



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



Many blessings to all of our youth and families headed back to school this week! Thanks for an amazing summer. Check out more photos and stories from our summer at holycrossdewitt.org

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

One of the things that I struggle with all the time is getting enough exercise. We all know the story. If we get regular exercise we don't have to worry about high blood pressure, heart disease and all of the other things that can cause problems and shorten our life span. I have been known to skip a workout from time to time. My commitment to exercise could be more solid. It is the same thing with our relationship to Jesus. If we are not committed to following him, our lives and relationships will suffer.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this weekend that we need to be fully committed to following him or we will not make it to heaven. He even goes to the point of saying that we need to hate our families: our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters among them. Jesus even tells us that we ought to hate our own life to be his disciple. Is he serious? The answer is yes. Jesus wants our relationship with him to be the central theme of our lives, and the thing from which all of our other relationships are channeled through.

If we think of the depth that our relationships can have with Jesus at the center of our lives, we can recognize that they become something sacred—commitments to each other that are solid and never changing. If we try to relate to each other without that commitment to Jesus, then our experiences can be transitory, just like my attempts to get some exercise in. When it is time to do something difficult to honor our relationship with someone, we might say: "Not today, maybe tomorrow." But if Jesus is at the center of all of our relationships with each other, then we will be much more committed. Let us honor each other through our honoring of Jesus.

Peace,
Deacon Dare

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 5

7:45 AM - Patricia Labeledz / Paul & Amy Sansone
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

7:45 AM - Pam Hancock / Dee Petta
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, September 8

7:45 AM - Alyce McNamara / Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, September 9

7:45 AM - Dr. Alfred Falcone / Gina Heitzman & Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, September 10

9:00 AM - Joanne Pistello / Dan & Nancy Gaworecki
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM - Patricia Russo / Tom & Margaret Baron

Sunday, September 11 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Mary Kennedy / Leonard & Marie DeStefano
10:30 AM - Victims of 9/11 & their families
5:00 PM - Edward Loftus / Family

Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

Stephen Oliva, Sr. / Wife & Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Peter Allmayer-Beck, 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

Parish Office Closed Labor Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, September 6 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.

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 | 5:30 PM

Holy Cross Pastoral Council meetings are open to the parish, and meeting minutes are available on our website once approved. To find past meeting minutes or contact our pastoral council, visit holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc.

Food Giving Weekend

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food and personal care items, and bring it back September 10-11 to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Mission Appeal Weekend

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022

Next weekend we will welcome Sr. Joana Baidoo, IHM, who will speak at all Masses about the work of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, Nigeria.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, were founded on October 7, 1937, by the Most Rev. Dr. Charles Heerey, C.S.Sp., an Irish missionary in Nigeria. The focus of their work throughout Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Chad, Sierra Leone, as well as Europe and North America has been teaching, medical, pastoral, and social work for the underprivileged, especially women and children.

There will be a second collection next weekend to help support the Sisters in their important ministry. Checks may be made out to Holy Cross Church. Please be generous.

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.



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to see more! [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt)

Outreach

Samaritan Center

Interested in volunteering at the Samaritan Center? Volunteers are needed on Sunday, September 18 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Contact Richard Coughlin at rcoughlin@irr.com or (315) 870-4054.

Menorah Park

For many years, Holy Cross has sent a group of volunteers to conduct a Communion Service at Menorah Park Nursing Home. This was disrupted by the pandemic, but with the opening of nursing homes to visitors, we are restarting our ministry. If you are interested in volunteering, and would like to join us on the second Tuesday of each month in visiting Menorah Park residents for an hour, please contact Dc. Dare Dutter at dare@holycrossdewitt.org or call him at (315) 446-0473.

Back to School Thank You

Our Back to School drive was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated supplies and energy! Holy Cross provided 85 fully packed backpacks to 30 families associated with Mothers and Children in Crisis. These children and their parents are most appreciative of all that they received. If only you could see their smiles! Any further donations will be distributed as needed to schools, students, and parishes. Your goodness is exceptional!

We are seeking help for the 2023 drive. We invite volunteers to offer ideas and/or leadership for next year's project. Please contact the office or sign up at the donation box, where there is more information on this project.



Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - OCTOBER 16, 2022



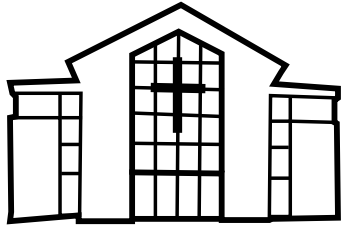
To get exhibit times, learn about Blessed Carlo Acutis, and access promotional downloads, visit holycrossdewitt.org/emotw

The Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World, created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, opens September 14. For a full list of the approved Miracles, go to: miracolieucaistici.org

The exhibit consists of 165 panels for display. Holy Cross will be displaying 60 at this time in the chapel and church entrance. You are invited to visit and enjoy the exhibit when the church is open (hours can be found at holycrossdewitt.org/emotw, and you are welcome to return as often as you like. These true stories of the Eucharistic Miracles are described in great depth and you will not want to rush through them.

To learn more about Eucharistic Miracles, there will be books on display and information on where to purchase them: *A Cardiologist Examines Jesus and A Millennial in Paradise*.





YOUTH & FAMILIES
2022-2023



The Burning Bush
Ex 3, 1-12

Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

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.

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.

Care for Creation

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian international celebration encouraged by our Roman Catholic Church to listen and respond together to promote God's Earth, our common home. This year's Season of Creation began on Thursday, September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on Tuesday, October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. The fire that called to Moses as he tended a flock on Mount Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. May this symbol remind us to remain humble, contemplate our connection to holy ground, and listen for the voice of creation. May this symbol also fill us with hope and the light of God's healing love that sustains us and God's Earth, our common home.

Our parish's Creation for Care team is working to promote a love for God's Earth, offering ways to connect with God and, at the same time, care for God's Earth. You are invited to join us. Our next Care for Creation meeting will be held Monday, September 12 at 6:30 PM at the picnic table outside of church. To learn more, visit seasonofcreation.org.

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
- (315) 446-4890

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. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to our priests before or after Mass.

"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.

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 AUGUST 28: \$12,981.00

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setup with online giving



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Ministry, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Luncheon, Olive Garden

5:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg, Yeazel Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**FOOD GIVING WEEKEND /
MISSION APPEAL**

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**FOOD GIVING WEEKEND /
MISSION APPEAL**

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:00 AM Confirmation Study Session,
Youth Room

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rms. 12 & 13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

3:30 PM First Penance Welcome Mtg,
Mass & Dinner

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Visit holycrossdewitt.org/calendar
for the latest event details.

