



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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He Is Risen



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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

On this Easter day, we see Mary of Magdala come to the tomb of Jesus. She arrives very early in the morning to avoid detection. As she approaches the tomb, she observes that the large stone that was sealing the tomb has been rolled back, and she knows something unusual has taken place. The woman, who wished to go unnoticed, now runs to Simon Peter and to John to tell them what has taken place. Both Simon Peter and John are alarmed and run to the tomb. Upon entering, Peter and John find the body of Jesus is missing, with only the burial shroud remaining.

These loyal followers, Disciples of Christ, realize that something either criminal, or miraculous, has occurred and that they are the witnesses to the aftermath. What we easily forget is that they did not yet have an understanding of Scripture, and did not realize that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

One can only imagine the panic that these three would have experienced. Mary of Magdala, whom Jesus had shown mercy, cannot pay her respects to the one who respected her when others disavowed her. Peter, who had tried to prevent Jesus from washing his feet in service to him, has not only seen Jesus be crucified on a cross and die but believes that someone has either stolen or moved the body of his savior. John, the youngest Disciple and the one who appears to be the closest to Jesus, observes what Mary of Magdala and Peter observe. John, however, because of his youth, is still trying to deal with the loss of his friend. He cannot believe he has lost him a second time.

We all can feel what these people are feeling in some way. We too feel the sadness and loss of Jesus when he dies on the cross on Good Friday. What we understand, some 2,000 years later, is that Jesus is missing from the tomb because he has risen from the dead. Let us rejoice in our understanding, while we acknowledge the feelings of those who first visit the empty tomb and contemplate its meaning.

Happy Easter!
Fr. John



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday

7:30 AM - Deceased Members of Holy Cross
10:30 AM - Deceased Members of Holy Cross
5:00 PM - Deceased Members of Holy Cross

Monday, April 18

7:45 AM – Pilon & Farnett Families / Claude & Maryanne
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, April 19

7:45 AM – James F. Collins / Wife & Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 21

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

Friday, April 22

7:45 AM – Dr. Alfred Falcone / Francoise Falcone
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, April 23

9:00 AM – Juanita Boada / Chuck & Regina Harty
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Dr. William F. Stack / Lisa A. Langan

Sunday, April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Edward & Rosemary Coolican / Ed, Lisa & Michelle
10:30 AM - Mary Ann T. Miller / Simizon Family
5:00 PM - Dolores Pandelly / King Family

Host & Wine

Bill Sovik / Family

Sanctuary Lamp

Herbert & Angeline Silvestri / Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Frank Colao, Kathleen Crouch, Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Elizabeth Mollica, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Nancy Patane, Carol John Toole, and Teresa Vita.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events

Parish Office Closed Easter Monday

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 18 in observance of Easter. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 19 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. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, April 19 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink. We will be making Angel Blankets.

Partnership with All Saints on Race

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 | 6:30 PM

In June and July, members of Holy Cross will be working with All Saints on exploring a Catholic approach to racial equity. We will be participating in a study focusing on how Jesus might respond to the racial situation in America and in the Catholic Church. There will be an information night on April 19 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. We will go over the course content and share information about times and dates. If you are interested, please email Dc. Dare at dare@holycrossdewitt.org or call the parish office.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, April 21 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Earth Day of Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 | 9:00 AM

In celebration of Earth Day, join us for a Day of Service on Saturday, April 23 to give back to our neighborhood and community. All ages welcome! Meet us **at DeWitt Town Hall at 9:00 AM**. Following an opening prayer and introductions, we will proceed to the corner of Bridge Street and Erie Boulevard to pick up litter along the street/bike path. Contact Beth Schafer (315-416-4576) to sign up. Bring a hat, gloves and water bottle. Wear closed toe shoes and long pants. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 | 1:00 PM

This month's feature will be *The Case for Christ*. An investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian. The movie is free to attend and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Baby Shower to Support Refugee Mothers

GRAB A TAG TODAY!

The Refugee Assistance Committee is hosting a newborn baby shower for 20 moms-to-be resettling in the Syracuse area through Catholic Charities. If you would like to help with this urgent need, please pick up a tag in the gathering area this weekend and next weekend (April 16-17 and April 23-24). Items are to be unwrapped and returned by May 1 after the 5:00 PM Mass. Gift cards and monetary donations will be used to purchase strollers, pack-n-plays, and other larger items. Members of the Refugee Assistance Committee will be available following all Masses to answer any questions.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Join us Monday through Friday after 7:45 AM Mass (around 8:15 AM) to pray the rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray.



RECYCLING FOR RELIEF



THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

Caring Crusaders Club of Holy Cross School is holding a bottle and can drive. All proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services to support relief efforts in Ukraine.

Collect your bottles and cans and drop them off Thursday, April 21, in the Holy Cross School parking lot. Look for signs. Drop off times are between 8:00-9:30 AM and 2:00-3:30 PM. Please contact Jolie Johnston at joleswtj@gmail.com if you have any questions.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Educated Minds • Faith-Filled Hearts

Holy Cross School is a private, Pre-K through 6th grade Catholic educational community. At Holy Cross School, our students get a superior education in an innovative learning institution that produces outstanding overall academic performance year after year. They also learn lifelong values that never change including faith, service, honesty, courtesy, and compassion. Since family is a key value, we also offer flexible hours for busy parents with before and after school programs, are conveniently located, and foster a safe environment for children. Nationally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. To learn more or schedule a tour, visit the school's website at www.hcschooldewitt.org and follow along [@hcschooldewitt](https://www.instagram.com/hcschooldewitt).



SLIDE INTO SUMMER AT HOLY CROSS

YOUTH & FAMILIES 2022



THIS SUMMER... 🙌☀️

Don't miss the fun, friends, and the faith that brings us all together! We're teaming up with the diocese and other local parishes to offer some incredible

opportunities: opportunities to get away, to serve, to laugh, to strengthen friendships—and to form new ones, opportunities to sing and dance and to learn new things, and opportunities for quiet and stillness in the presence of God.

Prayers for First Eucharist Candidates

First Eucharist is coming up, and we are asking for your prayers! Prayer cards are available in baskets at each entrance, each with the name of one of our First Eucharist candidates. Please hold that particular child and their family in prayer as they continue preparations to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

The Holy Cross Community is blessed to share in the faith journey of these young children and their families. Prayer Partners will often continue to hold the children in prayer for years, praying for them through First Eucharist and beyond—through Confirmation, graduation, etc. Prayer deeply connects us as a faith community rooted in Sacrament. Thank you! Our Celebration of First Eucharist will be April 30 & May 1 and May 7 & 8 during weekend Masses.



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 all of the entrances of the church, or visit us at holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

New to Catholicism?

If you're new to the Catholic faith, curious about the Church, or just checking it out, we'd love to partner with you on your journey. We have Catholics from all walks of life and all with different stories on finding their faith. If you have questions on Christianity, Catholicism, or the Church, get in touch with us at holycrossdewitt.org/contact

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, APRIL 18

OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM - Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

6:45 AM - FF (High School), Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM - Sandwich Ministry, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM - Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:45 AM - FF (Middle School), Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM - Adoration, Church

7:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:45 AM - FF (Elementary), Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM - Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 AM - Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM - Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 AM - Mass, Church

9:15 AM - Adult Ministry, Rms 12 & 13

10:30 AM - Mass, Church

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Prayer Service, Church

4:00 PM - RCIA, Conference Room

5:00 PM - Mass, Church

Visit holycrossdewitt.org/calendar for the latest event details.



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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