



Catholic Schools Week Recap

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4

It's tradition here at Holy Cross to kick off Catholic Schools Week with a whole school picture. This year due to safety precautions we took our large group photo outside using a special drone!

It's also tradition to start Catholic Schools Week with a Mass for our students. Just before taking this colorful photo, students joined together as a community to celebrate the sacred liturgy. Mrs. DiMento's Third grade students led our liturgy by proclaiming the Word of God while leading us in the Responsorial Psalm and Prayer of the Faithful.

Nurse Walters and our students

from Totus Tuus Summer Camp led us in song during the Mass.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support during Catholic Schools Week! It was an amazing celebration of our community, and we are so grateful for your prayerful presence.

We also want to say how grateful we are for our students, faculty, staff, families, and friends that embody the Crusader family and made Catholic Schools Week possible. Lastly, to our parishioners, thank you for continuing to pray for and support our school community. The impact you have on these students' life is eternal!

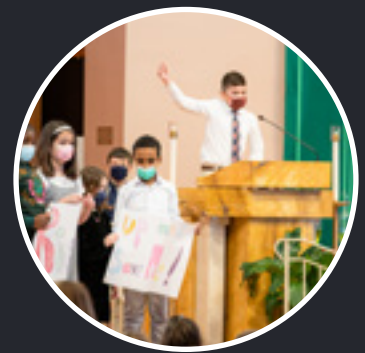
Check out more photos and videos from our week on Facebook, Instagram, and our website

holycrossdewitt.org.

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



James Tissot, 1886-1894

“When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him” (Luke 5:11). It is easy for us to find ourselves in a place where Simon Peter’s despairing words resonate with us on a deep level: “We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing...” Is there a more discouraging feeling than having poured yourself out, to have it all seem like a complete waste or a total

failure? Frustration, exhaustion, and burnout set in. Where’s the hope?

Maybe this is you at the moment—as a parent, or somewhere else in your vocation, or in a situation trying to ‘show up’ for a loved one in need, trying to pass on the faith to someone who has walked away...you name it...trying to pull in a large catch of fish, but striking out.

A spiritual director of mine used to often call to mind the simple but yet very profound and challenging words of St. Mother Teresa: God is looking for our fidelity, our faithfulness—not our successfulness. Success, the fruit of labors, the fruit of prayer, etc. this is all God’s doing. Success belongs to God. It is our participation and our faithfulness that gives God permission and room to act. In other words, listen to Jesus when he says to you lower your nets again (cf. Luke 5:4). Despite our limitations and imperfections, the Lord can still work, He can work with whatever we bring him. Isaiah the prophet (1st Reading) and Paul the apostle (Second Reading) are perfect examples for us.

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 7

7:45 AM – Antoinette Newhoff / Amy & Paul Sansone
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 10

7:45 AM – Natalia Monterastelli / Children & Grandchildren
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, February 11

7:45 AM – Al & Irene Maslanka / Loretta Nowicki
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, February 12

9:00 AM – Dolores Pandelly / Sophiann Cicci
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Agnes & Dan Broader and Danny Broader / Mary Ellen Brown & Family

Sunday, February 13 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - William F. Lynn / Sister
10:30 AM - Charles O'Donnell / Antonacci Family
5:00 PM - John Fennessey / Sheila Gallagher

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, Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Brianna Messe, Monique Missoff, Elizabeth Mollica, 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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News & Events



Knights of Columbus Pizza Sale

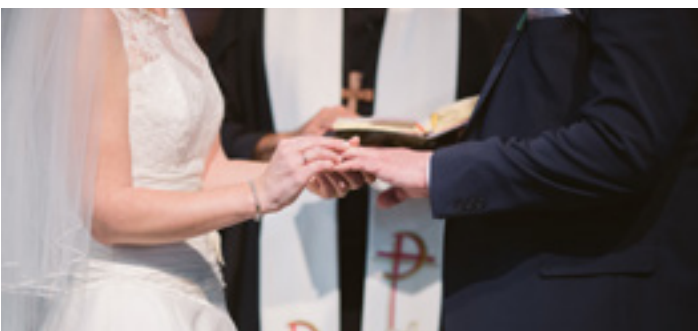
FEBRUARY 5-6 & FEBRUARY 12-13

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual pizza sale. They will be taking orders after Masses for two weeks, February 5-6 and February 12-13. The pizzas will be delivered after the Masses on March 26-27.

Diocesan Listening Session

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 | 6:30 PM

Listening is an integral part of planning for the future. Make your voice heard. Join us for the next Listening Session on Monday, February 7, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Holy Family Church in Syracuse. All are welcome to attend.



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.



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.

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.ctkretreat.com.

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Reflection

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Isaiah: "I'm a man of unclean lips. I've lived among a people of unclean lips."

Paul: "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be an apostle, I persecuted the church of God."

How could either of these two hope to be successful? Why would the Lord even choose them or call them? They allowed the Lord to uniquely purify them...he touched their lips, he spoke the word to them plainly, he revealed himself—and they chose to be faithful. Notice, they didn't first choose success, yet the Lord still made them tremendous vessels of grace (or for our purposes, a success!).

Maybe those fishers in the boat were too focused on their own methods, maybe they were clinging to what they believed was success, or maybe they reached a point where they wanted to give up and go their own way. One thing is certain: Encountering Jesus Christ, listening to His word, and giving His commands and His methods priority over their own, they caught an abundance of fish. Did you notice here that Jesus never said, "Follow me?" They just simply did so after recognizing what his transformative presence could do.

Keep 'lowering your nets' with confidence that Jesus will provide the abundance of grace that you need.

Jesus, help us stay faithful to you!

Peace,
Fr. Brendan Foley

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February II: Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

This inspiring story depicts St. Bernadette and her encounters with the Blessed Mother. Learn more about the saint who Mary appeared to eighteen times!



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

Outreach

Food Donation Weekend

This 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

We have noticed that our inventory of red bags seems to be decreasing. If you have a red Holy Cross bag that was inadvertently left in your car or at home, please return it empty or full. Thanks for all you do to help our local food pantries!



Samaritan Center

Interested in volunteering at the Samaritan Center? Volunteers are needed on Sunday, February 13 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM to 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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

(Celebrated in Parishes February 5-6)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and in parishes over the weekend of February 5-6, 2022. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Sr. Ignatia Henneberry

Sr. Ignatia was raised in Mexico, NY and attended public schools there, graduating in 2008. Her home parish was St. Anne, Mother of Mary in Mexico. She is the daughter of Joe & Lucienne Henneberry. After high school, Sr. Ignatia attended Franciscan university of Steubenville. Here she met the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. After her sophomore year Sr. Ignatia left Franciscan University to enter the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration as a postulant. She was later able to return and earn bachelor degrees in theology, business, & German. She professed final solemn vows in 2018.

Sr. M. Ignatia Henneberry now serves as the Vocation Director for the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration contact: ssfpavocations@gmail.com

"Next to baptismal grace, the call to the religious life is the greatest grace that could come to us. How grateful we must be!" - Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel

We, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, participate in the mission of the Roman Catholic Church by

living the Gospel after the example of Saint Francis and our foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. We strive to combine the contemplative life with the active through perpetual adoration and the works of mercy in education, healthcare, and other ecclesial ministries.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration continue to serve in education, health care, and other ecclesial ministries in Germany, the United States, and the Philippines. In doing so, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus who spent His public life praying, teaching, healing, and ministering to others. The Provincial House of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province is located in Mishawaka, Indiana. From there we serve in the Archdioceses of Chicago and Indianapolis, and the Dioceses of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Lafayette-in-Indiana, and Gary.

More information: <http://ssfpa.org/>

Sister M. Ignatia Henneberry

+ All as God wishes: He Leads. I Follow.+

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Do you have a vocation story to share with us?

Contact us at news@holycrossdewitt.org

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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.

Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or send an email to peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Please provide your full name and address.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 30: \$15,273.04



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Our Staff

Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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