by how you live, and be proportional to your income.

One rule of thumb is to divide your gross household income by \$1,000. The resulting amount is an indication of what your weekly stewardship contribution could be. Although this rule of thumb is possible for some families, we realize it may not work for others since each individual and family has their own unique needs and financial ability. Therefore, another guide to follow is to pledge one hours gross wage per week. Both of these methods have worked well in other parishes in the diocese and many feel these are reasonable guidelines for most families.

When determining your prayerful response, it may help to consider the words of St. Paul: "If we come from poverty, let us give according to our means in that poverty. If we come from wealth, let us give in direct proportion to that wealth."

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD TODAY