



2nd Sunday OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

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 FOR MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.

**Sunday, February 28th – Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30am Victor Villani/ Richard & Roxanne Kopecky

10:30am Raymond Blake / Family

5:00pm John Stach/ Ed & Lola Gualtieri

Monday, March 1st

7:45am Christian Hall/ Maureen Hall & Family

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

Tuesday, March 2nd

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, March 3rd7:45am The Silvaggio, Farnett & Magnarelli Families/
Claude & Mary Anne

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, March 4th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family

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

Friday, March 5th

7:45am Mass League

8:15am Stations of the Cross

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

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6th

9:00am Frank Loguidice/ Family

4:00pm Thelma Fiscoe/ Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

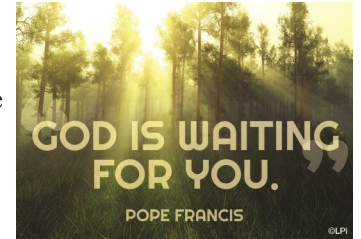
Sunday, March 7th – Third Sunday of Lent7:30am Family of Patrick Mannion (Living Intention)/
Kevin & Karly Mannion

10:30am William Pole/ Kathy Kotz

5:00pm Joan McNamara/ Rita & Peter Bergamo

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday February 28, 2021**Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18****Psalm: 116****Romans 8: 31b-34****Mark 9: 2-10**

Today God tests faith as he instructs Abraham to take his only son Isaac and offer him as a holocaust. Imagine that test as a parent. Do you choose God or the life of your child? We know as Abraham prepares to offer his son as a holocaust, God cries out and stops the slaughter! Abraham has proven his faith to God!



God the Father offers his Son for us and humanity did not cry out in faith, but instead nailed him to a cross, therefore Jesus was a holocaust for us! Jesus destroys death forever!

Do we act on the requests God makes in our life or do we doubt and question? Do we look for signs or reassurance that God is real? In today's Gospel of Mark, Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured before them. They also hear the voice of God the Father say "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." I can only imagine if we saw and heard what these men experienced we would come to immediate and full faith.

Why do we need such signs in our life? This Lent we only need to look at God's activity around us, our blessings, our prayer experiences, to see what God has given and given up for us. Let us come to deeper faith in the one who dies on the cross for us!

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

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

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

\$ 16,415.60 collection of Feb. 14

**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).

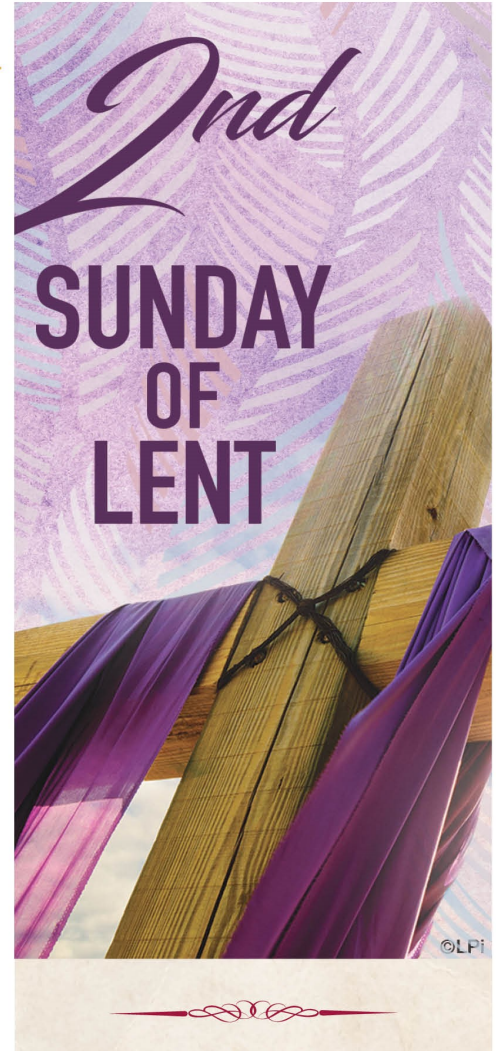
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

- 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
- MON 3/01** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- TUE 3/02** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
- WED 3/03** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
- THR 3/04** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
- FRI 3/05** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- SAT 3/06** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- SUN 3/07** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Casimir
- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent



First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Stanley Blanchfield ~ Family
 Deceased Members of the Blanchfield Family ~ Family
 Marty, Treacy, and Stephen Martans ~
 Rita Chanthasensak & Family

First Friday Mass League

What is the Mass League? Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Donation is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.



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, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Rita Smookler and John Toole.

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.



Lenten Activities

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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. See the Holy Cross website under “News & Events” for more to sign up.



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

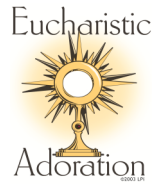
Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 13th Annual IGNITE Men’s Conference is *Take Refuge in the Lord*. As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. We will be running a “hybrid” conference this year. You will have 2 ways to participate. Attend in person at a 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

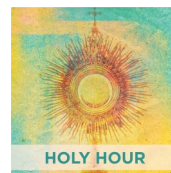
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

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.



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.



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.**



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

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Listen: The Logic of Being Catholic - Dr. Ray Guarendi
Listen: Freedom Through Forgiveness
Study: YDisciple, Called, Session 1: What is a Vocation?
Read with Children: The Young People’s Book of Saints
Listen: Swimming Upstream
Listen or Watch: Devotionals by Dennis and Angelina Girard - The Rosary, Divine Mercy and Way of the Cross

A Family Perspective:

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were “afraid.” In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

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

First Tuesday Sandwiches: March 2nd

In March, we will again prepare sandwiches at home for Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. Sandwich prep supplies (bread, sandwich bags, etc) can be picked up at church on Monday after daily mass. Prepared sandwiches should be returned to Holy Cross by 10am 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

Thank you to February Hot Meal Volunteers

Thank you to all who helped to make the Third Tuesday winter hot meal a success!

Joe Headd, Joe Stickle and Sue Thompson, Michelle Engle and Mike Mulvihill together provided bread & butter with hot Beef Goulash casserole for the men's homeless shelter last week.

Some of the volunteers responded to a request from our parish Neighbors Helping Neighbors email group. Thank you to all for your goodness & generosity!

Laudato Si Circle Online:

Saturday, March 13th, 5pm

Join us to discuss the ideas presented in the weekly Laudato Si Lenten program that will be inserted in the bulletin during the Lenten season. Contact Beth for more info and a link to the next online meeting: 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

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

Food Giving Weekend

Next Weekend - March 6 and 7

Our Food Giving Weekend will be 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 to everyone who faithfully support the Jamesville Food Pantry with food or money. It is always so appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 28th

9:00 AM RCIA Session- virtual

Monday, March 1st

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, March 2nd

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - remote

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Friday, March 5th

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross - church

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - church

Saturday, March 6th

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

Sunday, March 7th - Food Giving Weekend

9:00 AM RCIA Session - virtual

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Reopening on March 1

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm). You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

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? thehcsauction@gmail.com



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 by mail unless you prefer email.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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.

**From Christ The King Retreat House
Online Lenten Retreat Series**

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 on our website at www.ckretreat.com, or email us at ckretreat@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.

**Virtual Date Night - March 20, 2021**

Could you and your spouse use a dose of fun? Join other couples for some laughs and some time to reconnect.

Hosts Chris & Linda Padgett are international speakers and authors who share their marriage journey in a fun, relevant, relatable way!

Virtual Date Night is being offered through the Office of Family/Respect Life on the **third Saturday of every month from 8-9 pm on Zoom.**

Register for March 20th at syrdio.date.night.eventbrite.com. Any questions contact the Office of Family/Respect Life at familyrespectlife@syrdio.org (315) 472-6754 ext. 2.

Day of Hope & Healing

Are you a woman seeking peace and forgiveness after abortion?

Join us for a Day of Hope and Healing on **Saturday April 17th**, hosted by Project Rachel Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Project Rachel at 855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syrdio.org. All calls and emails are confidential.

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

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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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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