



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feast of St. Francis
Holy Cross School Mass
October 1, 2021

OCTOBER 2, 2022

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

I'm always intrigued by Jesus' parable about mustard-seed-size faith and the ability to move trees or do some other mighty deed. The initial reaction I have is usually something along the lines of, "Well, I can't work miracles, so my faith must not even be the size of a mustard seed!" And actually, this can feel a bit discouraging...regularly showing up in prayer, striving to be faithful in our lives as disciples, and never seeing the miracle we're hoping for. However, I don't think that Jesus is trying to make a point of how insignificant or small our faith is. Rather, it seems more likely that Jesus is trying to offer us consolation, rather than a rebuke.

One scholar observes, Jesus is encouraging his disciples with a reality that is true for all of us: Contrary to what you'd might expect, you don't need much faith to be effective, just give Jesus a little bit of faith, a little bit of trust, and great things can come.

Jesus was able to feed five thousand with just a few loaves and fish! Jesus can take whatever small faith we have and transform us and work mighty things in us, through us, and for us. This message is meant to give us confidence, not leave us embarrassed or sheepish at what our faith looks like. Jesus doesn't want us to fear stepping out with whatever faith we have. At the end of the day, faith—a theological virtue—is pure gift, and Jesus wants us to have hearts open that he may instill in us greater and greater faith and confidence in him. We simply must start by opening the door of our heart to him.

How do we put our mustard-seed-size faith into action? Start one step at a time, one day at a time, and set reasonable goals. Jesus can work miracles with whatever space you give him, and that's the point of the parable. Or consider it another way and entertain the idea: if failure wasn't possible, what would you attempt for the Lord? Reflect on this thought and really give it some time. Living this out, living out service, commitment, and love of

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 3

7:45 AM - Joan Garbinski / Mr & Mrs. Frank Frydrychowicz
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

7:45 AM - Rosemary Coolican / Ed, Lisa & Michelle
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

9:00 AM - Len Smith / Family & Friends
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM - Ted, Bridget & Matt Kelly / Family

Sunday, October 9 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Barbara Paisley / Frankie & Doug
10:30 AM - Cara Christensen / Family
5:00 PM - John & Leonora Stach / Jerome & Ellen Pristash

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, 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

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.

Respect Life Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

October is Respect Life month and October 2 is Respect Life Sunday. So much has happened this year that we might not have imagined possible in our lifetimes. The erroneous and tragic Roe vs. Wade decision that allowed abortion in all 50 states at any point through all nine months of pregnancy was finally reversed. We bless the God of all creation for this answer to much prayer.

What is needed in a post-Roe world? The NYS Bishops have written a statement addressing this. It can be summarized in a familiar word: accompaniment. What can we do to better accompany a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy? How can we better support parents and families who need assistance? How can we be a loving presence to the ill and elderly in their time of need? How can we encourage women and men who have been involved with abortion to encounter the love and mercy of Christ?

Let us continue to educate, pray, care, and advocate for God's beautiful gift of life!

-Bishop Douglas J. Lucia

Monthly Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Vito's Ristorante in East Syracuse on Wednesday, October 12 at 12:00 PM. Please make your reservation by Friday, October 7. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, October 6 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.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, October 18 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. We will be making angel blankets. All sewers are welcome. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Pauline Book Fair

OCTOBER 15-16, 2022

The Daughters of St. Paul from Boston will be coming to our parish with a Pauline Book Fair after the Masses the weekend of October 15 and 16.

The Sisters will offer Catholic resources, bibles, prayer-books, and many titles for children. Plan to visit the book fair and choose something to enrich your faith and share the joy of the Gospel. Visit daughtersofstpaul.com

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, prayerfully 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. Every gift makes a difference.



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Outreach

Food Giving Weekend

OCTOBER 1-2, 2022

Thank you for your generosity and thanks to the volunteers who help with the packaging and to those who contribute grocery bags. A special thank you to Wegmans for a large donation of bags! We appreciate any volunteers who are able to help with packaging after each Mass.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer on the Sunday of Food Giving Weekend (at 9 AM, once a month) to load and drive 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!

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 4 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. Questions? Contact Julie Johnson: jjohn27363@aol.com

Banns of Marriage

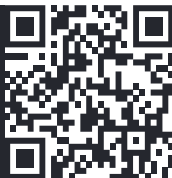
Please pray for **Mackenzie Cavanagh & Kevin Auslander** who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on October 14, 2022.

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!

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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



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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.miracolieucaaristici.org

Reflection

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the Lord without fear of any kind of failure is, in a sense, enacting Jesus' parable of mustard-seed-size faith. Jesus wants us to have that kind of confidence in him. Jesus desires to bless, multiply, and transform whatever we seek to live out in his name.

Peace,
Fr. Foley



Fall Festival Fun!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Holy Cross Fall Festival last Sunday! We had an amazing time and are so grateful for this community. A special thank you to our priests, deacon, Holy Cross Church & School staff, and the incredible volunteers who made it all possible. God bless, and have a great week!

"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 25: \$14,410.93

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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.