



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 2022



Kids celebrated Mass each day at Holy Cross during Totus Tuus summer camp this past week. Photos & stories coming soon.

# Readings & Reflection

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022**

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

Our readings this weekend challenge us to consider our higher calling in life, turning aside especially from selfishness or self-serving greed in order to live in the way that God calls us to live. The reading from Ecclesiastes talks about the “vanity of vanities” and the emptiness of toil and labor when such work is undertaken simply to profit ourselves. Jesus’ parable in the Gospel reinforces this point, reminding us that there must be more to our lives and pursuits than simply self-aggrandizement and personal profit.

Saint Paul, in our second reading, describes both what we must leave behind (immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed, deceit) and what we must strive for instead (“put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.”)

This exhortation applies to all different aspects of our lives, including relationships at home with family, at work and school with peers, in our local community and our larger society. It applies to our own personal relationship with God, and also to our relationship with God’s creation - the natural world around us. I’d like to draw your attention especially to this notion of living selflessly and generously as we strive to be good stewards of God’s creation. This fall, our parish will have various resources and opportunities offered especially by our *Care for Creation* group. I am so grateful for the opportunity to enjoy the natural world, whether just taking a walk locally on the Erie Canal or hiking up in the Adirondacks, and so I hope you will prayerfully engage with these initiatives in order to grow in your own efforts of stewardship.

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 31 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Joan Skeval / Davidson Family

10:30 AM - Genevieve Walker / Bill & Sandy Walker

5:00 PM - Vito Family / Ann & Mike Weeks

### Monday, August 1

7:45 AM - Maria Arnesano Musto / Flavia Musto

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

### Tuesday, August 2

7:45 AM - Margaret Snow / Loftus & Dick Family

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

### Wednesday, August 3

7:45 AM - Bob Hopkins, Jr. / Peter & Antoinette Badera

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

### Thursday, August 4

7:45 AM - Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

### Friday, August 5

7:45 AM - Sarah Garn / Amy & Paul Sansone & Mass League Intentions

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

### Saturday, August 6

9:00 AM - Edwin Kondratowicz / Michael & Colleen Hedges

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

4:00 PM - Jim & Jane Bachman / Jim & Mary Kay Moore

### Sunday, August 7 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Helen Seaman / Carole Marmillo

10:30 AM - Patricia Russo / Patricia Barth

5:00 PM - Cara Christensen / Family

### First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Mary Jardine / Shirley Schiltz

### Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

Herbert Silvestri / Family

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Terry Chylinski, 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

## Sandwich Ministry

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 | 8:15 AM**

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, August 2 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. Questions? Contact Julie Johnson at [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

## Knitting Group

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 | 1:00 PM**

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, August 4 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.



## Food Giving Weekend

**AUGUST 6-7, 2022**

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food and personal care items, and bring back August 6-7 to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- peanut butter
- jelly
- canned pasta
- dried pasta
- pasta sauce
- soups
- body wash
- conditioner
- laundry detergent
- dish soap

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We could use a few helping hands following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass to package the food items and prepare the bags. It will take about 10-20 minutes. Thank you!

## Monthly Luncheon

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden on Erie Boulevard on Wednesday, August 10 at 12:00 PM. Please make your reservation by Monday, August 8. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.



## Back to School Supply Drive

Mothers & Children in Crisis (MCC) is a Syracuse-based advocacy group supporting families in the court system. The Holy Cross community helps to support their children by offering a backpack and needed school supplies to set them off on the right foot each school year. This is our 7th year of supporting this cause!

Our collection needs include:

- backpacks
- #2 pencils
- erasers
- colored pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- pencil cases
- wide-ruled notebooks
- glue sticks

All levels of school supplies from pre-K to high school. The school supply collection goes from August 6 through August 14. More info is available at the collection bin in the vestibule.

- Learn more about MCC and their mission at: <https://www.mccsyracuse.org>

Thank you so much for your support!

## Care for Creation

Greeting to all from the Holy Cross Care of Creation group! This group evolved from the Laudato Si' Circle that began in 2019 and used Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical as the starting point for parish activities focused on identifying ways to care for the environment. We are excited to build upon this important work.

Starting this fall, we will publish a short reflection piece in the bulletin about once a month. Each piece will include a short paragraph on a particular environmental topic, chosen and written by a member of the parish community. We plan to accompany the personal reflection with associated scripture readings and practical suggestions for care for the environment. All members of the parish community, regardless of age, are invited to contribute to this effort; the insight of children is as valuable as the wisdom of elders. Please contact us with your personal reflection "How God's love is communicated to you through the earth and her creatures."

Please share your reflection submissions with by sending them to [news@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:news@holycrossdewitt.org).

If you have questions about our Care for Creation group at Holy Cross or this initiative, please contact Beth Schaffer at [schaferbeth97@gmail.com](mailto:schaferbeth97@gmail.com). We look forward to deepening our commitment to our common home!

### Reflection

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Our psalm exclaims, "Prosper the work of our hands for us!" As we set about doing the Lord's work, seeking to serve others and to be good stewards of that which has been entrusted to us, may this line be our prayer as well. We can and must entrust all our efforts to the Lord. Through his grace we will be able to persevere in our efforts, as well as in the face of challenges or setbacks. O Lord, *prosper the work of our hands!*

God bless,

Dc. James Buttner

## Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS

*International Exhibition*  
**THE EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES  
OF THE WORLD**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - OCTOBER 16, 2022

In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully accounts for us many well documented miraculous occurrences. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was just Beatified on October 10, 2020. The Eucharistic Miracles exhibition will be available for viewing at Holy Cross Church September 14 – October 16. We encourage you to schedule time to view the exhibit during this period of the multi-year USCCB Eucharistic Revival.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

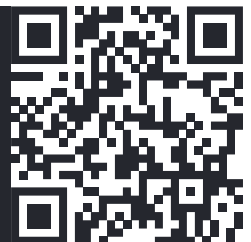
**Holy Cross Monthly Movie**

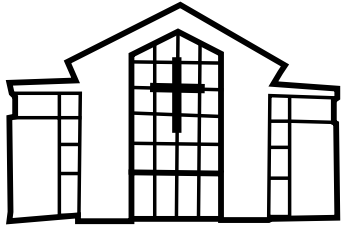
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1:00PM**

*I Am With You: A Documentary on Carlo Acutis*

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YOUTH & FAMILIES  
2022-2023

## Registration is Open

[holycrossdewitt.org/youth](http://holycrossdewitt.org/youth)

We are excited to announce that registration is open for Youth & Families programs for the 2022-2023 school year. **Save the date! Fall Festival is Sunday, September 25!**

### 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. **Register before August 31 to get your free house shirt!**

### YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP 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](mailto: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. 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

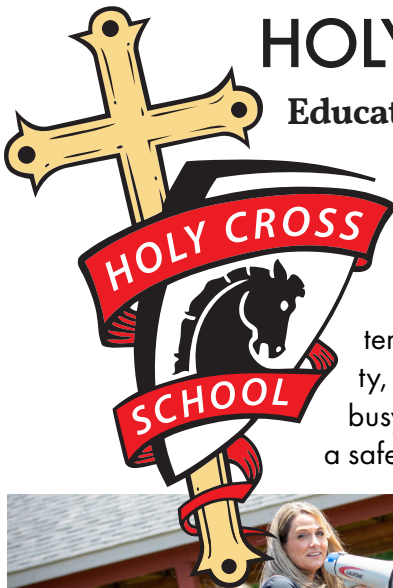
In the Diocese of Syracuse, Confirmation preparation takes place during a teen's sophomore year of high school and has certain requirements as set by the bishop.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**NIAGARA FALLS TRIP**  
AUGUST 13, 2022

All middle school students are invited to a day trip to Niagara Falls that includes a ride on the Maid of the Mist, visit to the Cave of the Winds, Mass at Our Lady of Victory Shrine, visit to the Fr. Baker Museum, pizza, laser tag and games! Sign up today and join us on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Cost is only \$45 and includes transportation, food, & activities. Sign up at

[holycrossdewitt.org/youth](http://holycrossdewitt.org/youth)



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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 Association.



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry, Yeazel Hall

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
7:00 PM Adoration, Church  
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

**FOOD GIVING WEEKEND**  
9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church  
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church  
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**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

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### 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 JULY 24: \$14,288.00

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