



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2022



On the last day of Totus Tuus,
kids cooled off with the help of
the DeWitt Fire Department

Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Today we ponder the idea that faith is something that is intangible—that there is no physical evidence for our beliefs. As the Letter to the Hebrews tells us, “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” The big question here is this: How can we have evidence of something we can’t see? This is what our faith is all about and what our readings speak to this Sunday.

The reading from Wisdom tells us about the faith of the Israelites in God’s ability to deliver them from slavery in Egypt. They were still under the yoke of the Egyptian slave drivers, but they were sustained by the thought that God was coming to free them and start them on their journey to the promised land. Their faith was rewarded and they eventually found themselves living in the promised land “flowing with milk and honey”.

Jesus alludes to the need to be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom of God. He puts the discussion in the framework of servants who are waiting for the return of their master from a wedding. The master was the one who made all of the decisions and guided his household in a certain way. In his absence the house must still continue to function in a way that will please the master on his return. If the food is distributed correctly, the house is orderly and neat, and everyone is doing what they should be doing, then the master will be happy when he returns. This picture fits in our own lives as we think about the return of Jesus to our earth. If we are found by Jesus on his return to be doing things that build up the Kingdom of God, we will be rewarded in heaven. If we are found doing things that break down the Kingdom of God, then that reward will not be forthcoming.

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 8

7:45 AM - Mike Ferrante / Diane Harrington

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

Tuesday, August 9

7:45 AM - Gail Marchant / T.J. & Samantha Gaines

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

Wednesday, August 10

7:45 AM - Patrick Ryan / Martin Ventre

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

Thursday, August 11

7:45 AM - Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Friday, August 12

7:45 AM - Patricia Boehmkes / Michelle Loftus & Moira Dick

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

Saturday, August 13

9:00 AM - Al Cicci / Davidson Family

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

4:00 PM - Margaret Terzini / Mary Waskiewicz

Sunday, August 14 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Don Foster / Family

10:30 AM - Alfred Falcone / Gina Heitzman & Family

5:00 PM - Mary Ellen Evans McCarthy / Dr. Philip & Barbara Falcone

Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

Stephen Oliva, Sr. / Wife & Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Terry Chylinski, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, and John Toole.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events



Food Giving Weekend

AUGUST 6-7, 2022

Thank you for all the food and other household items which you provided this weekend!

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.

No Coffee & Conversation in August

There will be no Coffee & Conversation this month due to yearly maintenance being done in Yeazel Hall. See you in September!

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 a different story on finding their faith. If you have questions or would like some helpful resources on Christianity, Catholicism, and the Church, drop us a line at 315-446-0473, find us at [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.holycrossdewitt.org), or drop by the parish office. Be sure to ask us about our RCIA program.



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!

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.

- Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to see more! [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt)   

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.

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

Reflection

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The big question is this: Do we conduct our lives in a way that shows that we believe in Jesus' return or do we live as people who have no faith? The choice is always ours.

Keep the faith,

Dc. Dare Dutter

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Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - OCTOBER 16, 2022

SAVE THE DATE:

Holy Cross Monthly Movie

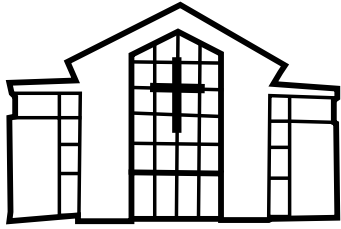
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1:00PM

I Am With You: A Documentary on Carlo Acutis

In this 35-minute documentary, learn more about Carlo, an amazing, young "computer geek" who used his computer knowledge and skills to create the International Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. Additionally, a second 30-minute video will help you get to know Carlo and how his great love of the Eucharist inspires Catholics: "From London to the World." If a group is attending from another parish, please notify the Holy Cross office at (315) 446-0473.

Holy Cross' 60-panel exhibit will be set up for a month so you can comfortably view the photographs and descriptions on the 24x36 panels in our Chapel and Church hallway, September 14 through October 16. Several panels will be presented in the display cases in the Church entrance during August.

We are seeking volunteers to host during the exhibit, assisting visitors around Mass times and Adoration and for groups at other times. Please call Kay at (315) 727-3969 or Rita at (315) 395-4906 to sign up.



YOUTH & FAMILIES
2022-2023

Registration is Open

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)

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

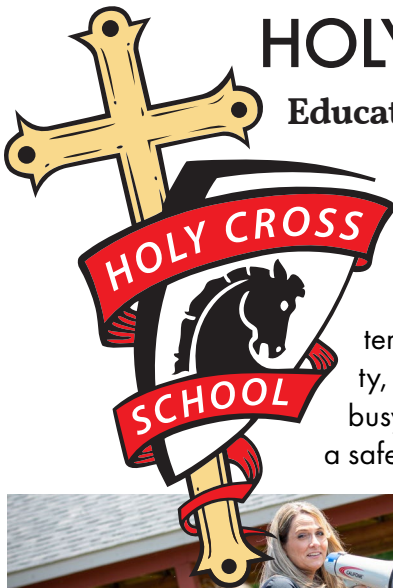
In the Diocese of Syracuse, Confirmation preparation takes place during a teen's sophomore year of high school and has certain requirements as set by the bishop.

**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



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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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 8

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon,
Olive Garden

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

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.



"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 31: \$15,422.20

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