



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 2022

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# Readings & Reflection

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022**

Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8

The readings today are focused on the concept of persistence in prayer. The persistent widow illustrates for us the way to seek justice in a persistent way. Our prayers can be seen in the same light. Oftentimes, we pray for things that we want to see happen, such as the recovery of our loved one from an illness or to get a job that we think will make us happier or more satisfied with our career. More often than not, we do not get what we asked for. That is not always a bad thing.

This quote from a Confederate soldier explains a possible reason that God might have a different take on things than we do, "I asked for strength that I might achieve, God made me weak that I might obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things; I was given grace that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I received nothing that I asked for, and all that I hoped for. My prayers were answered; I was most blessed."

The most important thing is not to get what we pray for, but to learn to pray with sincerity and humility. To have a strong prayer life and spend our time listening to God's will for our lives is the most important thing a Catholic or any faith filled person can do. If we look at the example of St. Monica, we see what persistence in prayer can do. She prayed fervently for her son St. Augustine to stop his sinful playboy style of life. She prayed for sixteen years and finally was rewarded for her persistence when he was baptized. Let us pray persistently, but also in a humble and loving way.

Keep the faith,  
Deacon Dare

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Sunday Read  
in your inbox



# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, October 16 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Patricia Labeledz / Paul & Amy Sansone  
10:30 AM - Francine A. Battaglia / Al & Joanne Paparo  
5:00 PM - Martha Yagaza / Elaine Lostumbo

## Monday, October 17

7:45 AM - Jackie Connolly / Melody Foster  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

## Tuesday, October 18

7:45 AM - Jane Bachman / Jim & Mary Kay Moore  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

## Wednesday, October 19

7:45 AM - George Koulouris / Weeks & Vito Families  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

## Thursday, October 20

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

## Friday, October 21

7:45 AM - Len Smith / Family & Friends  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

## Saturday, October 22

9:00 AM - Teresa Vita / Altar & Rosary  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM - Gail Marchant / Carol Dwyer

## Sunday, October 23 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Paul McQuade / Diane Harrington  
10:30 AM - Jerry Manion & Family\* / Kevin Mannion  
5:00 PM - Maureen McManus / Elaine Lostumbo

## BAPTISM

Congratulations and prayers for the **Gilkey Family** as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

## 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, Nash Daniel Stannard, and John Toole.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

# News & Events

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## Pauline Book Fair

**OCTOBER 15-16, 2022**

The Daughters of St. Paul from Boston are visiting this weekend with a Pauline Book Fair after all Masses (except Sunday 5:00 PM).

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](http://daughtersofstpaul.com)

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## Sandwich Ministry

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 | 8:15 AM**

The Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 18 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](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

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## 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.

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## Evening Rosary at Holy Cross

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022 | 6:00 PM**

Join us in praying the rosary on Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 PM, led by Deacon Dare Dutter.

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## Monthly Movie: Father Stu

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 | 1:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, October 25 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *Father Stu*. Based on a true story, *Father Stu* is an unflinchingly honest, funny and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. Refreshments provided.

## Samaritan Center

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022**

Interested in volunteering at the Samaritan Center? Volunteers are needed on Sunday, October 23 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Contact Richard Coughlin at [rcoughlin@irr.com](mailto:rcoughlin@irr.com) or (315) 870-4054.

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## High School Retreat / Verso L'Alto

**FRIDAY, NOV 11 - SUNDAY, NOV 13, 2022**

All high school students (grades 9-12) are invited to a weekend retreat up in the mountains. Come enjoy a comfortable stay in cozy cabins at the Frost Valley YMCA, located in the iconic Catskills. There will be opportunities for games, bonfires, and adventuring in the great outdoors, but also an unparalleled opportunity to encounter Jesus. Not only will students experience Christ in nature and community, but more profoundly in Mass, Adoration, and the opportunity for confessions. Trip fee: \$120\* **Deadline to register is October 27, 2022**

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Nepil ([steve@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:steve@holycrossdewitt.org))

- Sign up at [holycrossdewitt.org/retreat](http://holycrossdewitt.org/retreat)

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## 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.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org). Every gift makes a difference.



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# Thank You

Eighty-two children from 32 families in some pretty difficult circumstances are better prepared for school because of you and your wonderful parishioners. Thank you!

Dear Rev. Kurgan,

The Board of Directors of Mothers and Children in Crisis, Inc, and our newly hired Executive Director S. Cheryl Wint would like to thank you and your very generous parishioners for their donations of backpacks and school supplies for the MCC Back to School Event. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Mary Beth Smith and her crew of volunteers who helped us make this event a success.

Once again, COVID affected our work. The families we try to help are connected to the Problem-Solving Courts, and are some of the most vulnerable families in Onondaga County. This year, we delivered the donations from Holy Cross, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Community, and a few other supporters. Through our combined efforts we were able to help 82 children from 32 families prepare for the school year. In addition to the school supplies and backpacks, each child received new sneakers, new clothing including socks, underwear, and a new outfit. The families received educational material from the Onondaga County Health Department, some personal care items, and a gift card to purchase groceries.

The Sisters of St Francis in residence at the Villas helped to organize the donations. It was a lot of work, and we are grateful for their help. A few sisters even helped with the deliveries.

We invite anyone from the parish who is interested in our work, to join us. We have just begun preparing for the December Holiday Event. We hope you will check out our website, [www.mccsyracuse.org](http://www.mccsyracuse.org)

Mary Jensen, President  
Mothers and Children in Crisis

Sr. Cheryl Wint, Executive Director  
Mothers and Children in Crisis

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS  
*International Exhibition*  
**THE EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES  
OF THE WORLD**  
Designed and created by  
*Blessed Carlo Acutis*  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - NOVEMBER 6, 2022



To get exhibit times, learn about Blessed Carlo Acutis, and access promotional downloads, visit [holycrossdewitt.org/emotw](http://holycrossdewitt.org/emotw)

## EXHIBITION EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 6

The exhibition is extending through November 6 and new panels will be available to view in the gathering space beginning October 17.

## SEE MORE AT CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King Retreat House on Brookford Road will be hosting a collection of panels through October 23, 2022. Exhibition hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Please call 315-446-2680 for weekend hours.

We wanted to share this from Riley, a fourth grader who read the story of Alboraya-Almacera, Spain. A priest accidentally dropped consecrated hosts in a river. Fishermen pointed out three fish holding the hosts up in the river and the priest was able to retrieve them. Riley went home and drew a picture of the three fish holding the hosts and her grandmother gave it to us. There are many stories of faith, conversion and the Body and Blood of Jesus to inspire and increase our faith, young and old in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and His Power in and through the Eucharist. Thank you, Blessed Carlo Acutis for sharing your faith and belief with us through this Exhibition!



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church  
8:15 AM EMOTW Exhibit, Chapel

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:45 AM HS Faith Form., Yeazel Hall  
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall  
8:15 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
12 PM Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:45 AM MS Faith Form., Yeazel Hall  
8:15 AM EMOTW Exhibit, Chapel  
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

## WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

6:00 PM EMOTW Exhibit, Chapel  
7:00 PM Adoration, Church  
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:45 AM ES Faith Form., Yeazel Hall  
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
9:30 AM Safe Environment, Y. Hall  
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall  
5:30 PM Safe Environment, Y. Hall  
6:00 PM Rosary, Church  
7:00 PM Middle School Night, Rms. 10-13  
7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church  
9:30 PM Ignite Mtg, Rms 12-13  
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church  
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 AM Mass, Church  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rms. 12-13  
10:30 AM Mass, Church  
3:30 PM RCIA, Rms. 12-3  
5:00 PM Mass, Church  
6:00 PM Confirmation Group Dinner

Visit [holycrossdewitt.org/calendar](https://holycrossdewitt.org/calendar)  
for the latest event details.



"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## World Mission Sunday

### COMING UP: OCTOBER 23, 2022

World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on October 23 this year. This collection on the next-to-last Sunday in October is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 9: \$14,177.98

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## Going Away for the Winter?

If you receive envelopes and are going away this winter, please contact Peg Olson ([peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)) or call the parish office at (315) 446-0473. 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. Please provide your name, address, and the dates you will be leaving and returning.

## New to Holy Cross?

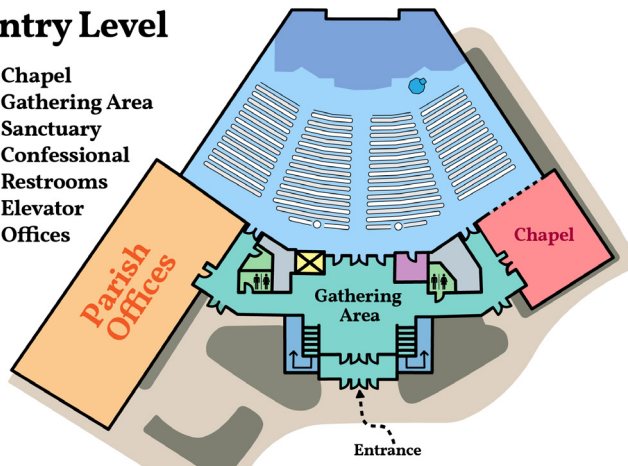
We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at all of the entrances of the church, or visit us at [holycrossdewitt.org/welcome](https://holycrossdewitt.org/welcome) for a helpful guide to our parish community. And please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

## Parish Office

The parish offices are located at the far entrance from East Genesee. Look for the signs for "Office." Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The church sanctuary is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

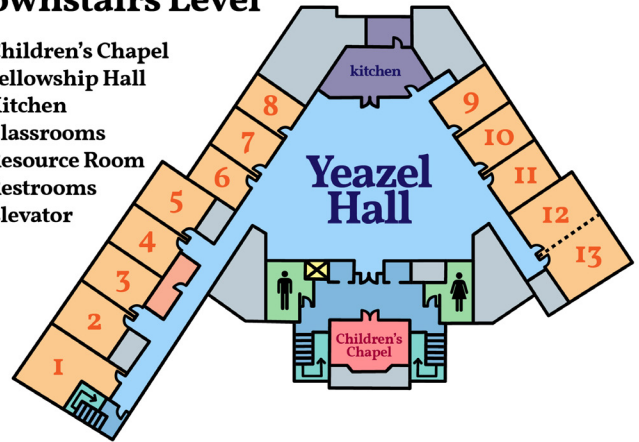
### Entry Level

- Chapel
- Gathering Area
- Sanctuary
- Confessional
- Restrooms
- Elevator
- Offices



### Downstairs Level

- Children's Chapel
- Fellowship Hall
- Kitchen
- Classrooms
- Resource Room
- Restrooms
- Elevator



## Our Staff

Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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