



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia when he was only fifteen years old, outlined the distinctive feature of his brief existence: living with Jesus, for Jesus and in Jesus. Carlo, who was beatified in 2020, designed and created an exhibition to document the main Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. He then shared this collection with the world using his knowledge of computers and the Internet. His exhibition will be on display at Holy Cross beginning September 14th. Learn more on page 4.

Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

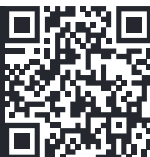
I'd like to call the theme for our readings this weekend, "Mercy and Mission." Mercy and mission. Because really, if we think about it, whenever we see Jesus extend mercy to someone, whenever we hear about God's patience or his "relenting" in inflicting punishment (cf. Ex 32:14), or every time we think about today's parable of the two sons, the intention is not only a matter for celebration but even more, it's an invitation to a *lived* response. "Follow me," "Go and sin no more," "your faith has saved you; go in peace," etc.

Thus, God's mercy necessitates a concrete change or action in us. The Sacrament of Reconciliation doesn't really do us much good if we want to be reconciled to God, but we don't *really* have any intention of amending our lives with the help of God's grace. Mercy ultimately draws us back to relationship with Him so *that* we may be filled with joy, and also *live* that joy.

In our second reading, St. Paul—one of the most important people to ever be "found" by God's mercy—calls himself the "foremost" of sinners...the worst of the worst. But in recognizing this about himself, he immediately recalls the abundance of grace from the Lord that has since transformed him. He recognizes that he was treated with mercy by Jesus, and for Paul, this is more than enough evidence of the incredible reality of God's patience (1 Tm 1:16). The conclusion Paul draws for Timothy (and for us) is that if God is patient and merciful with someone like him, *who was vehemently opposed to the grace of Jesus*, then so too can such mercy be extended to the rest of us. However, if you have ever been touched by God's mercy in your life—you're now called to be an instrument or extension of that same mercy for others. The mission is extended to us.

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 12

7:45 AM - David Papallo / Ann Doherty
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, September 13

7:45 AM - Deanna Ella Paul / Maio Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

7:45 AM - Stephanie Laury / Maio Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

9:00 AM - Patricia Bean / Family
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM - Sean Samolis / Jim & Terry Dooher

Sunday, September 18 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Raymond Mirra / E.J. Purcell & Family
10:30 AM - Victor J. Vasta / Al & Joanne Paparo
5:00 PM - Ben Stabile / Elaine Lostumbo

Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

Christopher Harrison / Mary Beth Harrison, mom

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

Mission Appeal Weekend

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022

This weekend we 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 this weekend to help support the Sisters in their important ministry. Checks may be made out to Holy Cross Church. Please be generous.



**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Care for Creation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 | 6:30 PM

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.

Holy Hour at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Please join us for a Holy Hour at St. Mary's in Jamesville on Thursday, September 15 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, September 15 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

2022 Annual HOPE Appeal

Holy Cross Church will be joining other parishes throughout the Diocese of Syracuse to kick-off the 2022 HOPE Appeal at Masses on September 17 and 18. The appeal raises funds to cultivate Catholic leadership, advance social justice, and empower parish communities. We look forward to sharing this year's message "You are the Light," for your gifts of time, talent and treasure are Christ's light in our parish.

You will receive a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the 2022 HOPE Appeal. Please review the information and prayerfully consider making a gift that is meaningful to you. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass, drop it by the parish office, or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrдио.org.

Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Women of the parish: Don't forget the Women's Conference, as the registration deadline is coming up shortly. We have made it easy for you to register! Simply write a check to Holy Cross Church for \$55.00 with the notation "Women's Conference" on the memo line, and bring it into the parish office and sign the form. Please do not put payment in the collection boxes.

The theme of the day is "Maintaining a Eucharistic Heart in a Broken World". See the Conference flier at: syracusecatholicwomen.org. Come join your fellow parishioners in a fruitful day of deepening our faith and spirituality with great speakers, prayer, Mass, a delicious luncheon, and fellowship. Questions? Call Kathy Kotz at (315) 569-3908.

Reflection

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In his humility, Paul has no idea why God would deem him “trustworthy” for such a ministry, but it is precisely because of how powerfully transformed he was by mercy that he became one of Jesus’ most remarkable disciples.

But have we come to recognize the continual need for God’s mercy? Have our lives actually changed as a result of encountering Jesus, or the healing power of his forgiveness? Or are we indifferent or lukewarm to it?

Like St. Paul, the mercy that we “need” is not because we are all inherently depraved or helpless, but rather because mercy from God, the very grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, IS LIFE. When Jesus’ life is alive in us, we are able to live above and beyond what we would simply be able to do on our own strength. Paul became St. Paul because of Jesus living in him (Gal 2:19-20). His mercy necessarily moves us to live in a new way, propelled to live and imitate Christ having been cleansed from sin and from all that is ‘not-God’ in us. Who are the saints? Not holy people who only ever did holy things, but rather sinners who **continually embraced mercy**. Men and women who were transformed by mercy as opposed to others who never acknowledged a need for it.

Even the ‘lost son’ in our gospel reading who boldly has an experience of mercy first recognized his need for it. He literally needed to leave the pigsty and leave behind the life he chose, just to be in a place where he could receive mercy. Yes, the Father was waiting for him, yes, the Father ran to him—but immediately after the son first recognized his need for new life! May God’s mercy find us and lead us to new life, and may we go out strengthened to be reflections of His mercy for those we meet!

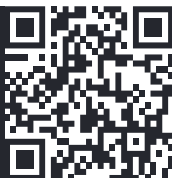
God bless,
Fr. Brendan Foley



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HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS

International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Designed and created by
Blessed Carlo Acutis

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - OCTOBER 16, 2022



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

The Blessed Carlo Acutis International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World opens this **Wednesday, September 14, at 12:00 PM** to the parish and public. Carlo wanted to share his belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist with the world, and Holy Cross is blessed to have this opportunity to fulfill his mission. We chose this day in celebration of our Holy Cross Parish feast day, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Thank you to all those who have given generously of their time, talent, and treasure to promote, prepare, set up, and pray for this International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. Holy Cross purchased a complete set of exhibition panels to eventually share with other parishes in our diocese and elsewhere bringing this transformative experience to so many people.

If you would like to help defray costs and contribute to this program, envelopes will be available in the gathering area of Holy Cross Church beginning September 14th. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross Parish EME. Additionally, freewill offerings can be mailed to Holy Cross Parish, 4112 East Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214-2106, in care of Claude Pilon.



CONFIRMATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 | 7:00 PM

On Thursday evening, thirty-one candidates from Holy Cross Church will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation brings us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Wonder and Awe. We pray that our Confirmation candidates allow these gifts to flourish within them, so that when the trials of life come their way, as they do for all people, they will be able to recognize that God is active in their life. Once the gifts of the Spirit are welcomed into our being we begin to recognize the Fruits of the Spirit, and we experience the joy and peace that comes from walking with our God. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive this strengthening from the Holy Spirit.

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| Julian Albanese | Tia Marshall |
| Abrianna Albring | Emmet McCaul |
| Drew Babikian | Katherine Middlemiss |
| Connor Burns | Nicholas Miller |
| Timothy Cooper | Mairenn Murphy |
| Emma Cottet | Leah Nemi |
| Nathan Cottet | Mason Porter |
| Grace Culligan | Jacob Price |
| Lydia Davidson | Kenna Ridzi |
| Dante Egnoto | Adam Rigdon |
| Alexis Freeman | William Sutherland |
| Oliver Gleasman | Claire Trevisani |
| Tyler Kaelin | Bianca Wales |
| Celia Kemmis | William Westpfal |
| Blair Magari | Julia Ziff |
| Joshua Marino | |

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.

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
6:30 PM Care for Creation, Picnic Table

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

OPENING OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
10:00 AM Holy Hour, St. Mary's
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Confirmation Mass, Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

HOPE APPEAL WEEKEND
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.

