



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 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!

Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

On this Gaudete Sunday, we recognize just how close we are to the gift of Christ. Our recognition of this relationship with Christ should cause us great rejoicing, thus the word, gaudete which means rejoice. The first two weeks of Advent have seen us preparing to recognize the coming of the Christ Child, the innocent one we celebrate on Christmas, but also looking forward to the second coming of Christ, where those who are faithful to the teachings of Christ will be rewarded with everlasting life.

Today, in our gospel reading, we hear John the Baptist, who was in prison, send his disciples to Jesus with one very important question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus' reply to John's disciples was, "Go and tell

John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

This is quite an answer. We could assume that there would be nothing else that the disciples or John could possibly want as proof of the power of Jesus. Do we accept the miracles that Jesus has accomplished for the human race? If we do accept all that Jesus says and does, then we definitely can say that we rejoice this weekend because Jesus is so close to us, both as a newborn child as well as a salvific judge. The question for each of us to ask is do we accept all that Jesus has done for us, or do we still expect more.

Let us rejoice today in the fact that Jesus cares so much for the human race that he was willing to enter our world to save us and is still here, looking to save all who take no offense at him.

Peace,

Rev. John Hergen

MASS INTENTIONS

HOSTS, WINE, AND LAMP

Herbert & Angeline Silvestri / Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Colao Family / Stewart Family

10:30AM Rod & Nanette Groat / Hall Groat Family

5:00PM Sandra Tetreault / James Tetreault & Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:45AM Gloria Delaney / Jo Oliva & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:45AM Robert Sr., Phyllis, & Kris Reid / Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:45AM Dr. Charles DiCosimo / Bill & Lisa

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:45AM Charles Ritter / Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greiner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00AM Dr. Alfred Falcone / Ginie Lostumbo

4:00PM Herbert & Angeline Silvestri / Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30AM Don Foster / Family

10:30AM Hilda Loguidice / Family

5:00PM Tony Kotz / Kathy Kotz

FOLLOW ALONG



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THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
- 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
- 9:15 AM Rosary, Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Pastoral Council, Rms 12-13
- 7:00 PM HCS Christmas Concert, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 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
- 6:30 PM Advent Book Study, Church
- 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Night, Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 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, Rms 12-13
- 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel
- 10:00 AM HCS Christmas Play, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 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, DECEMBER 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 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
- 4:40 PM Evening Prayer, Church
- 5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/calendar



Advent Book Study

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT | 6:30 PM

Advent is a season of anticipation, of preparation, of hope—in it, the Church doesn't just limit our reflection to the celebration of the birth of Christ, but also his coming again in glory at the end of time—which challenges us in this age of Apostolic Mission to reflect on how ready or eager are we to witness to the Gospel in our time.

Join us for a talk led by Fr. Foley & Steve Nepil. Following the talk, spend some time in prayer & Adoration. During the week, read along in the book, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*. (Evening talks will be recorded and available the following day.)

Visit holycrossdewitt.org/advent to listen to the talks.

The Light is On

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

"The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the story of God's love that never turns away from us." Join us at Holy Cross for The Light Is On For You. The church will be open for quiet prayer and priests will be available to hear confessions.

Evening Prayer

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT | 4:40 PM

The Liturgy of the Hours, or The Divine Office, is the ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, especially the Psalms. We make this commitment of prayer as a way of sanctifying the hours of the day, and to answer the call to rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing. This prayer maintains the form of a dialogue that draws us into the presence of God, fueled with the very words and wisdom of God. Sundays during Advent, we will pray Evening Prayer at 4:40 PM prior to Sunday evening Mass. Please join us!

Upcoming Events

Rosary Group Celebration

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

The Holy Cross Rosary group will recognize their 1000th day of praying the daily rosary on Sunday December 11, 2022. They will celebrate this event on Monday, December 12th (The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) and invite all of you to join them at the 7:45 Mass, followed by Adoration at 8:15 and then Chaplet of Mercy and Most Holy Rosary. This rosary group began at the start of the Covid shut down of our church and all churches on March 17th, 2020. They have been praying for all of your intentions every day since then and would like you to pray with them as they cross th 1000th day! They have truly seen miracles take place and look forward to having more people join them. God bless you all!

Christmas Delight

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us for our Christmas Delight Luncheon (which will replace Coffee and Conversation) this month at noon on Tuesday, December 20 in Yeazel Hall. Bring a \$5 giftcard to participate in our gift swap. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be available for lunch (\$12/person).

- Make your reservation **by Thursday, December 15** with Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328.

Holy Cross School Christmas Play

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Students at Holy Cross School have been faithfully preparing for their upcoming performance of a nativity musical, *The First Christmas*. Kindergarten and first grade students are getting into their roles as characters. Fourth grade students will be singing and narrating, and our fifth and sixth grade students will be caroling. The Holy Cross School community joyfully invites you to come experience the story of the first Christmas as told through the heart-warming voices of our amazing students.

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School, please contact news@holycrossdewitt.org.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

- Indicated liturgies will be available via livestream.

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

- 4:00 PM MASS
- 6:00 PM MASS
- 12:00 AM * MIDNIGHT MASS
- *Carols begin at 11:30 PM

Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

- 7:30 AM MASS
- 10:30 AM MASS
- 5:00 PM MASS

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve Vigil

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

- 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

New Year's Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

- 7:30 AM MASS
- 10:30 AM MASS
- 5:00 PM MASS





Breakfast with Santa Thanks to everyone who came out for Breakfast with Santa at Holy Cross! It was such a gift being with you. Thank you to our amazing volunteers led by Jo Oliva, our Confirmation group helpers, and of course Mr. Claus for taking time out his busy schedule to be with us! Praying you all have a blessed Advent and very Merry Christmas!



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CARING CRUSADERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION & CRAFTS

Our Caring Crusaders crew at Holy Cross School led their peers in making decorations to be gifted to their adopted family along with the Christmas gifts & food they were able to buy thanks to the generosity of the school and church community during the poinsettia sale!

We know that each and every decoration was made with love and will bring joy to the mom and her three children this Christmas season.



Congratulations
to Immaculata Award
Recipients

Ada Hernandez
St. Anthony of Padua, Syracuse



Regina Harty
Holy Cross Church, DeWitt

Your years of humble service to our community are inspiring and an eternal blessing to our parish family. Thank you and God bless!

*from the priests & parishioners at
St. Anthony's & Holy Cross*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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



Giving Tree at Holy Cross

THANK YOU to everyone for your kindness and generosity in making this year's Giving Tree program such a huge success! Over 400 gifts were donated by our parish and school community to brighten the lives of so many during the Christmas season.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

PROVERBS 11:25

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank You 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.

- Visit holycrossdewitt.org/give to learn more.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

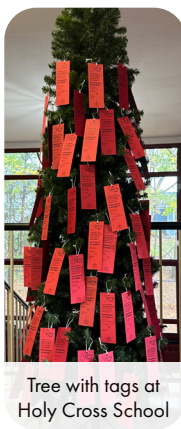
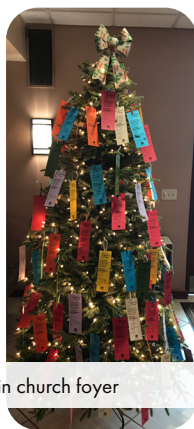
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 4: \$20,488.13

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BEFORE

Trees with hundreds of tags in church foyer



Tree with tags at Holy Cross School



Barely enough room in the children's chapel to store & sort all of the gifts



AFTER



A gift bag for each agency filled with requested gift cards



To get exhibit times, visit holycrossdewitt.org/emotw

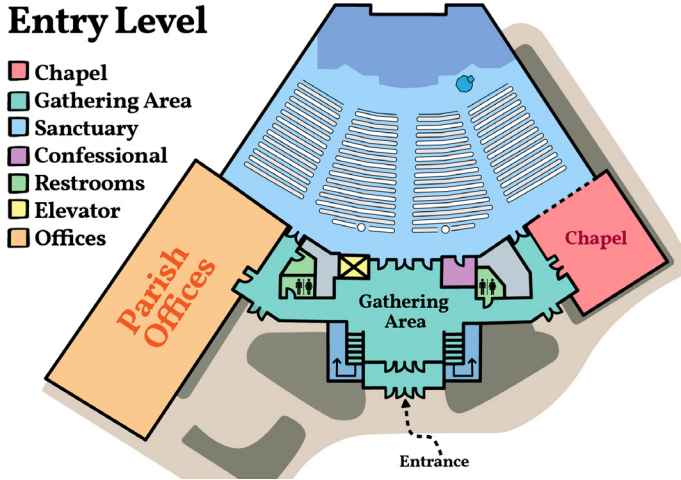
What is the purpose of the Eucharistic Miracles information? Blessed Carlo Acutis felt it was to increase our faith and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament.

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son. God continues to send us his Son in the Eucharist. We can receive this gift daily at Mass. We can adore Jesus in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Through Blessed Carlo's faith, we can read the Eucharistic Miracles displays and let the Truth about the power of Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity increase our faith. It is a gift God freely gives. Come and visit this last week of the 2022 exhibition to read the stories that have touched so many others' hearts.

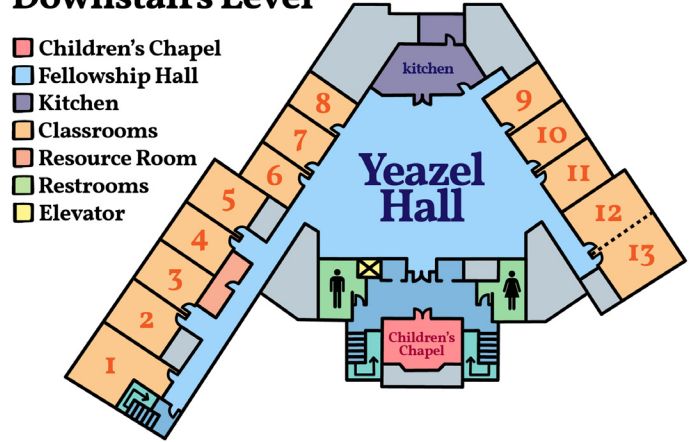
Parish Office

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. Adoration is available on Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:00 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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