



Our second grade Faith Formation students in Ms. McManus' and Mrs. Dooher's class assembled medical kits for those in need. Along with the kits, they made Valentine's Day notes to let our friends know that they are never alone and we are thinking of them. We are so grateful for this Caring Crew of students who model Christ's love and share their kind hearts with others!

**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.

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**Mass Times**

<b>Daily Mass:</b>	7:45am
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am
<b>Penance:</b>	Wed. 7-8pm
	Saturday 3:00pm
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	
<b>Vigil Sat.:</b>	4:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30am
	10:30am
	5:00 pm

**Upcoming Events:**

**Girl Scout Cookie Sale**

Feb. 29 & March 1

**Pizza Sale Pickup**

March 7 & 8 - after Masses

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**

March 17 - 12:00pm



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Jack DeSantis/ Kathy Kotz  
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Socorro Rodrigues / Laura Alfieris  
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday**

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross  
 10:30 AM (School Mass) HC Faculty & Students  
 5:30 PM Hawley Scott/ Jim & Judy Williams  
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM John Centolella/ Brenda Casinella  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Justin Perrin/ John Heinrich  
 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

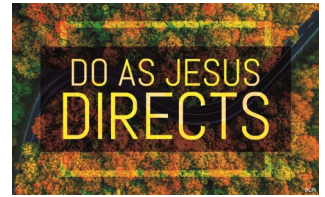
9:00 AM Margaret Foody/ Tom and Charis Kenah  
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance  
 4:00 PM Frank Loguidice/ Sr. Rose

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>-First Sunday in Lent**

7:30 AM Dave Woodmansee/ Dad and Judy  
 10:30AM Ronnie Ellithorpe/ Jean & Ashley Blasland  
 5:00 PM Betty Galletta/ Tom & Mary Lee Muench

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."



Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers & on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

**Week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory Of:* Frank Cappelletti  
*Requested By:* Wife & Family



**Ash Wednesday's Collection:**

**Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

**Next weekend's 2nd collection is: Black & Native American**

**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.

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**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give)

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

**\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

\$16,056.09 Collection of February 16  
 (\$ 3,648.79) Deficit

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

## Day of Reflection

Come and join us on **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in Yeazel Hall. Day will include a talk by Deacon Dare Dutter along with prayer & Benediction. Call Jo for reservations 315-446-3328 by March 27th. Cost \$12 which includes a choice of sandwich (corned beef, roast beef, turkey, tuna) from Brooklyn Pickle.

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

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 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. Study begins on March 3 at 7:00pm. More information can be found on the insert in this bulletin. **If you haven't signed up yet please 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. This spring **All are welcome to attend, even though you were not in the study last fall.**

### **CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization Mondays during Lent 6:00-7:30pm**

Father Matthew Rawson will facilitate this series which begins on March 2 and will be held in Yeazel Hall. Please register by Thursday, February 27th. Register by contacting the office @ 315-446-0473 or email [info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org). This series, created by Bishop Robert Barron, explores the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Dinner is included. There is no cost. See today's insert for more details.

### **"Boundless Compassion" by Joyce Rupp Lenten Book Group with Beth Schafer Begins Sunday, March 1 at 9:00am**

Joyce Rupp offers a guide through prayer, daily reading & weekly group reflection. You will be encouraged to explore personal and professional expressions of compassion, & to re-energize your ability to offer loving kindness to those around you. For more information, see today's insert in the bulletin. To sign up, contact Beth: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org).

### **Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED** - Ash Wednesday February 26

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

**Read:** Meditations for

**Listen:** My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent

**Listen:** Confession

**Read:** The Year and Our Children

#### **Catholic Media Kiosk**

Book: "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas A Kempis  
The spiritual classic The Imitation of Christ, the second most widely-read spiritual book after the Bible, has had an astonishing impact on the spiritual lives of countless saints, peasants, and popes for centuries. Drawing on the Bible, the Fathers of the early Church, and medieval mysticism, the author's four-part treatise shrugs off the allure of the material world, blending beauty and bluntness in a supremely spiritual call-to-arms.

# Ash Wednesday

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Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday, February 26 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

### **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.



### **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.**

### **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.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm in the church
- Every Saturday at 3:00pm in the church.



The Pre K students in Mrs. Cadaret's class have been celebrating Black History Month by learning about important African American Inventors. These amazing inventions ranged from a safer traffic light to an ice cream scoop. The class's favorite was the potato chip which was invented by George Crum! Each student then completed a fun craft of one of the inventors of their choice to hang up in our hallway.



**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](mailto:moleary@syrdiocese.org).

**Box Tops for Education**

Clip Box Tops for Education for Holy Cross School & drop the clipped Box Top coupons in the pink box in the vestibule. This is an on-going project. Thank you for your support of Holy Cross School.



**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon – Tuesday, 3/17**

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day by joining us for this special luncheon at 12:00 noon in Yeazel Hall. We will be serving corned beef and cabbage catered by Theresa. If you would like to participate you **must** call Jo Oliva (446-3328) by noon on 3/10 with your order. **Cost is \$15** (checks payable to Holy Cross) and payment can be made at the office which will secure your reservation.



**Pancake Breakfast**

All are welcome to come to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on **March 1st**. Breakfast is served from 8am to 11:30am at the Council #5186's home - 205 N. Center Street (across from the Village Offices). Breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausages, coffee, juice, milk. adults \$7; kids \$5; under 6 free.



**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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Hospitality Weekend**  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
- Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 PM Monday Night Movie - Yeazel Hall
- Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall  
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9  
1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall
- Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday**  
8:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation  
10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Members Home  
5:30 PM Bread & Soup Supper - Yeazel Hall  
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 27<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 6  
7:00 PM HC Men's Group - room 9  
7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room  
7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/ Youth Group - Rms 10-13
- Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 PM Penance - Church  
Girl Scout Cookie Sale - Gathering Area
- Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Girl Scout Cookie Sale - Gathering Area  
9:00 AM Boundless Compassion - room 9  
9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - room 10  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12  
3:00 PM 11th & 12th Grade Discipleship - rooms 1-2

**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.

**Moving?**

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new address.

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



### 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)

### Spiritual Works of Mercy in March

During March, Faith Formation classes invite you to join them in collecting non-perishable food; this will enhance our 1st weekend food collection. Donations will go to Jamesville & local pantries. The items requested include specific needs at this time of year. A list of requested food items is available by the front door. Faith Formation Classes will focus on the Spiritual Works of Mercy during the second week in March. They are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs: to instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive & bear wrongs patiently. Please return your donated food items to the baskets by the front doors next month.

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

Join us to learn some of the ways that our parish seeks to advocate for & to support refugees. Pope Francis, January 22, 2020: As Christians we must work together to show migrants God's love revealed by Jesus Christ. We can and we must bear witness that there is not just hostility and indifference but that every person is precious to God and loved by him. The divisions that still exist among us prevent us from fully being a sign of God's love. **Clothing Donations:** Donations to the Refugee Resettlement closet are collected at the bottom of the stairs, inside the coat closet near 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 the morning 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](mailto:cjsmith5255@gmail.com)

### April Jail Ministry Visitor Advocate Training

The Jail Ministry's Visitor Advocate Training has been changed to Monday, April 20th, 6-8pm. The initial commitment is for 5 Monday sessions. Jail ministry has been providing visitors to inmates since 1976. Contact Keith Cieplicki: [jailministry@gmail.com](mailto: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 the Sunday afternoon meal. Holy Cross has committed to helping on Feb 16th & April 26th. Please sign up in advance by contacting Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto: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 to assist you after surgery or illness by providing a meal for a limited time; we could shovel your walk or provide a ride to mass if a volunteer is available. If you would like someone to help you with one of those tasks, call the parish office and ask for Beth (315) 446-0473.

### Food Giving Weekend is Next Weekend

Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your donations.



### Prayers Are Requested For...



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.**

### LIFE MATTERS

On February 13th, a vote was passed in the U.S. House to revive the long-failed 1972 Trojan horse, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This resolution is intended to insert language into the U.S. Constitution that could invalidate any limits whatsoever on abortion, including late-term abortions, and require government funding of abortion. The measure now goes to the U.S. Senate. Our Constitution already grants human rights to all, but apparently many members of Congress think these rights do not extend to baby humans. The ERA is another invasion of the secular culture, masquerading as "equality, and should be opposed.

### Fish Fry at Blessed Sacrament Church

St. Vincent's/ Blessed Sacrament Lenten Fish Fry begins Ash Wednesday and continues every Friday except Good Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria, 3129 James Street. Eat in or Take Out available from 4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

**Come enjoy a delicious meal and some great fellowship.**



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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF February 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony Ortega	H1 Catherine Muller	CH1 Kay Sgarlata	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Theresa Beaty	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DiBiase	Claude Pilon
		H4 JoAnn Wallace		Simon Farranto	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Teri Skandalis	H1 Julie Johnson	C1 Timothy Conan	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Robert Brunette	C2 Kathleen Bullion	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Mary Touchette		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Karen L. Markoff	H1 Beth Schafer	CH1 Connor Burruss	Oliver Gleasman	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Ron Deluca	CH2 Deacon	Finn O'Brien	Don Brown
		H4 Mary Haley		Gabriel Yang	Peter Bergamo
					Mike Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Cottet Family	H1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	C1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Rayna Reed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
		H3 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	C2 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
		H4 Elaine Ryan			

**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

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- 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](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

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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

# Lent

AT HOLY CROSS

## Masses and Devotions

**Masses** – Daily Mass: 7:45am (Church); Saturday - 9:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday – 4:00pm, Sunday – 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Weekdays: 8:15am to 3:00pm (Chapel)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – (with Benediction, Confession is available)

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 8:00pm (Church)

**Stations of the Cross** - Fridays during Lent at 8:15am (except Good Friday) AND 7:00pm

### **Distribution of Ashes**

Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday during all Masses – 7:45am, 10:30am, & 5:30pm.

\*Ashes will also be given during the Liturgical Service at 12:00pm. (Service also includes Liturgy of the Word & Homily).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Saturdays, 3:00pm (except Holy Saturday, April 11)

“The Light is On For You” – Monday, April 6, 3:00 – 7:00pm

## Lenten Programs & Activities

**Bread and Soup Meal** - **ASH Wednesday**, February 26 – in Yeazel Hall after 5:30pm Mass

(\$5 per person, children under 8 free). Come enjoy homemade soup & bread with friends, family, & your faith community!

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**Day of Reflection** – Deacon Dare Dutter, Facilitator

† **Monday, March 2, 10:00am – 2:00pm** in Yeazel Hall

Day includes a talk by Deacon Dutter along with prayer & Benediction. Lunch from Brooklyn Pickle included - \$12 (choices: corn beef, roast beef, turkey, tuna); reservations by Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization** – Father Matthew Rawson, Facilitator

† **Mondays during Lent 6:00-7:30pm**; March 2 through April 6 in Yeazel Hall

This series explores the Church’s mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Created by Bishop Robert Barron, the documentary & study program focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today, such as the emergence of “the new atheism: & relativistic attitudes toward questions of faith and morality.” Explore these topics & more. There is no cost. Register online at [holycrossdewitt.org/lent](http://holycrossdewitt.org/lent). Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 27.

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**Conclusion to the Bible Study** - The Book of Romans: “The ‘Gospel’ of Salvation” – David V. Hines, Facilitator

† **Tuesdays: 7:00- 8:30 pm**; March 3, 10, 24, 31 in Yeazel Hall – Room 8

The study (the last 4 sessions) will be taught by the theologians Andrew Swafford, Ph.D. of Benedictine College & Jeff Cavins. The sessions include a 25-minute video & a discussion following. All are asked to email David Hines at [DVHines51@aol.com](mailto:DVHines51@aol.com), or call the Holy Cross office at 315-446- 0473. Those who intend to participate in the Bible study are encouraged to order the workbooks 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 March 3. We will have a review of Romans the first session, & then we will begin in Romans, chapters 7-8. Participants are encouraged to bring your own personal Catholic Bible to class and begin reading 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 if you were not in the study last fall.

**Lenten Book Group – “Boundless Compassion”** - with Beth Schafer

† **Sundays during Lent 9:00am**; March 1 through March 29 in Yeazel Hall – room 9

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](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org).

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**Sandwiches for the Men’s Shelter-** – Beth Schafer, Coordinator

† **Tuesdays, 8:15am – 9:00am March 3, March 17, and April 7** in Yeazel Hall

Volunteers prepare sandwiches, donate food items, or deliver to the shelter. Questions or information contact Beth - [Beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Beth@holycrossdewitt.org) or 315-446-0473

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**Pancake Breakfast at the Men’s Shelter-** Beth Schafer, Coordinator

† **Sunday, March 29th, 6am-8am**

Our pancake chefs will prepare a hot breakfast at the men’s homeless shelter during the early morning hours on Palm Sunday. To join the sunrise crew, meet us at 1074 N. Clinton St. Sign up with Carolyn Smith, [CJSMITH@gmail.com](mailto:CJSMITH@gmail.com).

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**Emmaus Ministry Meal-** Beth Schafer, Coordinator

† **Thursday, April 9th, 4:00-6:30 pm**

Road to Emmaus Ministry, located at 4335 South Salina St. and serves struggling families on the south side of Syracuse with meals & more. Spend some time in a safe & quiet space, getting to know our neighbors living on the south side of Syracuse. Sign up with Beth: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

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**Spiritual Works of Mercy Food Collection** - Beth Schafer, Coordinator

† **Collection will be March 1<sup>st</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will collaborate with the Faith Formation Program by having talks with students on March 15 & 22. Food will be delivered to the Jamesville Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Food suggestions: spaghetti sauce, individual fruit cups, canned tuna, canned kidney beans, canned fruit & vegetables, chicken noodle soup, egg noodles, elbow macaroni, catsup, mayonnaise, mustard, ramen noodles, gluten-free pasta or cereal.

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**Lenten Reflections** -Walk with the Lord daily this Lent. Sign up at <https://formed.org/daily> to receive daily reflections directly to your inbox. Be inspired & renewed each morning with clips from Catholic authors, speakers, movies, talks, & more. FORMED Daily will turn into LENTEN REFLECTIONS on Ash Wednesday.

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**Ignite 2020 Men’s Conference** - An amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you.

† **Saturday, March 28, 9:00am to 5:00pm @ SRC Arena.**

Information and registration: [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org) or contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso at [AnthonyJGrasso@yahoo.com](mailto:AnthonyJGrasso@yahoo.com). Sign up now. Limited seating available.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2020 SCHEDULE

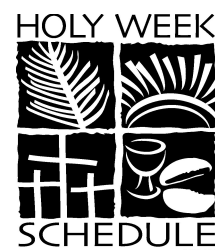
**Palm Sunday Weekend:** Saturday, Vigil Mass –April 4, 4:00 PM  
Sunday Masses – April 5, 7:30, 10:30AM & 5:00PM

**HOLY THURSDAY** – April 9, 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY** – April 10, 2:00 pm – Passion of the Lord  
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY** – April 11 \*8:00 pm Easter Vigil (No other Masses)

**EASTER SUNDAY** – April 12 \*Masses: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 am (No 5:00pm Mass today)



*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIMES*