



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2022



# Readings & Reflection

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalms 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Who among us does not like to take credit for our accomplishments? After all, it does seem natural. I remember as a child, when I did something unexpectedly well, or even when I accomplished something that I was expected to accomplish, it seemed as though there was always an adult there to praise what I had done. It is no wonder why as adults, we often look to others for praise, and feel that our accomplishments are due to our own efforts alone. We learn to exalt ourselves from a young age!

Today the Gospel of Luke reminds us that everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. Jesus uses the example of an invited guest at a wedding who assumes that he is to be seated at the head table and is asked to move down to make way for a more important guest. We do not want that to be the case when it comes to eternal life. How much better it will be for us if we live our life doing the very best we can, and attributing our success to the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, if we lead a life, full of thanksgiving for the graces that God gives us and live as Christ has taught; if we credit the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives as opposed to taking credit for our accomplishments; then perhaps, if we reach the heavenly Kingdom, Christ will exalt us and give us a place of honor for cooperating with God's plan for our life on earth.

Peace,



Fr. John Kurgan

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## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Monday, August 29**

7:45 AM - Carmella Maurillo / Faculty Center Kitchen Staff

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

### **Tuesday, August 30**

7:45 AM - Parishioners of Holy Cross &

58th Wedding Anniversary of Ralph & Milburge D'Mello

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

### **Wednesday, August 31**

7:45 AM - Margaret & Francis Ross / Family

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

### **Thursday, September 1**

7:45 AM - Robert Sr., Phyllis & Kris Reid / Family

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

### **Friday, September 2**

7:45 AM - Stephen Oliva, Sr. / Wife & Family & Mass League Intentions

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

### **Saturday, September 3**

9:00 AM - Maureen McManus / Carol Blake

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

4:00 PM - Marly & Joe Farnett / Pilon Family

### **Sunday, September 4 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM - Kathleen Fey / Paul & Julie Mooney

10:30 AM - Constance Conger-Sofia / Bill & Terry Middleton

5:00 PM - John Crumb / Leigh Marquis

#### **First Friday Mass League Enrollment**

Joan Garbinski / Rose Tout

Gary Grieshaber / Caryn Scuderi & Family

Amarjid S. Bal / Pascua Family

Stella Marie Giannino / Holy Cross Rosary Group

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Joan Garbinski / McCaffrey Family

# News & Events

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## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022 | 1:00 PM**

This month we will feature two documentaries on Blessed Carlo Acutis: *I Am With You* and *From London to the World*. Filmed on location in Italy, *I Am With You*, an EWTN original documentary, introduces you to the remarkable story of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Family, friends, neighbors and classmates paint a moving image of this impressive young man whose spiritual wisdom far surpassed his age. Through photos, videos and eyewitness accounts, you'll understand his true devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and his relentless determination to spread the truth of Eucharistic miracles to believers around the world. *From London to the World* explores the London connection to Carlo Acutis, featuring his mother, Antonia, and Fr. Alexander Sherbrooke, whose dynamic parish in Soho mirrors Carlo's intense devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. These documentaries are free to attend and will be shown in the church. Learn more about our upcoming Exhibition at [holycrossdewitt.org/emotw](http://holycrossdewitt.org/emotw).

## Monthly Luncheon

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden on Erie Boulevard on Thursday, September 8 at 12:00 PM. Please make your reservation by Tuesday, September 6. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

## Food Giving Weekend

**SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022**

Food Giving Weekend is postponed by one week this month due to the Labor Day holiday. Look for the red bags next weekend, September 3-4, and return them September 10-11. Thanks in advance!

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## 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](http://bradyfaithcenter.org).

## 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](http://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.

## 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!

## 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](http://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.

### First Friday Mass League

Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45 AM Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. We request a \$25 donation. To learn more contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

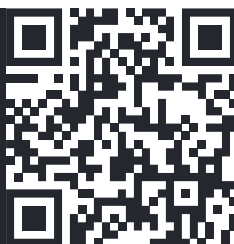
Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

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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

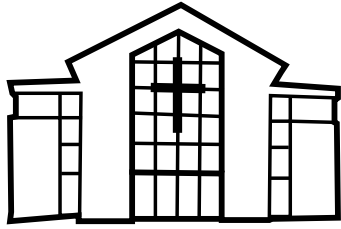
We know some things about Carlo—his age, life, and creation of the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit—but the one point that clearly needs to be made is his devotion to the Eucharist. Carlo was a daily Mass attendee. He wanted to share with the world his deep faith and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. That is why Carlo created the exhibit: to help our unbelief.

From September 14 – October 16, you will be able to see and read about the power, mystery, and Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Vatican-approved Miracles are from centuries ago into the 2000's. Consecrated hosts are seen in the form of flesh and blood. Hosts emit bright light. Cities and villages are saved from natural disasters by the powerful Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Even animals bow down before the Eucharist.



Learn more about our upcoming Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles at

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



YOUTH & FAMILIES  
2022-2023

## Registration is Open

Sign up at [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! 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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/sacraments).

## SCHOOL NEWS

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NOW OFFERING PK3

We are excited to announce that we are now enrolling Pre-K 3! Apply online today. We're anticipating our openings to fill up fast! Contact us during office hours or go to our website to get details, more information, book a tour, or to apply!

- [hcschooldewitt.org](http://hcschooldewitt.org)
- (315) 446-4890

## 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.

"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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give), or send an email to [finance@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:finance@holycrossdewitt.org).

### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 21: \$14,771.50

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