



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 18, 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](http://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 18, 2022

### READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24

This weekend, we are graced to experience several encounters with the holy. In our first reading, an encounter takes place between God and Ahaz, king of Judah. In the encounter, God tells Ahaz to ask for whatever he wants, but in an act of faithlessness, Ahaz refuses. At this point, God takes matters to another level when he tells Ahaz and the entire House of David that a virgin will give birth to a son who will be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." This is information of a cosmic dimension, since it would take a great miracle for a virgin to give birth.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells his followers about how Jesus is the Son of God, a descendant of King David and the fulfillment of hundreds of

years of prophecy. He points out that Jesus' resurrection will result in the grace of God freeing us from sin.

In the gospel from St. Matthew, we have another encounter, this time between Joseph and God's angelic messenger. Joseph now knows that Mary is pregnant. Joseph is a devout Jew and while he could have had Mary stoned to death for violating Mosaic law, he wanted to just divorce her quietly. The angel tells him to go through with the marriage for the child was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. The appearance of the angel of the Lord changes Joseph's mind and he goes through with the marriage and becomes a great guardian for Jesus, serving God in many powerful ways.

These three readings all refer to the birth of Jesus Christ whose incarnation as a human being we are about to celebrate. It is a reminder that God is so deeply in love with each and

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### HOSTS, WINE, AND LAMP

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:45AM Sharonlee Kieffer / Carol & Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:45AM Jack & Stephanie Hinds / Maio Family

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:45AM Joan Garbinski / Tony & Kay Sgarlata

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:45AM Holy Cross Parishioners

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:45AM James Collins & Catherine Bona Collins / Family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00AM Seminarians of the Diocese  
4:00PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross  
6:00PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:00AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross  
7:30AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross  
10:30AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross  
5:00PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross

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## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

4:00 PM-7:00 PM The Light is On, Church

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM Christmas Delight, Yeazel Hall

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Adoration, Church

6:30 PM Advent Book Study, Church

7:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Conference Room

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass, Church

6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass, Church

11:30 PM Carols prior to Midnight Mass

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS**

12:00 AM Midnight Mass, Church

7:30 AM Christmas Mass, Church

10:30 AM Christmas Mass, Church

5:00 PM Christmas Mass, Church

## CHURCH CALENDARS

Our annual printed calendars will be arriving just before the new year. They are arriving later than usual, but we will have them available in the Gathering Area for individuals to take as soon as they have arrived.

Get the latest event details at  
[holycrossdewitt.org/events](https://holycrossdewitt.org/events)



## 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](https://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!

## Reflection

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every one of us that he literally moved heaven and Earth to provide a savior for us. As we come to the end of the Advent season, let us bask in the love of God and share his goodness with everyone we come across in our world, especially those we love. Let us celebrate peace on Earth in all of its beautiful dimensions.

Peace be with you,  
Deacon Dare

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

## Upcoming Events

### Sandwich Ministry for Homeless Shelter

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 | 8:15 AM**

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 8:15 AM (following daily Mass) to prepare a variety of sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. No need to sign up or RSVP ahead of time. New volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please email Julie Johnson at [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

### 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.

### Parish Office Closed

**FRIDAY, DEC 23 - MONDAY, DEC 26**

The Holy Cross parish office will be closed beginning Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26. We hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas!



## 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







### Giving Tree Thank You

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross,  
Thank you for your generosity in support of our Holiday Giving Project. The 16 families (and 34 children) in the Jamesville Elementary School community will have a more wonderful holiday season because of you.

We wish you a very, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sue Kimber



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

– Holy Cross School Mass, December 8, 2022

Thank you to our fourth grade students for leading our community in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Special thank you to our amazing teachers & clergy for helping our students celebrate this special holy day.



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“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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/give) to learn more.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FROM WEEKEND OF DEC. 11 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE

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## Outreach

If you are looking for ways to serve and help others in the upcoming new year, check out some of these local opportunities to get involved.

### Joseph's House for Women

Joseph's House for Women, which provides a nurturing home for mothers facing an unplanned pregnancy or homelessness is in need of volunteers. Our home is growing every day, and we rely on our volunteers to help keep this vital mission thriving. Volunteer opportunities can come in many ways. You can volunteer in our daycare, helping take care of our littlest residents, with our building and grounds maintenance or with special events. At this time our greatest need is in our daycare Monday through Fridays during the day as our residents are busy with classes, job interviews, counseling and work. If you are interested in volunteering you can call (315)657-7664 or go to the Joseph's House website at [jhfw.org](http://jhfw.org) and fill out a volunteer application. Thank you!

### Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry

Every month, Holy Cross parishioners collect tons of food items to donate to local food pantries. One pantry we have a long legacy of support and close partnership with is the Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry. Consider volunteering with the food pantry or joining their board.

To learn more, save the date for their next board meeting on **Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 PM** at the pantry. The food pantry is located at 6486 E Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY 13078. Phone: (315)-469-5093

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### BE A BOOK BUDDY!



Book Buddies connects community volunteers with students in grades K-3 in the Syracuse City School District.

To volunteer or to learn more contact Laurie Black at:

[BookBuddies@unitedway-cny.org](mailto:BookBuddies@unitedway-cny.org)



### BOOK BUDDIES

A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Volunteers commit to one hour a week for the school year working each week with the same students in 30-minute blocks

**Mon-Thurs Starting January 2023**

Seymour Dual Language Academy  
Bellevue Elementary  
Roberts K-8

As you may have read in various news outlets, the pandemic has set our early literacy and math efforts back across our community and the nation. As a result, there is a lot of work to do to accelerate the early literacy skills of our youngest K-3rd grade readers. Through programs like Book Buddies, we can help support our local students and make a lasting impact in their lives.

- If you are interested in learning more, contact [BookBuddies@unitedway-cny.org](mailto:BookBuddies@unitedway-cny.org)

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



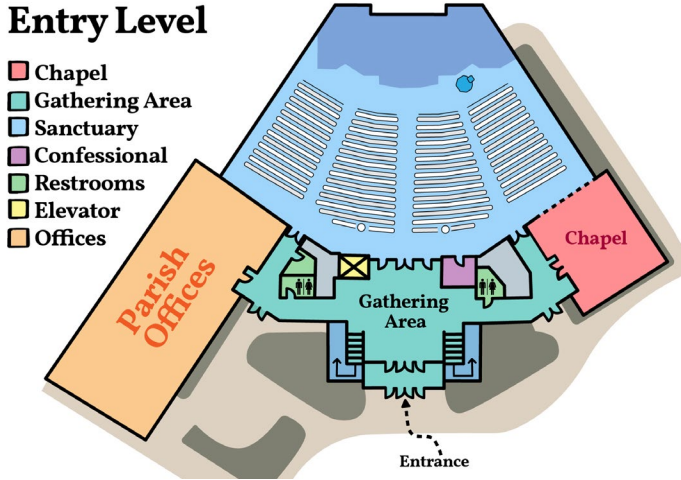
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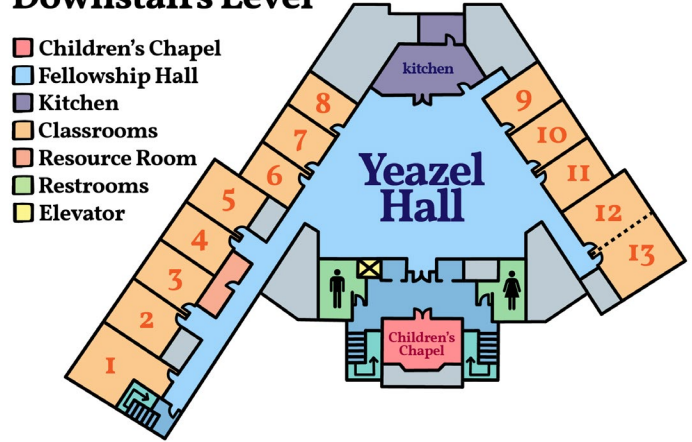
# Parish Office

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



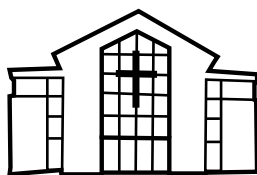
# Our Staff

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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