



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2022



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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Today's message from the Book of Deuteronomy should touch us in a way that perhaps other Sacred Scripture does not. In chapter 30, verses 10-14, Moses reminds us that we may say that we seek and search for the words of God for guidance in how we interact with one another and for the deliverance from sin. In reality, God has already emblazoned in our heart and on our minds his commands. Why would we not recognize this? To understand and carry out the Word of God, we must take Moses' message to us today to heart.

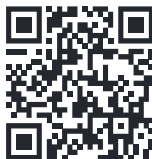
I occasionally find that when faced with doing something that I know is right I often fail to do the right thing. When I fail to act appropriately, I then look for the excuse as to why. I believe that many people act in this way. We look for an excuse not to know the desires of God because God's desires may not be our desires. It is only out of recognition of and obedience to the commands of God the Father that we live as we ought. It is sin and the natural human desire to serve one's own needs, which get in the way of carrying out the desires of God the Father.

Jesus brings this concept forth in today's Gospel of Luke by addressing the question "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The answer is "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." The man who asks the question of Jesus knows this is difficult, and therefore goes on to ask "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus could have answered this question easily by saying "everyone is your neighbor, because they are children of God."

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 11

7:45 AM - Special Intention of Jared Mace / Mom, Sherry Mace

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, July 12

7:45 AM - Chuck Dispenza / Loguidice Family

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, July 13

7:45 AM - Parishioners of Holy Cross

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, July 14

7:45 AM - Arthur J. Jutton / Family

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, July 15

7:45 AM - Beverly Wilbur / Donna Newton

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, July 16

9:00 AM - Joseph Maio / Family

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

4:00 PM - Charles Farnett / Pilon Family

Sunday, July 17 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Deceased Members of the Colao Family / The Stewart Family

10:30 AM - Catherine Collins Bona / Mother & Family

5:00 PM - Maria Linh Dang / Anonymous

Sanctuary Lamp

John Gamage / Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Nancy Ferrara, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, and John Toole.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

JULY 9-10, 2022

This weekend is Food Giving Weekend. Thank you for your generosity and thanks to the volunteers who help with the packaging and to those who contribute grocery bags. A special thank you to Wegmans for a large donation of bags!

Parish Office Closing Early

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

The parish office will close at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 11 for a Staff Retreat Day.

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

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.

Holy Hour at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Please join us for a Holy Hour at St. Mary's in Jamesville on Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

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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.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, July 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.



Gardening Angels

Our Gardening Angels have been helping spruce up the gardens at Christ the King Retreat House as well as keeping the grounds at Holy Cross truly immaculate! Thank you so much for your hardwork and dedication! If you'd like to join our Gardening Angels either here at Holy Cross or at Christ the King, give us a call to find out more.

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.

Adoration

"Be still and know that I am God."

— PSALM 46:11

WHAT IS ADORATION?

From the earliest teachings of the Church, the Catholic Church has understood that Jesus, on the last night of his life, took bread and wine and in a literal way changed it into his actual Body and Blood. He commanded the Apostles to continue to do this in his memory. The cornerstone of the Early Church will become the continual practice of doing this fulfilled Passover meal, and it will come to be known as "the Mass." From the last night of Jesus's life, the Church has continually, for over 2,000 years, celebrated this mystery of changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Even today, the Church teaches that the Eucharist is no symbol, but actually God himself. The Church developed a special time of prayer with the Eucharist. Taking a piece of consecrated host, the Eucharist is placed in the center of a display case, known as a monstrance, in order for the faithful to gaze at Jesus and to pray within his midst. This exposition, or praying before the Eucharist is called Adoration and is one of the most intimate and personal methods of prayer for many Christians.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Every Wednesday the parish community has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in the main church from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. You are invited to come to this hour for as long or as little as you like. This will be a great opportunity during the week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. The hour will conclude with Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at 7:45 PM followed by Solemn Benediction at 8:00 PM. Bring your family and friends. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is also offered during this time.

MONDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Monday mornings following daily Mass for a Holy Hour in our church sanctuary, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM. Come start your week in quiet reverence and stillness with the Lord. No reservations necessary. All are welcome to attend.

Reflection

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You can see how sometimes God's desires do not mesh with our desires and how we can conveniently forget or lie to ourselves and say we do not know God's desire as to how we treat each other. In reality, it is clear and we must own the fact that God has clearly laid out the Commandments for us, and that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. Any action less than this is sinful.

Peace,

Rev. John Kurgan

Fr. John Kurgan



Helpful Info

New to Holy Cross?

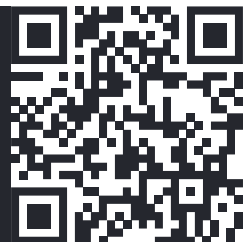
We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at the entrances of the church, or visit holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

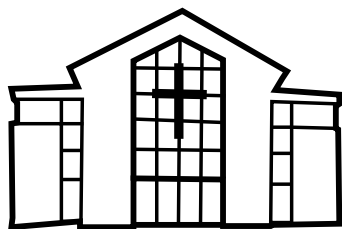
Prayer Requests

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.

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YOUTH & FAMILIES 2022-2023

Registration is Now Open

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Youth & Families programs for the 2022-2023 school year.

Visit us at holycrossdewitt.org/youth for all of the details and to register online!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes are available for students in grades 1-12 and take place one day a week before school and include breakfast and busing to schools in JD Central School District.

PROGRAM	DAY/TIME
High School (Grades 9-12)	Tuesdays, 6:45 - 7:40 AM
Middle School (Grades 5-8)	Wednesdays, 6:45 - 7:40 AM
Elementary (Grades 1-4)	Thursdays, 7:45 - 8:45 AM

Students registered before the start of the school year will receive a free house t-shirt available for pick-up at the Fall Festival.

Save the date! Fall Festival is Sunday, September 25!

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Discipleship groups are ordered toward moving the heart and moving our young people to the depths of the Faith. Using events that are relaxed and welcoming (including games, talks, and small groups), youth discipleship builds on the intellectual foundation found in Faith Formation and creates opportunities for fellowship and deeper spiritual growth. Youth discipleship groups for middle school and high school students are bi-weekly throughout the school year and also include some fun events and trips. Contact Steve Nepil to learn more (steve@holycrossdewitt.org)



SACRAMENTAL PREP - 2ND GRADE

In the Diocese of Syracuse, preparation and celebration for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist typically take place during second grade and have certain requirements as set by the pastor and the bishop. These include at-home workbook lessons, group workshops, parent meetings, and continued participation in Faith Formation or attendance at a Catholic school*. First Penance takes place in the fall, while First Eucharist takes place in the spring.

**A prerequisite to First Penance and First Eucharist Prep is that students have attended a Catholic school or participated in a Faith Formation program in first grade.*



CONFIRMATION DIRECT PREP - 10TH GRADE



In the Diocese of Syracuse, Confirmation preparation takes place during a teen's sophomore year of high school and has certain requirements as set by the bishop.

These include group sessions, attendance at a retreat, service projects, and continued participation in Faith Formation or attendance at a Catholic high school*.

**A prerequisite to Confirmation Prep is that students have attended a Catholic school or participated in a Faith Formation program in ninth grade.*

Visit holycrossdewitt.org/sacraments to learn more and sign up today!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, JULY 11

OFFICE CLOSING @ 10:00 AM

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

6:30 PM Care for Creation Meeting,
Picnic Table

TUESDAY, JULY 12

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JULY 14

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon, Tony's

7:00 PM Holy Hour, St. Mary's, Jamesville

FRIDAY, JULY 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JULY 17

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
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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