



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 23, 2022

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Welcome to Holy Cross

A CARING COMMUNITY SINCE 1943

"We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society."

Whether this is your first Mass with us or you are a lifelong parishioner, we are so glad you are here. We hope Holy Cross can be a place for you to call home. If you are new here, check us out online at holycrossdewitt.org to learn more or grab a welcome packet from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Still fresh in my mind are the images of persistence from last Sunday's readings...Moses with his hands held up in prayer (Ex. 17), Timothy and the proclamation of God's word whether convenient or not (2 Tm. 3), and the widow demanding justice (Luke 18). Wisdom from the book of Sirach today invites us to that consistent theme: the justice of God is manifested particularly in that he always hears the persistent cries of both the oppressed and those who freely commit themselves to his service (Sirach 35). You can see St. Paul embody both of these categories today in his letter to Timothy.

Put yourself in his shoes and feel what must have been incredibly discouraging as he stood on trial/in prison: "At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf... everyone deserted me." His persistence in preaching the Gospel, enduring 'thorns' in his flesh, numerous waves of successes and failures within the communities he shepherded...and still as he finds himself nearing the end of his life, and he seems to be utterly alone.

Often in our lives as disciples, the experience of isolation, especially in the midst of pain, leaves us feeling abandoned

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 23 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, October 24

7:45 AM - Harold P. Slate / Campanino Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, October 25

7:45 AM - Edwine Rapp / Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, October 26

7:45 AM - Filomena Pallotta / Angela & Nick Mastrogiovanni
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

7:45 AM - Coner Gouch / Duffin
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, October 29

9:00 AM - Mario Vitale / Diane Harrington
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM - Robert Heinrich / Ken & Joanne Andrews

Sunday, October 30 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Pat Highducheck / Family
10:30 AM - Sean Mannion & Family* / Kevin Mannion
5:00 PM - Donna Leone / Elaine Lostumbo

(*Living Intention)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Peter Allmayer-Beck, Terry Chylinski, Nancy Ferrara, Katie Glisson, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Nash Daniel Stannard, and John Toole.

CALL 315-446-0473 TO ADD A REQUEST

News & Events

World Mission Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our Baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Pray. Give generously. Thank you! See more on page 5.

Evening Documentary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 | 6:30 PM

Join us at Holy Cross on Monday evening, October 24 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross to view a series of documentaries on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition.

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. **Please be advised that this movie is rated R for strong language throughout.**

All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022 | 5:30 PM

Join us for a special Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 5:30 PM. All are welcome and invited to attend. During the Mass we will pray for each person in our community who has died since last All Souls' Day. A family member of the deceased who has RSVP'd will be invited to come forth and place a lit votive candle in front of the altar in their memory. If your family commemorated a funeral for a loved one at Holy Cross in the past year, you should have received a letter

inviting you to participate in this special Mass. If you did not receive a letter or lost a loved one this past year and would like to be included, please let us know by calling the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or visit

- holycrossdewitt.org/news/all-souls-day
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Breakfast to Benefit Youth Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 8AM - 12:30 PM

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 6 in Yeazel Hall. Pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries and eggs. The breakfast will run from 8:00 AM till 12:30 PM. The proceeds will go to the youth program here at Holy Cross.

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, drop it by the parish office during the week, or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrдио.org. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you and God bless!

Parish Survey Reminder

If you haven't already, please don't forget to fill out a brief parish survey online at holycrossdewitt.org/survey or fill out a paper survey and drop it off.

Wednesday Adoration

For the next two weeks, Adoration will be available on Wednesdays all day in the church (from the end of daily Mass, 8:15 AM until 8:00 PM). This is a great opportunity during the week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. We hope you can join us!

- Please note on Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls' Day) there is a Mass of Remembrance at 5:30 PM.

Reflection

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by God and by our friends and family. Rather than cling to pride or become bitter, Paul chooses the path of persistent faith and chooses to cling to Jesus instead. Remember, even Jesus knew the experience of being abandoned by friends in his hour of need. But as always, the Lord quickly comforted Paul...“the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all might come to hear it...the Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom” (cf. 2 Tm. 4:17). God’s grace was more than sufficient to help Paul endure, and more than that, the Truth of the Gospel stood strong as a result for all who would follow after.

Interventions of grace, those moments when we are able to ‘come up for air’ or find some relief are always initiated by God for us as gift. The story of the Pharisee and the repentant Tax Collector in our Gospel demonstrates that pride can overshadow a multitude of sins. It doesn’t matter if we have attained other virtues or committed ourselves to Gospel service. If we are sick with pride, it’s like we haven’t even begun the spiritual life, of which Humility is the foundational virtue. Humility invites us to choose to rely on or lovingly entrust all the things out of our control to the power and loving providence of God.

The posture of humble persistence (if you will) seen both in Paul and the Tax Collector is an antidote to our pride: total abandonment to the mercy of God and total trust in his grace. What a wonderful paradox of our faith: By us lowering ourselves God exalts us and brings us to himself.

Peace,

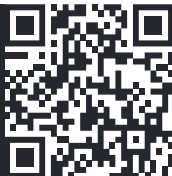
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS
International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**
Designed and created by
Blessed Carlo Acutis
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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

EXHIBIT TIMES

SUNDAYS	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM*
MONDAYS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
TUESDAYS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM†
THURSDAYS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
FRIDAYS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SATURDAYS	8:15 AM - 6:00 PM*

EXHIBITION EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 6

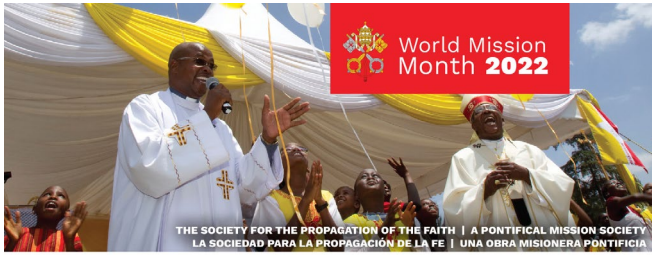
The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition is extended through November 6. Check out the new panels available in the Gathering Area.

† Please note that on Wednesday, November 2nd (All Souls Day), the Chapel and Exhibition will close from 5-7 PM for a Mass of Remembrance.

*Exhibition is closed during Masses.

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“YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES”

OCT. 23, 2022

“PARA QUE SEAN MIS TESTIGOS”

PRAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY | ORAR Y DAR GENEROSAMENTE

World Mission Sunday

“You shall be my witnesses.”

BE THE LORD’S ‘WITNESSES’ IN PRAYER AND SUPPORT THIS WORLD MISSION SUNDAYS

Today, World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that in Baptism we are all called by the Lord to be His missionaries: “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Joining Catholics worldwide this Sunday, we offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope’s missions.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support to:

- 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families
- 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- 26 million children in primary schools
- 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying
- 8,750 homes for orphaned children and the elderly

Your prayers are most treasured, and they, along with financial help offered today, World Mission Sunday, answer Christ’s call to be His witnesses. Thank you!

- To give online to Holy Cross and for special collections, visit holycrossdewitt.org/give

High School Retreat

FRI, NOV. 11 - SUN, NOV. 13

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)

- Sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/retreat

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
6:30 PM Euch. Miracles Movie, Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
9:30 AM Safe Environment, Y. Hall
1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Y. Hall
5:30 PM Safe Environment, Y. Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:45 AM M.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Adoration, Church
9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
7:00 PM Youth Discipleship, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:15 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
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

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



"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

World Mission Sunday

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 16: \$15,616.30

Scan the code to get
started with online giving



Going Away for the Winter?

If you receive envelopes and are going away this winter, please contact Peg Olson at 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 & returning.

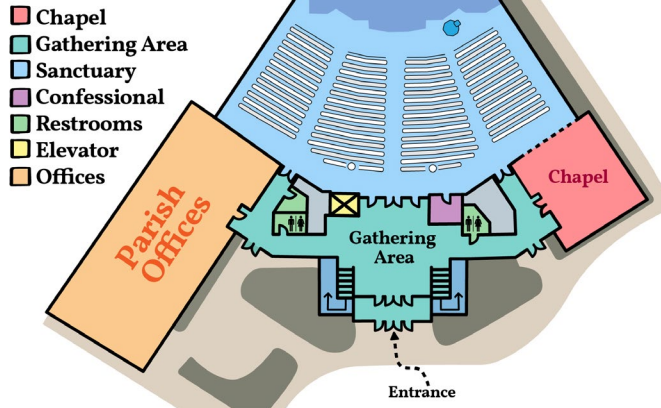
New to Catholicism?

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 or hello@holycrossdewitt.org.

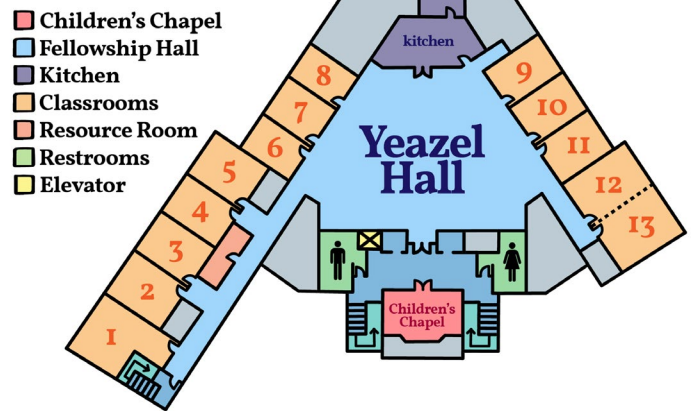
Parish Office

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



Downstairs Level



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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"We love because he first loved us."

- 1 JOHN 4:19



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