



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 3, 2022



# Readings & Reflection

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022**

Isaiah 66:10-14c  
Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Our readings this weekend share a common theme of Joy! In the first reading, we are instructed to "Rejoice with Jerusalem," while our Psalm exclaims, "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy," and in the Gospel the seventy-two disciples "returned rejoicing" after their successful ministry. At its heart, the Christian life is indeed a life of joy! The Holy Spirit fills our hearts and souls with joy, drawing us out of ourselves and into communion with Christ and his Church.

At first glance, then, it would seem that our second reading is out of place. In it, Paul is talking about the Cross and suffering, while all the other readings have a light and joyful tone. Is this a mistake?

The gospel truth, though, is that the Cross and joy go together. This is not intuitive, but it is at the heart of the Gospel and the foundation of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. As Christians, we are not scandalized by the Cross, nor can we try to avoid it in our own lives. Paul goes even further, claiming that we even boast in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, because it is the sign of his victory, and the means of our salvation.

I find that when I try to avoid the Cross in my own life I still end up unhappy, robbed of my joy. This can happen, for example, when I avoid making time for prayer, or sharing my faith, or standing up for what I believe. But when you and I choose to embrace the Cross in our own lives by humbly accepting the various sufferings and trials that come with sincere discipleship, we are surprised to discover a profound joy where we only expected difficulty. It is a joy that comes from trusting in Jesus, who never leaves us to suffer alone, but is always present anywhere that the Cross is.

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## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, July 3 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM - Helen Seaman / Anne Bergandi  
10:30 AM - Alice Jastrem / Sue Sovik  
5:00 PM - Patricia Russo / Tom & Margaret Baron

### **Monday, July 4**

7:45 AM - George Koulouris / Week & Vito Family  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

### **Tuesday, July 5**

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

### **Wednesday, July 6**

7:45 AM - James Ryan / Pat & Elaine Ryan  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

### **Thursday, July 7**

7:45 AM - Gail Marchant / Mike & Flora Gaines  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

### **Friday, July 8**

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

### **Saturday, July 9**

9:00 AM - Patricia Boemkes / Michelle Loftus & Moira Dick  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM - Mike Ferrante / Annette & Michael Krisak, Jr.

### **Sunday, July 10 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM - John McNamara / Family  
10:30 AM - McManus & Aungier Families / Karen & Erin Markoff  
5:00 PM - Justine LaFemina / Tom Colello & Family

### **Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**

Stephen Oliva, Sr. / Wife & Family

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Nancy Ferrara, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Nancy Patane, Carol Scullion, and John Toole.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

# News & Events

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## Parish Office Closed Independence Day

**MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022**

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

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## Sandwich Ministry

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022 | 8:15 AM**

The Sandwich Ministry will meet on Wednesday, July 6 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. The change of day is only for this time because of the July 4 holiday. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Johnson at [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

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## Knitting Group

**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022 | 1:00 PM**

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, July 7 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.

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## 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.

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## Care for Creation Meeting

**MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 | 6:30 PM**

You are invited to join our Care for Creation meeting on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 PM. We will meet at the umbrella picnic table just outside the church doors. The agenda for our meetings includes prayer, inspiration for individual action, and parish activities to encourage gratitude for God's gift of creation. For more information, please contact Beth Schafer: [schaferbeth97@gmail.com](mailto:schaferbeth97@gmail.com)

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## Monthly Luncheon

**THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for lunch at Tony's Family Restaurant on Burnet Avenue on Thursday, July 14 at 12:00 PM. Please make your reservation by the morning of Tuesday, July 12. There is a limit of 20 people. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

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## Coffee & Conversation

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 | 12:00 PM**

Join us Tuesday, July 19 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. We will be making angel blankets. All sewers are welcome. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

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- **High School Youth Conference** / July 15-17
- **Totus Tuus (Grades 1-12)** / July 24-29
- **Middle School Niagara Falls Trip** / August 13

Questions? Contact Steve ([steve@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:steve@holycrossdewitt.org))

## CALLED BY NAME

The Diocese of Syracuse invite you to participate in a new vocation promotion initiative, "CALLED BY NAME." It helps invite men and women to consider a vocation as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. All of us share a common calling through Baptism, to which we are invited to respond in a variety of ways – marriage, single life, consecrated life and ordained ministry. The CALLED BY NAME process focuses on priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life and stresses the role of the Christian community in calling forth men and women to consider these vocations. Parishioners throughout the diocese are encouraged to consider who in our midst might serve well as a priest, deacon, or religious and submit their names to our parish. There are many good prospective priests, brothers, and sisters who are simply waiting to be asked. The following qualities are desirable in persons identified as potential candidates:

- A person of prayer who loves the Lord
- A person who is actively involved in the life of the Church
- A person who is successful in life, including school, work, and relationships
- A "people person"
- A person with personal integrity, honesty, generosity

How does CALLED BY NAME work? Parishioners are invited to submit names of potential candidates from our parish using the response cards available at the church entrances. Our parish staff and clergy will review submissions and persons nominated will be invited to the Tenth Hour, Bishop Lucia's annual Vocations Picnic held every first Wednesday of August at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse. Here, participants will learn about each of the vocations while having the opportunity to seek answers to their questions and explore the discernment process further. It remains so very important that we actively support and promote a future generation of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and deacons to serve a growing Church, hungering for Christ in the Eucharist. God continues to call people to serve Him in our world today. The faithful have a responsibility to help identify and invite those called. Please pray for the success of this initiative and consider whom in our midst God might be calling to serve.

Grab a response card today and drop it off in our collection boxes at your convenience.

## Reflection

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Every time you and I step inside the doors of our parish here at Holy Cross (or drive past it at night when the sanctuary window is illuminated!) we can look up above the sanctuary and be reminded of this: the Cross is a reality of our lives, but wherever we encounter it we will always find Jesus, offering himself to us and for us in perfect love. And that's something that inspires a profound joy indeed!

God bless,  
Deacon James

## 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/welcome) for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

### Prayer Requests

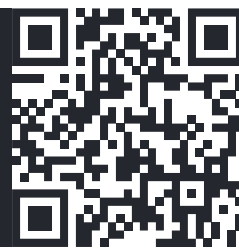
If you or someone you know would like to be included on our prayer list in this publication, please have a family member or the individual contact us to have the prayer request included in the next bulletin. Send an email to [news@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:news@holycrossdewitt.org).

### Communications at Holy Cross

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross, please reach out at [news@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:news@holycrossdewitt.org).

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# Outreach

## Food Pantry Thank You

Once again, we say "thank you" for all the food. Summer is a hard time for parents to provide food for their children when school closes for the summer. Your continued support makes a difference in the lives of our clients. We appreciate your generosity and kindness.

-All Faiths Food Pantry, Inc.



## Food Giving Weekend

**JUNE 9-10, 2022**

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring back July 9-10 to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- elbow macaroni
- grape or strawberry jelly
- canned fruit



## Ukrainian Relief Drive Thank You

Thank you Holy Cross for your immense generosity during the Ukrainian Relief Drive! Holy Cross Girl Scout Cadette Troop 60500 was able to sort and box approximately 20 boxes or about 1600 items collected from Holy Cross Church and School, the Jamesville-DeWitt area, and from the troop. This was combined with approximately 80 additional boxes, for a total of about 100 boxes of food, clothing, medical supplies, and hygiene supplies collected across 24 counties in New York State as part of the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways area. The items were graciously accepted by Father Michael of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church and will be shipped to Ukraine later this month. Thank you again!

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

### MONDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, JULY 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry, Yeazel Hall

### WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, JULY 7

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

### FRIDAY, JULY 8

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### SATURDAY, JULY 9

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, JULY 10

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rms 12 & 13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Visit [holycrossdewitt.org/calendar](https://holycrossdewitt.org/calendar)  
for the latest event details.



"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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give), or send an email to [finance@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:finance@holycrossdewitt.org).

### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR JUNE 26: \$14,427.00

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