



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 4 of the
bulletin for this week's
events.**

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 7th—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30am Deceased Members of Harkins, Relihan & Foraker Families/ Family

5:00pm M/M C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

Monday, February 8th

7:45am John Moorehouse/ Paul & Amy Sansone

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

Tuesday, February 9th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, February 10th

7:45am Pat Testa/ Mary Lee & Tom Muench

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, February 11th

7:45am Alyce & John McNamara/ Family

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

Friday, February 12th

7:45am James Millar/ Pete, Laurie & Jake Sala

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

Saturday, February 13th

9:00am Donald & Wanda Shimer/ Rina Shimer

4:00pm John Stach/ Peter & Antoinette Badera

3:00 - 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

7:30am Maria Chukwuani/ Amy Sansone

10:30am Bill Nowicki/ Wife Loretta

5:00pm John & Eva Cody/ Maria Bertrand

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday February 7, 2021

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm 147: 1-6

I Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

Today's first reading is from the Book of Job. Job is not a joy-filled man! We hear him announcing that life on earth is a drudgery. He often refers to himself as a slave, one whose master mistreats him. Job goes on to say he is filled with restlessness until the dawn. The dawn is the dawn of a new day, when a Messiah will come to save him from his slavery. Light will dispel the darkness of his soul. His slavery symbolically represents sin. The Messiah will save us from that sin which enslaves us. Once set free we are able to carry out the work that Christ has sent us to accomplish.



Paul in his First Letter to The Corinthians is about the work of preaching the gospel. Paul states "...this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" Through our Baptism into Christ Jesus we have all been given the obligation to represent Christ, and to "preach" the gospel. Unlike Job, Paul finds joy in his life. After his conversion, Paul took on Christ's message with an urgency like no other.

Many find Paul a great inspiration because he was a doubter, and expresses his unworthiness to preach the gospel, yet is called to do so. He often reminds us, his reader, that the message he delivers is not his own, but belongs to the one who sent him. Let us take joy in the work that our savior entrusts unto us, while we do not take credit for the good that work does, but give credit to the author of that work.

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

THANK YOU
for your generosity

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

\$ 17,791.00 Jan. 24 collection

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

Your support is invaluable.

Thank You

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give. Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer. Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).**

WEEKLY PRAYER

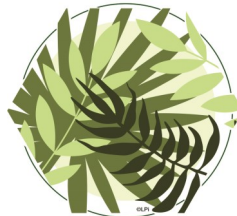
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- SUN 2/7** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39
- MON 2/8** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk
6:53-56
- TUE 2/9** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
- WED 2/10** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
- THR 2/11** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
- FRI 2/12** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
- SAT 2/13** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
- SUN 2/14** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk
1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

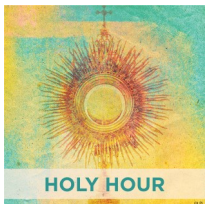
- Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

Over the next few weeks prior to Lent, we will be collecting palms. If you would like to bring in your palms from last year, we will have containers in the Gathering Area for you to put them in. We will burn the palms and make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



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.



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.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass (8:15am) a group gathers to pray the Rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray.

Please join us!

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.



Mt 18:19-20

Thursday, February 11 is the feast day for Our Lady of Lourdes & the World Day of the Sick. Please join us for the Rosary on this special day and pray for the recovery of all !

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.

Rite of Welcome at 4pm Mass this weekend:

This weekend at our 4pm vigil Mass we welcome RCIA candidate Mark Hayes. Mark and his sponsor will join us to celebrate the Rite of Welcome. In his early years, Mark received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist in the Catholic Church. He is seeking full reception in the Church through Confirmation. Please welcome Mark and pray for him on his faith journey!



World Marriage Day Celebration at Holy Cross

Due to COVID-19, the World Marriage Day Mass at the Cathedral on February 14th will not take place.

Instead we are inviting all married couples to attend any Mass at Holy Cross on the weekend of **Feb. 13 & 14**. Couples will receive a special blessing at that time. Please call (315-446-0473) or email (info@holycrossdewitt.org) the office if you are planning on attending. You do not need to specify the Mass time until you register for Mass.





Ash Wednesday – February 17th

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

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

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.

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.



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.

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. More information about how to sign up will be coming soon.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED 2/11 Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Watch: Bernadette - shown daily at the Shrine at Lourdes
Watch: Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes - a great family video.

Check out Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, located in Syracuse.
www.lourdesvolunteers.org

Listen: Saved in Hope - Encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI

Have you signed up for FORMED yet? Consider signing up for Lent

It is new and even more exciting than before. Enrich your faith with this free to you, online, get it on any computer or digital device. Just go to formed.org and click Sign Up.

Follow the easy instructions to get into your parish information, create a password and a world of Catholic movies, studies, books and audios are yours. They have recently updated the whole website so if you are familiar with FORMED, sign back in and explore all the new media that awaits you!

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.

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

In the midst of this pandemic, where are you finding God? How are you answering the call to love, to liberation and solidarity?

Hot meal instead of 3rd Tuesday Sandwiches: Feb. 16th
 Instead of our usual sandwiches, on the third Tuesday of the month we are seeking a few volunteers who are willing to prepare a hot meal for the shelter. Please let me know if you are able to provide a Beef Goulash casserole to be delivered on Tuesday at 3pm. The casserole should be placed in a disposable tin serving dish and delivered hot. It should serve approximately 24 persons. We will need 4 individuals who are willing to prepare a casserole and someone who can be our delivery person. The meals will be dropped off at Holy Cross at 3pm Tuesday for delivery to the shelter. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

Jail Ministry--letters to inmates:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors are not allowed to visit the downtown jail. Individuals who are confined to the jail are experiencing long delays and hours of isolation until their case can be heard. You are invited to join a letter writing campaign that lets each inmate know that they are not forgotten. If you are interested in joining this compassionate ministry, contact Keith: jailministry@gmail.com

Request for Online Tutors:

As part of their Covid-19 response effort, Syracuse University is connecting K-12 students across the city to qualified online tutors. To sign up as a tutor or learn more about the online tutoring program that is conducted online, contact: Brice Nordquist: banordqu@syr.edu or Emily Winiecki: ejwiece@syr.edu

Next Samaritan Center Dinner: March 21st & April 18th

Thank you to our 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. Just 5 volunteers are allowed for each shift. Masks & social distancing are required in order to serve the take-out meals. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com The Samaritan Center occasionally distributes donated hats, gloves & essential personal items to diners as they process past the meal line. The photo below is of Emma Deehan who spent her time at the Samaritan Center sorting those items for distribution.



Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.



We would like to thank everyone who donated food or money over the past few months. It was so appreciated by the Jamesville Food Pantry.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 7th - Food Giving Weekend

9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

Monday, February 8th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Wednesday, February 10th

6:00 PM First Reconciliation

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Saturday, February 11th

2:00 PM First Reconciliation

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

Sunday, January 14th

9:00 AM RCIA Session-- remote

All events are subject to change. Please watch the bulletin and check on-line to make sure the event will take place or may have changed to remote or online. Sign up for the bulletin brief and up-to-date information will be emailed to you. You may do this by visiting the Holy Cross website, then go to "News" & "Subscribe".

Parish Office is Closed

The parish office will remain closed until further notice as a precaution to protect our staff that will work remotely during this time. You may call (315-446-0473) or email info@holycrossdewitt.org. and leave a message.

Holy Cross clergy and staff are following all safety protocols and taking every precaution to continue to provide a safe environment for our parishioners.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are so encouraged by the outpouring of support. Know that your safety and well-being is our top priority. You and your family are always in our prayers and inform our actions and plans to provide a safe and caring environment to our community.

Father Matt's Address

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

Fr. Matt Rawson
 Christ Our Hope @ St. Joseph Church
 108 Charles Street
 Boonville, N.Y. 13309-1334

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

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



Name: _____

Address: _____



Holy Cross School Auction

Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Joins 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



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.

EDUCATE - A - KID

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education. Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." – Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name _____


Address _____

_____ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,500)

_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____

A Family Perspective:

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill". Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."




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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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- 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. 21
- 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

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