



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

As I return to the seminary this weekend I'm struck by the words of our readings, which again and again focus on the incredible breadth of the Church and God's universal call. We hear in our first reading: *"Thus says the LORD...I come to gather nations of every language."* And later: *"...They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations..."*

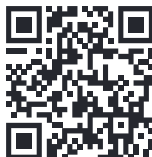
Growing up, I enjoyed the experience of encountering new people through church. It was and is always a joy to go to Mass in a new place or community and meet people who, while strangers, are also closely united to you and I by our common faith. What a profound reality! To think that we have been praying for each other every Sunday and joined together through our partaking of the Eucharist for years and years!

Of course, alongside the joy of meeting new people comes the bittersweet experience of saying goodbye - even if only temporarily - to new friends and fellow parishioners. I am certainly sad to say goodbye to you all as I depart from Holy Cross for another semester, and as I prepare for a new parish assignment next year.

Yet the Eucharist also offers a great consolation for saying goodbye as well. As a friend taught me back in college, "we are always united in the Eucharist." What an incredible gift! And it is very true - in the Eucharist you and I are united, along with the Church throughout the world, and indeed all the faithful, even the faithful departed. I invite you to reflect on this great gift of unity that we find in the Eucharist. Each time you receive the Eucharist pray for those who are near to your heart, even if physically they are far away.

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 22

7:45 AM - Theresa DeSantis / Kathy Kotz
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

7:45 AM - Anne Dawson O'Malley / Wright Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, August 25

7:45 AM - William Poli / Kathy Kotz
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, August 26

7:45 AM - Jennie Sala / Tom & Patty Quartier
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, August 27

9:00 AM - Cecilia Davidson / Davidson Family
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM - Stanley Blanchfield / Family

Sunday, August 28 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Dorothy J. Richardson / Kathy Maio
10:30 AM - Connie Congar-Sofia / Eileen Cariseo, sister
5:00 PM - Christian Robert Cuomo / Dr. Philip & Barbara Falcone

Sanctuary Lamp

Joan Garbinski

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

Religious Give Thanks

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Envelopes are still available in the pews if you would like to make a donation.

Mass at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Please join us for Mass at St. Mary's in Jamesville on Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!



**SYRACUSE
CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

To all women of the parish: Mark your calendars for the 12th annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference, "Maintaining a Eucharistic Heart in a Broken World," coming October 15, 2022 to the Oncenter. See the Conference flier at: syracusecatholicwomen.org

Registration fee: \$55. Lunch seating with fellow parishioners is available with the Table for Ten. To reserve a seat now at Holy Cross' table, complete the Table for Ten registration with your name, email, and phone number. You can stop in the office to complete the form or mail the info to Holy Cross. Payment of \$55 payable to Holy Cross must accompany registration. Mark the envelope and payment memo line "Women's Conference." Please do not place registration/payment in the collection boxes. Questions? Call Kathy Kotz at (315) 569-3908.

All Saints Parish Garage Sale

AUGUST 26-28, 2022

All Saints Parish is hosting a community garage sale Friday-Sunday, August 26-28, 2022. All proceeds from the Garage Sale will go toward funding the Jesuit Volunteer at All Saints, whose ministry supports the youth program and refugee outreach. The Garage Sale is at 1342 Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse, and will take place Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Support the Brady Faith Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Members from Brady Faith Center will be biking from Buffalo to NYC using the Empire State Trail - 560 miles - and they need your help! Join us on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Brady Farm for food, music and fun, with a send-off ceremony at 1:00 PM. Learn more & make a donation at bradyfaithcenter.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.

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

Banns of Marriage

Please pray for **Elizabeth Scheftic & Eric De La Roca** who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on September 3, 2022.

To schedule a wedding, please call the parish office at (315) 446-0473 at least six months in advance.

Let us continue to pray for vocations to marriage and family life!

Reflection

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Certainly you will be in my prayers and heart when I am at Mass in Washington, and indeed wherever the Lord leads me. Through the Eucharist, we are never truly separated, because the Lord Jesus draws us together in himself:

"And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." (from today's Gospel)

God bless,
Dc. James Buttner

Helpful Info

New to Holy Cross?

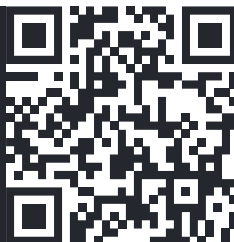
We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at entrances of the church, or visit us online for a helpful guide at holycrossdewitt.org/welcome. And please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to our priests before or after Mass.

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

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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

As the time approaches for the Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles, you can learn a little more about them by checking out three of them in the display cases as you enter Church. There is also a website with information on all the Eucharistic Miracles: <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/>

This site contains a list of the Miracles and full pictorial displays. Blessed Carlo Acutis traveled with his parents to take the pictures and he put them together to describe these amazing true stories. This young man's deep faith is an inspiration to each of us of the truly miraculous power of the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Learn more about Carlo and the Miracles at the parish monthly movie.

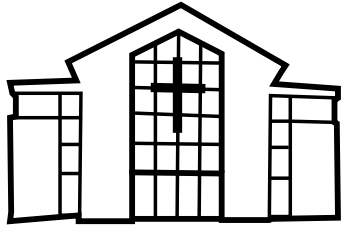


Holy Cross Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1:00 PM

Join us at Holy Cross on Tuesday, August 30 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall to watch a special documentary on the life of Carlos Acutis.

I Am With You: A Documentary on Carlo Acutis



YOUTH & FAMILIES
2022-2023

Registration is Open

Sign up at 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! The Fall Festival is Sunday, September 25 following 10:30 AM Mass!

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. Classes begin the second week of October. *Register before August 31 to get your free house shirt!*

SACRAMENTAL PREP

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. Confirmation preparation takes place during a teen's sophomore year of high school and has certain requirements as set by the bishop. To learn more and register, visit us at holycrossdewitt.org/sacraments.

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Cross School is Hiring

Holy Cross School is seeking a full time third grade teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Elementary school teaching experience preferred. Masters in Education preferred or seeking. Please consider joining our wonderful staff and school community! Please send resume and references to: Nina Walters (nwalters@syrdiocese.org) School phone: 315-446-4890



HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL EDUCATE-A-KID

Our parish has a vibrant history of supporting Catholic education at Holy Cross School and ensuring no parish student is ever turned away from the opportunity to receive a quality education in our loving and welcoming faith-filled school. To care for our families who desire this opportunity but cannot afford the tuition in whole or in part, our parish family generously provides support through our Educate-A-Kid program. By offering to Educate-A-Kid, you join a long standing legacy of parishioners and clergy dedicated to seeing that Holy Cross School remain vibrant, accessible, and diverse.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Prayerfully consider whether you would like to sponsor a full or partial tuition. No amount is too small to give and will all go to helping parish families with tuition. Tuition at Holy Cross School is \$5,800. To contribute, you may either make check payable to Holy Cross School (memo: Educate-A-Kid) or give online using our secure donation website. To give online, visit us holycrossdewitt.org/give, select "Give a Gift," and enter your donation amount in the Educate-A-Kid fund.

Thank you for your faithful support of this exceptional program and continued backing of our Crusader community. Wishing you God's abundant blessings as you have been such a blessing to our students and their families.

"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, or send an email to finance@holycrossdewitt.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 14: \$12,112.00

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