



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2022



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

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

On my heart and in my prayer this Sunday, given the context of our readings, are those who know and are persevering through the painful reality of which our Lord speaks in the Gospel: As a result of our relationship with Jesus, and our sincere commitment to it, painful divisions and tensions surface all around us...especially within our own families. What family doesn't know conflict that involves how one is or isn't living out the faith? Who among us doesn't struggle with casting judgment over how others choose to live their lives? We have all experienced the sobering reality of Jesus' words here.

Yet, Jesus is not mistaken when he says he has come *not to establish peace*, but rather division (Luke 12:51). By doing so, Jesus points to a fundamental reality for us that there is a commitment for us higher than family bonds, namely, the commitment to God himself. But Jesus knows well the challenge that comes with this reality. To help us know the ultimate love that comes to us through relationship with Him both now and in eternity, He went to the darkest depths of human suffering to show us on the Cross that his love *will endure forever*—especially in the face of experiencing abandonment from those he loved, too. Jesus has overcome the world, and he will bring about reconciliation, he has made this promise, and as we heard last Sunday, he who made this promise is trustworthy (cf. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19).

Unfortunately for us, encountering 'the Cross' in the way of broken relationships, disappointment, and past hurts has been a difficult struggle for humanity since biblical times.

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 15

7:45 AM - James & Gretchen Hughes / Family

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

Tuesday, August 16

7:45 AM - Madeline Moore / Jim & Mary Kay Moore

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

Wednesday, August 17

7:45 AM - Jim Cohen / Wife

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

Thursday, August 18

7:45 AM - Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Friday, August 19

7:45 AM - Patricia Garvey / Margaret Miller

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

Saturday, August 20

9:00 AM - Charles Jordan, Mary Kay Iffinger & Roark Nagler / The Jordan Family

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

4:00 PM - Angie Calabro / Family

Sunday, August 21 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Carman Foucht / Davidson Family

10:30 AM - Patricia Russo / Dadey Family

5:00 PM - Patricia Miller / Elaine Lostumbo

Sanctuary Lamp

Lenore Kinney / Joe & Mary Ann McCaffrey

Bread & Wine

Wesley Gebhardt

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events



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
- 2-pocket folders
- pencil cases
- composition notebooks
- glue sticks

All levels of school supplies from pre-K to high school. More info is available at the collection bin in the vestibule.

We are in need of volunteers to pack one or more backpacks. Even just 10 minutes of your time to sort the supplies will help. Please stop by Yeazel Hall this weekend after 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, and at 9:00 AM on Monday to get the backpacks ready for pick-up.

- 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.

Help Aging Religious

AUGUST 13-14, 2022

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please give generously.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 | 7:45 AM

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is *not* a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. We will have our regularly scheduled Mass at 7:45 AM.

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, August 16 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. Contact Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com if you have any questions.

Food Pantry Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in giving to our neighbors in need this month! Your donations of time and energy help so many; we were able to provide these donations because of the help of many volunteers. We are truly blessed! Thank you all.

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.

Reflection

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Just consider the familial conflicts of Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, or even Jeremiah today being left to die at the bottom of the cistern because of the resulting division from God's word being preached.

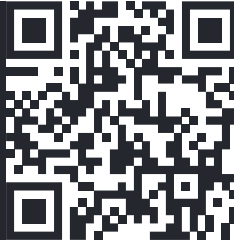
What, then, is our consolation? The fact that into the heart of these conflicts, Jesus desires to bring the 'fire' of his light and love. Jesus doesn't flee from these wounds, but will enter in when invited. When we choose to extend patience and mercy rather than harboring bitterness and unforgiveness, we find a space where Jesus can stir the 'flame' of his love both in us and in others. Because, really, Jesus is fighting for **all** of us that we may come to know the fullness of life and reconciliation in Him. When *his* fire fuels joy and life in our hearts, others will inevitably find in us something worth clinging to that is of greater value than anything else in this world.

This kind of faith in action sets the world on fire.

God bless,
Fr. Brendan Foley

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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.facebook.com/holycrossdewitt), or drop by the parish office. Be sure to ask us about our RCIA program.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS

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

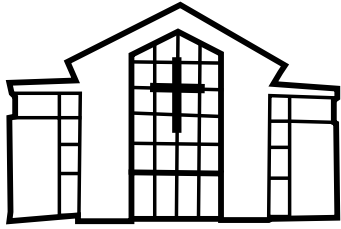
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - OCTOBER 16, 2022

We mostly see the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine, but in some Eucharistic Miracles that composition becomes visible flesh and blood. In the Eucharistic Miracles at Tumaco and Bergen on display in our church gathering area, you can read the true stories of the miraculous power of the Eucharist. The third display on Regensburg, Germany involves a doubting priest, chalice and miraculous crucifix as pictured in the display case. For the rest of the story on the Regensburg Miracle visit miracolieu-caristici.org 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.



"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

- POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



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.*

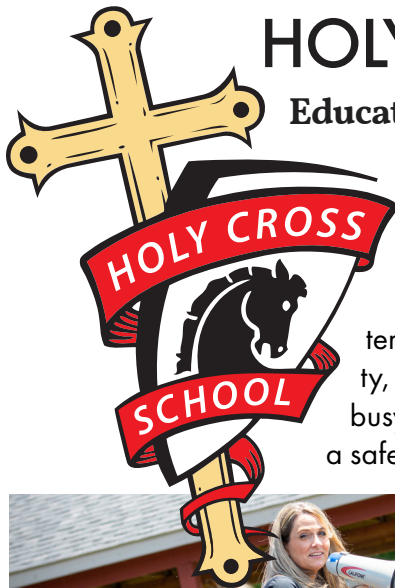
CONFIRMATION DIRECT PREP - 10TH GRADE

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.*

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 entrances of the church, or visit us online for a helpful guide at holycrossdewitt.org/welcome. And please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to our priests before or after Mass.



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 15

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 AM Mass, Church
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

Thank You For Your Generous Support

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FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 7: \$16,130.00

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