



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



Altar Servers from Holy Cross School at
the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
on September 14, 2022

Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

This Sunday we get a glimpse of how our faith can lead us to serve God through serving those around us, and how a lack of faith can lead us to ignore those around us, bringing us a future that is not so pleasant. The reading from Amos describes a people who spend all of their time seeking to satisfy their appetites for luxurious food and comfortable living. They ignore those who have nothing, and are not troubled in any way by the conditions that prevail for the poor. The Gospel describes a similar situation with a rich man feasting on sumptuous food each day while a poor and destitute man named Lazarus lies at his gate slowly dying because of a lack of food and care.

While Amos only describes the situation on earth, Luke's gospel takes the story a step further as he describes Jesus' parable. Both the rich man and Lazarus have passed from this life and are now experiencing the future in eternity that they have carved out in their time on earth. We see Lazarus being comforted by Abraham, one of the patriarchs of our faith while the rich man is in the torment of flames and heat in hell. The rich man has a conversation with Abraham about how he can change his situation, if only to have Lazarus come and cool his tongue with water from heaven. But what Abraham tells him is that it is now too late for him to change his lot. He goes further to say that he should have listened to the testimony of prophets like Amos and changed his ways before his passing took place. The rich man asks Abraham if he could go and warn his brothers about his fate, and is told that they too have Moses and the prophets to learn from.

We too can learn from Moses, the prophets and from what Jesus has to tell us. If we know someone who needs to be saved from hunger and destitution, we ought to do what we can to help them.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 25 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Sisters of Saint Francis, Living & Deceased / Amy & Paul Sansone

10:30 AM - Patricia Russo / Joseph & Mary Ellen Gaglia

5:00 PM - Christian Cuomo / Davidson Family

Monday, September 26

7:45 AM - Collins & Morrisroe Families / Collins Family

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

Tuesday, September 27

7:45 AM - Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, September 28

7:45 AM - Barbara O'Hara / Kay & Tony Sgarlata

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

Thursday, September 29

7:45 AM - Intentions of Rosary Angels

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

Friday, September 30

7:45 AM - Sue Farnett / Pilon Family

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

Saturday, October 1

9:00 AM - Ellen Marie Hancock / Bryon & Mary Ann Flanders

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

4:00 PM - Theresa Klosowski / Elaine Lostumbo

Sunday, October 2 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Irene & Bernie Kelly / Children

10:30 AM - Hilda & Frank Loguidice / Family

5:00 PM - Kerry Mannion & Family (Living Intention) / Kevin Mannion

Sanctuary Lamp

Sister Helen Hart, CSJ / Josh Corcoran

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Peter Allmayer-Beck, Terry Chylinski, Nancy Ferrara, Katie Glisson, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, and John Toole.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events

The Holy Cross Fall Festival

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25,
2022 | 11:30 AM**

Holy Cross Church & School is excited to invite you, your family, and your friends to the Holy Cross Fall Festival! Following 10:30 AM Mass, come down to the school playground for food, fun, and games. There will be some incredible inflatables, dodgeball tournament for middle and high school students, fun activities like face painting, and amazing entertainment. (Please note: this year a parent must sign a waiver before their child can participate on any inflatables.)



- For more details, visit holycrossdewitt.org/festival

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 | 1:00 PM

This month's feature will be *The Magic of Belle Isle*. Monty Wildhorn, an alcoholic novelist of Westerns, has lost his drive. His nephew pushes him to summer in quiet Belle Isle. He begrudgingly befriends a newly single mom and her three girls who help him find the inspiration to write again. The movie is free to attend and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Mass at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Please join us for Mass at St. Mary's in Jamesville on Thursday, September 29 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

Pastoral Council Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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.

Blessing of Animals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 | 1:00 PM

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 PM. All are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing. We will meet near the front of the church. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the pavilion behind the school.

2022 Annual HOPE Appeal

Thank you for your support of the 2022 HOPE Appeal. We are inspired by the generosity of individuals and families in our parish. Together we will reach our parish goal of \$95,335.88. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you to join us in strengthening our church and serving people throughout our diocese. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week, 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. Please give what you can. Every gift makes a difference.

Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Women of the parish: the Women's Conference 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 is "Maintaining a Eucharistic Heart in a Broken World." Visit syracusecatholicwomen.org for more info, and 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.



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Outreach

Menorah Park

There will be a Communion Service at Menorah Park on Tuesday, September 27. We will meet in the front foyer at 9:30 AM and receive lists of patients to transport to the Community Room, where we will conduct the service. Everyone who is interested in this ministry can join us to provide service to the patients of Menorah Park. Contact Dc. Dare Dutter at dare@holycrossdewitt.org or (315) 446-0473 if you have any questions.

Food Giving Weekend

OCTOBER 1-2, 2022

Thank you to the many people who helped with Food Giving Weekend in September. The amount of donations was impressive, and the food was sorted and packed efficiently. Many volunteers help make this process run smoothly. Food Giving Weekend is coming up again on October 1-2. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday of Food Giving Weekend (once a month) to load and drive the food donations to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church in Syracuse. If you are interested please call the parish office at (315) 446-0473. Thank you!

Reflection

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If we have more than we need to live on, we can direct this bounty to those who do not have enough. In doing so, we can avoid the fate of the rich man, and reap the benefits of eternal life in Christ. As always, the choice is ours to make.

Peace,
Deacon Dare

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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 Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition is still present for three weeks and it is here to help us deepen our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Those who have visited already plan to come back to visit again. There is much to see and read. One visitor called it a "beautiful mystical breathtaking presentation of the miracles of our Catholic Church." A program is available in the Entrance and Chapel and includes a description of the Chapel and Entrance displays. You can see more of the full exhibition online at www.miracolieucaristici.org

You are welcome to visit during the open hours which are posted on the chapel doors, on the back of our signs, and at holycrossdewitt.org/emotw. The exhibition will be closed during Mass.





Congratulations Confirmandi!

Come Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the 28 teens (pictured above with their sponsors) who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Holy Cross Church. May the strengthening of the Holy Spirit empower you towards a life lived for Jesus and his Kingdom. The Church is in need of saints! God has given you all the gifts now to be able to live this universal call to holiness. We are so proud of you! Thank you Bishop Lucia, Fr. Kurgan, Fr. Foley, Dc. Dutter, Mr. Steve Nepil, our catechists, parents, sponsors, and parishioners for preparing, praying for, and celebrating these young people as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

On September 14, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the feast day for our namesake, Holy Cross Church & School. Priests wore red vestments for this special liturgy, and our students also wore red, our school color, a visible sign of their own connection to the liturgy. At the end of Mass, wooden crosses were blessed and distributed to each student. What a welcome reminder of the love we share for one another as a Holy Cross family and the unconditional love Jesus shares for each one of us, a love signified in the Cross.



"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 SEPTEMBER 18: \$16,162.00
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: \$331.00

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Helpful Info

Going Away for the Winter?

If you are planning on going away this winter, please contact Peg Olson by calling the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or email peg@holycrossdewitt.org so we can pause your envelopes while you are out of the area. Even if your mail is forwarded, your envelopes are returned to us and cost us extra in postage. You will need to provide your name, address, and the dates you will be leaving and returning.

Prayer Requests

If you or someone you know would like to be included on our prayer list in this publication, please have a family member or the individual contact us to have the prayer request included in the next newsletter. Send an email to news@holycrossdewitt.org. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

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 all of the entrances of the church, or visit us at holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at 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, send us a message via email at hello@holycrossdewitt.org, or on Twitter/Instagram/Facebook at [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt), or drop by the parish office. Be sure to ask us about our RCIA program.