



March for Life

Each year on (or as close to) January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (1973), all U.S. dioceses observe a National Day of Prayer & Penance interceding for an end to abortion, an increase in respect for the dignity of all human life, and for the full restoration of the legal protection of the Right to Life. With the unfortunate need to cancel our diocesan pilgrimage to the National March for Life in Washington D.C., members of our Holy Cross family braved the cold temperatures and joined the faithful from across our diocese in prayer at the local March for Life in downtown Syracuse.

Prior to the March, Bishop Lucia led pilgrims in the celebration of the Eucharist followed by a communal Rosary and Holy Hour for

Life. This points to an important takeaway for us as Catholics who often find ourselves facing the wider culture of society: whenever we stand up in defense of our faith, or simply whenever we go out to serve our brothers and sisters in need—how crucial it is that we always do so first nourished in prayer, and whenever possible, having first celebrated together the Eucharist. Then, our joyful witness to the Lord of Life is strengthened to lovingly transform the hearts of anyone we meet. This is how we must always witness: having authentically encountered the Light and Truth of the Gospel.

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are also witnesses."

—POPE ST. PAUL VI,
EVANGELII NUNTIANDI

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Today, the concept of love takes center stage in our readings. We hear from Jeremiah that God knew him before he was formed in his mother's womb. He dedicated Jeremiah to being a prophet who will tell the world about God's love and His plan for our ultimate salvation. God goes on to tell Jeremiah that even in the troubles that come from telling people things that they do not want to hear, God will strengthen him and keep him on the right path. If that isn't love, then it is something very close.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we hear about the essence of love. It is patient, kind, humble; qualities that make the way we interact with each other a more sacred and spiritual thing. Love should be something that comes easier to us, but our sin continues to try to break down the bands of love that connect us to one another. That is where Jesus comes in.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the people of his hometown about the love that God wants to show them. They react positively at first, but then, prompted by the familiarity that comes with Jesus' hometown status, they try to throw him off a cliff. In this scene we see an ominous precursor to the cross and painful death that Jesus will endure in order to show us the true love that Paul speaks about. This self-giving love that Jesus shows us is something that we can emulate if we choose to do so. It is not easy to do because of our sinful nature. This type of love has been shown to us by many saints of our church who gave generously of themselves in loving sacrifice. Let us try to do the same, and in so doing, make our world a more loving place.

Peace,
Deacon Dare

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Meg Barone, Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Oliver Brown, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Brianna Messe, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Kathryn Muller, Nancy Patane, James Ryan, Laura Suarez, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, John Toole, and Teresa Vita.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Gail Merchant / Michael & Catherine Gaines
10:30 AM - Laurie Gadsden / Davidson Family
5:00 PM - Sheila Guinto / Leigh Marquis

Monday, January 31

7:45 AM – Parishioners of Holy Cross
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, February 1

7:45 AM – Hilda Loguidice / Ava & Mike
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, February 2

7:45 AM – Luke Morrisroe / Niece
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, February 3

7:45 AM – Bill Sovik / Michael & Silvia Kearney
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, February 4

7:45 AM – John McNamara / Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, February 5

9:00 AM – Fr. Lisile Pottorff / Sue & Snady Hoddinott
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Gail Merchant / Mike & George Deptula

Sunday, February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Giuseppe Messina / Family
10:30 AM - Cecilia Davidson / The Davidson Family
5:00 PM - Maureen McManus / Leigh Marquis

Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Stephen Oliva, Sr. / Wife & Family

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Maureen Hayes Tessier / Family
Lucy McLean / Family
Phanxico-Zavier Nguyen / Mark Son Nguyen

FIRST FRIDAY MASS LEAGUE

What is the Mass League?

Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45 AM Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. We request a \$25 donation, to learn more contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473.

News & Events

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, February 3 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Room 12 & 13. New knitters are always welcome. If you have questions please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Valentine's Day Party

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us at Holy Cross! Lunch will be catered by Peachtree Sandwich Company. Sandwich choices are turkey, roast beef, ham, or mushroom and includes salad, coffee, etc. Price is \$15 per person. Please call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 by noon on Tuesday, February 8 to make your reservation.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
Mass and Reception
Sunday February 13th, 2022 • 2:00 pm
The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Celebrant: Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia

All married couples and their families are welcome.

Special recognition honoring those celebrating 25, 50 and 50+ years of marriage in 2022.

Couples celebrating 25, 50 or 50+ anniversaries, please contact your parish office to receive your invitation.

A special blessing will be offered for all couples in attendance
Sponsored by the Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry

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Valentine's Day Dinner & Cabaret

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Treat your Valentine and/or yourself to drinks, a delicious dinner, and entertaining cabaret show. Join us for this memorable evening and support Christ the King Retreat House in our continued efforts to bring growth, healing, and peace. Social begins at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Cabaret show following dinner. Offering is \$35 per person. Register at www.ckretreat.com.

Mask Update

At Holy Cross we are asking you to please continue to wear a mask completely covering your nose and mouth when inside the building. If you forgot to bring one, masks (adult and child sizes) are available in the central Gathering Area. If you need help, please ask a staff member for assistance. For updates on policies and procedures at Holy Cross regarding COVID-19, please visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/coronavirus.

World Marriage Day Mass & Reception

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 | 2:00 PM

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia invited all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating World Marriage Day on February 13, 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage in 2022. Please call the parish office if you would like to attend the Mass and be recognized.

2021 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please contact Peg Olson by calling the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or you may also email peg@holycross-dewitt.org. You will need to provide your name and address.

FORMED

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FEBRUARY 2: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MARY: THE NEW EVE | [WATCH HERE](#)

This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Find this and other timely content at
watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week

Helpful Info

New to Holy Cross?

We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at the entrances of the church, or visit holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

Outreach

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 1 at 8:15 AM. Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass to prepare a variety of sandwiches to be delivered to the Catholic Charities' homeless shelter.

Food Donation Weekend

FEBRUARY 5 & 6

The pantries are asking for women's personal hygiene items, as well as shampoo, soap, deodorant, laundry detergent and dish soap. They also need typical staple items such as children's cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, white, black, and kidney beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, peanut butter, jelly, and soups. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Next weekend, we are in need of volunteers:

- Before Mass to cart the food to Yeazel Hall
- After 4:00 PM & 7:30 AM Mass to process the donations per the receiving pantries' request
- 9:15-9:45 AM on Sunday to load the donations for transport
- Monday at 9:00 AM to finish up
- Please sign in as you come into Yeazel Hall

Samaritan Center

Interested in volunteering at the Samaritan Center? Volunteers are needed on Sunday, February 13 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. To sign up, contact Richard Coughlin at rcoughlin@irr.com or (315) 870-4054.

J-D Ecumenical Food Pantry

The J-D Ecumenical Food Pantry is looking for volunteers for their board and would like to have two or three Holy Cross parishioners. Contact Ellen at (315) 447-4701 if you are interested.

Catholic Schools Week at Holy Cross School

January 30th – February 4th, 2022



Sunday, January 30th

Mass at Holy Cross Church 🙏 Holy Cross School will be highlighted during the 10:30 AM Mass at Holy Cross Church. For families who can attend, please ask your children to wear their school uniform. If you cannot attend in person, watch online at holycrossdewitt.org.

Monday, January 31st

Student Mass at Holy Cross Church, 9:15 AM (Organized by Third Grade). This is a unifying opportunity for all of our students to come together as a community of faith to kick-off this special celebratory week.

📢 Students will make cards for the elderly, homebound parishioners of Holy Cross Church.

📷 School Wide Picture (Outside in Holy Cross parking lot)

Tuesday, February 1st

Twin Day or Favorite Character/Superhero Day 🦸 Students choose a partner or group of friends and dress in matching outfits or wear a shirt representing your favorite character or superhero.

🐝🎨 Upper grades will compete in a spelling bee; younger students will get creative with a craft.

📖 Holy Cross, in partnership with **Regan's Acts of Kindness**, will be collecting books for Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. For families that wish to participate, books must be new and appropriate for your student's grade level. Books can be dropped off at school or selected from an Amazon wish list (<https://tinyurl.com/Regansbookdrive>). Students will create bookmarks to be included in book donation.

Wednesday, February 2nd

Wacky Tacky Dress Day 😜💕 **Packed with Love** – students will be packing backpacks for students entering foster care. Students will also create cards to include in the bags.

🍦 Sprinkles ice cream cups provided to all students, courtesy of Carvel.

Thursday, February 3rd

Sports Day ⚽🏀🏈 Wear your favorite team shirt. Students will enjoy a story hour with Mrs Rys, and decorate place-mats for Meals on Wheels recipients.

❄️ Snow Tubing at Four Seasons – Families are invited to enjoy an evening of snow tubing fun!

Friday, February 4th

Red and White Day 🍕 Fun and exciting games led by Coach. Students will also enjoy a pizza lunch! 🍕

Follow along all week



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"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank You For Your Generous Support

We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission to our community and the world. Did you know Holy Cross offers convenient and secure, online giving? Whether you want to make a one time donation or setup a recurring gift, we've partnered with an industry leader to give you secure and convenient opportunities for supporting our faith community. Online donations helps reduce overhead and administrative costs allowing our staff to focus on the mission of the Church. If you are considering signing up for online giving and have questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473, visit us online at holycrossdewitt.org/give, or send an email to finance@holycrossdewitt.org.

A NOTE ON PRIVACY AND SECURITY

We have taken great care to choose a partner that is dedicated to protecting personal information and privacy. They comply with the highest level of industry security standards and must pass rigorous independent on-site audits annually in addition to other critical assessments. We take information security very seriously and value your right to privacy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 16: \$15,775.49
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 23: \$17,504.99



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SETUP WITH ONLINE GIVING

Safe Environment

All children, young people, and vulnerable adults have the right to be safe and protected from harm in all environments. Holy Cross follows all policies set forth by the Diocese of Syracuse that embraces this right and promotes that protection by taking steps to create safe environments to prevent the sexual abuse of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We will continue to take steps to create safe environments through continued education, building awareness, and maintaining a commitment to keeping all children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. To learn more about the Diocese of Syracuse Safe Environment program, please visit www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All diocesan, parish, and school employees and volunteers working with children, young people, or vulnerable adults must attend initial safe environment training, and subsequent recertification every 5 years. If you have any questions, and for assistance in signing up for an upcoming training session, contact Julie Sheridan (julie@holycrossdewitt.org), Safe Environment Coordinator for Holy Cross.