



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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.

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 5 of the bulletin for this week's events.

PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.

**Sunday, February 21st – First Sunday of Lent**

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

10:30am Marianne Williams/ The Sportelli Family

5:00pm Susan Halleran/ The Kearney Family

Monday, February 22nd

7:45am Jim Hughes/ Family

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

Tuesday, February 23rd

7:45am Luke Morrisroe / Niece

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

Wednesday, February 24th

7:45am Jack DeSantis/ Kathy Kotz

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, February 25th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

Friday, February 26th

7:45am Janet Farner / Prince Family

8:15am Stations of the Cross

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

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27th

9:00am An end to the Covid –19 Pandemic/
Selena Relihan

4:00pm Stanley Blanchfield / Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Feb. 28th – Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am Victor Villani/ Richard & Roxanne Kopecky

10:30am Raymond Blake / Family

5:00pm John Stach/ Ed & Lola Gualtieri

This weekend's 2nd collection is:
Black & Native American Missions

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday February 21, 2021**Genesis 9:8-15****I Peter 3:18-22****Mark 1:12-15**

In today's first reading from the Book of Genesis God makes the following statement to Noah and his sons with him. "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark".

This proclamation of a covenantal bond establishes the importance that God the Father, the creator of the universe, places on the environment. God chose to save these creatures from the great flood. As his creation, we have a responsibility to show the same care towards our environment, and all living things around us. When we think about all that goes into our ecosystem, and how wonderfully made the environment is; it is hard to believe how much damage human beings have done, and continue to do.



Care for our
Common Home

Here at Holy Cross we are blessed to have a Laudato Si' Circle. The Laudato Si' Circle is based in Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on the environment. We have a small but dedicated group of parishioners, led by Beth Schafer and our seminarian, James Buttner, who meet and discuss ways to "care for and protect our common home and give us hope in these trying times."

During this season of Lent we want to give everyone at Holy Cross the opportunity to participate in the work of Laudato Si'. There will be weekly information provided in the bulletin. Your Lenten journey could include meditation on the weekly theme concerning our environment, or research and reading about environmental issues that affect Central New York. We can also take action, like spending blessed time in God's creation, appreciating the outdoors, changing our food habits, feeding the hungry, ridding ourselves of excess possessions, exploring our personal impact on the environment and getting more involved in protection of the world around us.

What a wonderful opportunity to make the environment part of our Lenten journey this year! We all benefit, not just spiritually, but also in tangible ways, when we help protect what God has entrusted to us, including our environment.

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

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

\$15,050.60 collection of Feb. 6

**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).**

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- 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
- MON 2/22** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- TUE 2/23** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- WED 2/24** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- THR 2/25** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- FRI 2/26** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
- SAT 2/27** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- SUN 2/28** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Tuesday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent



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.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!



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.

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.

Eucharistic
Adoration

Spiritual Adoption Program -Month Six

“I’m sitting up straight now!” The baby’s oil and sweat glands are functioning; these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects its delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as it twists and turns. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into their skin soon after the baby is born. She can now respond to a sound. The lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time. The baby’s weight is approaching two pounds and is about 14 inches long. Thank you for praying.

Spiritual Adoption



Lenten Activities

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Lent: A Season of Transformation Last Chance To Register!

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. See the Holy Cross website under "News & Events" for more information and to sign up.

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 you calendars now and plan to attend. See the Holy Cross website under "News & Events" for more to sign up.

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

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. **To register go to the Holy Cross website under "News & Events"**. If you have questions- please contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso -anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

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2/20 Feasts of Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto;

2/22 Chair of St. Peter

Watch: The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima - family video

Watch: Saint Peter with Omar Sharif

Watch: The Revolution of John XXIII

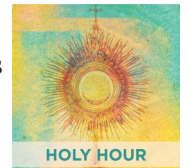
Listen: Confession: Answering Common Objections - Dr. Scott Hahn

Study: A Lent to Remember - A Lenten Encounter with Mercy (includes a children's video on How to Make a Great Confession for children)

Study: Lectio: Salvation with Dr. Michael Barber

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.

SPIRITUAL
TRANSFORMATION

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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

“...focusing on the lessening of suffering both near and far away by our deliberate decisions such as complying with Covid-19 restrictions to protect people from dying, ceasing negative words and actions, caring for the environment, listening generously to the distressed, comforting ill and grieving persons— these Lenten actions...reveal the divine goodness that shines free of all ashes within our compassionate hearts.” by Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

First Tuesday Sandwiches: March 2nd

In March, we will again prepare sandwiches from home for Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter. Supplies (bread, sandwich bags, etc) can be picked up at church on Monday then returned to Holy Cross on Tuesday morning. Please contact Beth if you are willing to prepare 25-30 sandwiches; either peanut butter & jelly, tuna, chicken or egg salad. For more info or to sign up: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Jail Ministry Letters to inmates:

Due to concerns about the spread of Covid-19, the Justice Center has eliminated visits and increased the hours of isolation. Inmates are experiencing long delays in their ability to resolve their case in court. Special thanks to Melody Foster, Loretta Markley, MaryBeth Smith who generously donate their time to send letters to inmates at the downtown jail. Communicating with jail residents is not difficult, but it takes a few resources. Twice a month you will receive a newsletter to print out at home--a personal note can be added. A stamp & an envelope are also necessary to complete the effort. If your heart is open to helping prisoners in this way, please contact Keith Cieplicki : jailministry@gmail.com

Refugee Assistance Meeting (RAC) online: Thurs. 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. For more information about the RAC, or to join our next online meeting, contact: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

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! There are 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Masks & social distancing are required 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

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: petersarver-acts@gmail.com

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 21st

9:00 AM RCIA Session - virtual

Monday, February 22nd

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, February 23rd

Lent - A Season of Transformation - remote

Wednesday, February 24th

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 PM First Reconciliation

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Friday, February 26th

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross - church

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - church

Saturday, February 27th

2:00 PM First Reconciliation - Chapel

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

Sunday, January 28th

9:00 AM RCIA Session– virtual

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”.

Be sure to pick up a “Little Black Book for Lent” before leaving today. You can find them on the tables near the bulletins.

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!

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: _____

From Christ The King Retreat House Online Lenten Retreat Series

On February 24 - Our lunch time series continues with more discussion, prayer and video presentations!

We look forward to you joining us each Wednesday during Lent for a special time of small group discussion, prayer and reflection with CTK Director, Chris Spilka.

To register go to our website at www.ctkretreat.com, or email us at ctkretreat@syrdio.org.

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.



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

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.



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 thehcsauction@gmail.com



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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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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