

HOLY CROSS CHURCH 4112 East Genesee Street | DeWitt, NY 13214

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Fifth graders at Holy Cross School dressed as their favorite saints and celebrated Mass with the parish community on All Saints' Day See more photos on page 5

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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Welcome to Holy Cross

A CARING COMMUNITY

"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, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Malachi 3:19-20a Psalms 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

We are very close to the end of the Liturgical Calendar Year, and as I'm sure you've noticed, our readings invite reflection on end times. Malachi in our first reading doesn't hide it: "Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and evildoers will be stubble...[it] will set them on fire" (Mal 3:19). Jesus' words are particularly strong, too, and while he is first speaking to the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple (~70AD), he also articulates the persecutions the Church will inevitably face over the course of history and how they will recur in a particularly intense way before the Second Coming: Nations rising against nations, powerful earthquakes, famines, plagues, persecutions, division in families, bearing hatred for the name of Jesus...(Luke 21: 10-12, 16-17)

Have you put much thought to what we as Catholics believe about these 'end times'? There is a temptation toward both extremes, namely, to become overly consumed about reading the signs of the times trying to align various sequences of events, or the other end, to have little or no concern about Jesus coming again at all. Both extremes here are not all that helpful. A healthy expectation of Jesus' return coupled with our **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, November 13 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Dr. Alfred Falcone / Dr. Philip & Barbara Falcone 10:30AM Anthony & Alice Jastrem / Kirkman Family 5:00PM Jack Tobin / Jim & Mary Kay Moore

Monday, November 14

7:45AM Duncan Bailey / CSV

Tuesday, November 15

7:45AM Pauline Carnicelli / Stach Family

Wednesday, November 16

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, November 17

7:45AM Dr. Alfred Falcone / Columbus Monument Co.

Friday, November 18

7:45AM All people to open their hearts to the call for religious vocations & acts of charity

Saturday, November 19

9:00AM Newton Allen / Donna Newton 4:00PM Patricia Russo / Johnston Family

Sunday, November 20 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30AM Joan Frani / Mark & Judy Martino 10:30AM Flaver, Roux, & Kahl Families / Family 5:00PM Leonora Stach / Jerome & Ellen Pristash

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Peter Allmayer-Beck, Joe Evans, Katie Glisson, Jeanette Heick, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Nash Daniel Stannard, and John Toole

If you or someone you know would like to be included on our prayer list, please contact us at news@holycrossdewitt.org or call 315-446-0473

BAPTISMS

Congratulations along with heartfelt well-wishes and prayers to the **Martin Family** & to the **Burkhardt Family** as they each celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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Sandwich Making Ministry TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:15 AM, following daily Mass, to prepare our usual PB&J sandwiches for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. For more information, please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com.

Coffee & Conversation TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, November 15 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. We will be making angel blankets. All those who sew or are interested in learning how are welcome. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Knitting Group Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 1:00 pm

The next Knitting Group meeting will be on Thursday, November 17 at 1:00 PM down in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Holy Cross Pastoral Council SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

Thank you so much for your input into our parish survey! We had nearly 300 respond to be heard. We will need some time to review the feedback and formulate an action plan. Many of you also asked to be contacted, please be patient as the Council will be reaching out to you. Fantastic response from our parish, thank you!

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Pastoral Council meetings are open to the parish, and meeting minutes are available on our website. Minutes are now available from the most recent meeting on September 29th. To find past meeting minutes or contact our pastoral council, visit **holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc**.



Samaritan Center Parish Service SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Interested in volunteering at the Samaritan Center with other Holy Cross members? Volunteers are needed on Sunday, November 20 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.

The Samaritan Center, located at 215 North State Street, is a nonprofit 501c3, interfaith effort of community members committed to serving the hungry and those in need in order to promote their welfare dignity and self-sufficiency.

• Learn more at samcenter.org

Reflection

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continual striving to grow in holiness will keep us rightly ordered and lead us toward finding Jesus' return as a day that Malachi describes: "For those who fear My name, there will arise a sun of justice with its healing rays."

Every Sunday we stand together profess that Jesus "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." It's worth pulling out the Catechism of the Catholic Church to go a bit deeper (Paragraphs 668-682), but to be brief this is what's going on: "Christ the Lord already reigns through the Church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. The triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the powers of evil. On Judgment Day at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil...to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works, and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace (cf. 680-682).

Keeping this in our perspective should inform how we go about our daily lives as disciples. All of us commit sin and are capable of doing evil, so in order to separate us from those who will end "as stubble," let's hurry with gratitude toward the Lord's mercy rather than flee from Him or ignore Him…because at the end of the day we know we are the ones who continually need to accept his grace and his healing rays—and Jesus longs to embrace us with them!

Peace,

Ker Bunda Joley

Fr. Foley

Coming Up

Thanksgiving Day Mass THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022 | 9:00 AM

Please join us for this special liturgy and Blessing of Bread on Thanksgiving Day. All will be invited during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh, homemade bread to share with family and friends at your Thanksgiving table. If you won't be able to join us in person, be sure to tune in to our livestream. Know that we are so grateful for you and your family. God bless and be well!

International Exhibition THE EUCHARISTIC VIRACLES OF THE WORLD

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS

Designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis



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

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition will be extended for viewing through Advent in the chapel and entrance of Holy Cross. The display panels in the entrance were recently replaced with a new set and the Chapel Exhibit has just been replaced except for the 12 displayed from the book, A Cardiologist Examines Jesus. They represent one of the oldest and most famous, Lanciano, and four other more recent Eucharistic Miracles.

The hours have been modified slightly. Check the website and posted signs for adjusted hours. The Exhibition will close during Masses and funerals. Please stop in. On most Wednesdays, there are also extended hours for Eucharistic Adoration. Come and pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for you.

Around the Diocese

Charles Gounod – St. Cecilia Mass SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 | 2:00 PM

A festival choir of singers from around the diocese will reconvene for the first time since 2019 to perform Charles Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass as a concert with orchestra under the direction of Peter Ciarelli at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 20, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. Free and open to the public.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Giving Tree at Holy Cross BEGINNING NOVEMBER 19

Christmas will be here before you know it! We're prepping for our 39th annual Giving Tree. Once again this year, we will be providing gifts and gift cards to 7 agencies that work with those in need in our community. Many of the requests this year are for gift cards as the agencies have found the families enjoy being able to choose their own gifts. Gift tags will be available on the trees in the Gathering Area starting Saturday, November 19. Please plan to return your unwrapped gift/gift card with tag attached by Sunday, December 4 at 11:00 AM. Thank you for continuing to be the caring and generous community for which Holy Cross is known.



School Poinsettia Sale ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 20

We are excited to bring back the Holy Cross School Christmas Poinsettia sale! New this year, Holy Cross School's Caring Crusaders will be selling the poinsettias and all proceeds will be donated to those in need. Caring Crusader's main Christmas initiative will be working with The Cathedral's Christmas gift giving program to brighten the holidays for a family in the Syracuse area. Please see the attached order form. Get your orders in as soon as possible; bring them back to Mass next week.

Stay tuned for updates. At the end of the sale the Caring Crusaders will be excited to share with the parish community just exactly how they spread joy to those less fortunate during the Christmas season of giving.

Caring Crusaders is a group of 5th and 6th grade students with a mission of serving others. The students research, organize, and plan service projects for the entire school community to participate in.





ALL SAINTS' DAY AT HOLY CROSS

All Hallow's Eve, All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day. This time of year, we remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians. We don't take for granted that our school community has the ability to celebrate these festivals, follow our call to holiness, and remember those that have gone before us.

Follow Holy Cross School on Instagram to see more! @hcschooldewitt

"For it is in giving that we receive."

Thank You for Your Faithful Generosity

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 partner with an industry leader to give you secure and convenient opportunities for supporting our faith community. Visit holycrossdewitt.org/give to learn more.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88 COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 6: \$17,623.00 st NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Scan the code to get started with online giving



2022 Annual HOPE Appeal YOU ARE THE LIGHT

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 included with your letter. You can also make a gift online at **www.syracusediocese.org**. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you and God bless!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel 6:30 PM RAC Meeting, Rooms 12-13

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church 8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel 12 PM Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:45 AM M.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church 8:15 AM Adoration, Church 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel 3:30 PM First Penance, Church 7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel 1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall 5:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg., Rm.12-13 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

GIVING TREE BEGINS

8:15 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel

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

SATURDAY CONTINUED

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church 11:00 AM First Penance, Church 3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

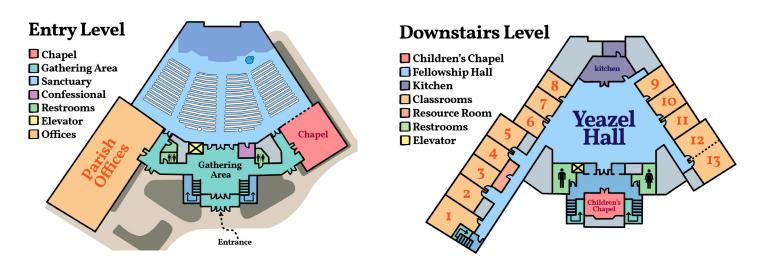
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

GIVING TREE BEGINS 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. 12-13 5:00 PM Mass, Church



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.



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



