



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023

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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 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, JANUARY 15, 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Ordinary Time again! In case you feel like you're missing something, don't worry! Jesus' Baptism was celebrated last Monday. With the way the calendar works this Liturgical Year, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord falls on the Monday immediately following the Epiphany. With that being said, however, our readings today still draw us into what feels like a continuation of recalling Jesus, his Baptism, and the incredible implications of his birth for us.

We hear from the second of the four "Servant Songs" in the prophet Isaiah that will find their fulfillment in Jesus—the servant of the Lord—through whom we encounter the "glory" of God. From the moment of our Baptism, we are grafted onto God and



made sharers in his life—literally we become beloved children of our heavenly Father. From that moment we take on the capacity to be temples that bear God's presence dwelling within us. In an unfathomably intimate way, God claims us with such profound love so that we might belong to him. Just like a loving parent desires to provide for every possible need for their child out of love, so too, the Lord offers himself for us and to us.

It's important for us to reflect on this moment of our Baptism, because the more we reflect and grow in our appreciation for the gift of our new life, or our new identity as beloved sons and daughters that we have received, the more this truth has a claim on us. We reap the overwhelming

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14
4:00PM VIGIL Bridget, Ted & Matt Kelly / The Kelly Family

Sunday, January 15
7:30AM Mary Close / Brian & Maria Sheehan
10:30AM Hank Keller / David & Sue Hines
5:00PM John P. Wagner / Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, January 16
7:45AM Gary Pacilio / Jody, Mark, & Matthew

Tuesday, January 17
7:45AM Eva Cook / John & Lorraine Flaver

Wednesday, January 18
7:45AM Patricia Garvey / Family Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, January 19
7:45AM Patricia Russo / Family

Friday, January 20
7:45AM Earl DaRin / John & Lorraine Flaver

Saturday, January 21
9:00AM Mickey Goguen / John & Corrine Fix

benefits and blessings that come with this relationship with God: our eternal home of heaven, the availability of the Sacraments, grace here and now that sustains us through life—and all of this comes to us freely, without any merit on our part. Yet, at the same

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News & Events

Parish Office Closed Monday

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, January 17 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.

Sandwich Ministry for Homeless

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday January 17, 2023 At 8:15 AM, following daily Mass, to prepare our usual PB&J sandwiches for Catholic Charities. For more information or questions, please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Our next Knitting Group gathering will be this Thursday, January 19 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.

Monthly Movie: The Star

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on **Tuesday, January 24*** at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of The Star, a heartwarming tale of faith and friendship to be enjoyed by all ages. A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

*Please note the earlier date. This month's movie will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month instead of the last Tuesday.



World Marriage Day Mass

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | 2:00 PM

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 19th, 2:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All married couples who attend will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

Couples married 25, 50, or more years in 2023 will be recognized in a special way. Please contact the parish office so that we can send you a personal invitation. Call **315-446-0473** or send us an email at info@holycrossdewitt.org

Evening of Adoration

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023 | 7:00 PM

On Wednesday, January 25, all are invited to attend a special evening of Adoration. Our youth discipleship group and adult leaders will offer free babysitting at the church during the time to give any parents the opportunity for uninterrupted prayer and reflection. Jeremy Bobak, an amazingly talented musician, worship leader, and friend of Holy Cross, will accompany us.

- All are invited and welcome to attend. If you think you will take advantage of babysitting during adoration, please RSVP at holycrossdewitt.org/adoration to be sure we have enough volunteers.



SLIDE INTO SUMMER AT HOLY CROSS



THIS SUMMER...

Don't miss the fun, friends, and the faith that brings us all together! Registrations for summer programs for youth of all ages are now open. Learn more & sign up today! Visit holycrossdewitt.org/summer

TOTUS TUUS 2023

Totus Tuus is a vacation bible school day camp and evening youth retreat run by trained college students at Catholic parishes during the summer. It is extremely fun, energetic, and engaging while bringing youth to the depths of the faith.

Holy Cross is hosting Totus Tuus the last week of July!

-  **Grades 1-6**, day camp, 9 AM - 3 PM | Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28
-  **Grades 7-12**, evening retreats, 7 PM - 9 PM | Sunday, July 23 to Thursday, July 27

See more & sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/tt



Refuge

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STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 14-16, 2023

Join 9-12th grade students from our diocese for a weekend at Franciscan University packed with dynamic talks, uplifting concerts, transformative prayer & Adoration, and growing deeper through the Sacraments. holycrossdewitt.org/refuge



THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
 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 Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
 6:45 AM M.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
 7:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
 7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
 1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall
 5:15 PM Family Life Event, Yeazel Hall
 7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall
 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
SCHOOL: TASTE OF HOLY CROSS
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
 9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
 2:00 PM Eagle Scout Award, Y. Hall
 3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
 7:30 AM Mass, Church
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
 10:30 AM Mass, Church
 2:45 PM First Communion Prep, Church
 3:30 PM RCIA, Rooms 12-13
 5:00 PM Mass & Rite of Acceptance,
 7:00 PM The Third Option, Yeazel Hall

— SAVE THE DATE —

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE JAN 29
 11:30AM - 1:30PM



Invite your family & friends to come get to know the caring & compassionate educational & faith-filled community at Holy Cross School! See you there!

Reflection

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time, we must live differently for having received this 'sonship'/identity. When we fall into sin, we find ourselves turning away from this ultimate good, this ultimate union with God, toward significantly lesser and fading pleasures instead. We choose ourselves rather than choosing the One who first chose us and called us to his love.

So, borrowing from the Lord's words through the prophet Isaiah, let's take to heart that it's not enough for us to simply know this identity that the Lord has lovingly bestowed upon us in Baptism. It's not enough to simply cling to our status as beloved children, but rather it must be lived out. We must become a "light to the nations" that others may come to know the glory of God. The Spirit of the Lord that descended upon Jesus descended upon us in Baptism and was strengthened in us again in Confirmation as an advocate and source of life for us. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us in our efforts to live, not only as servants, but as sons and daughters who desire others to come to know the salvation and power of God in our world.

Peace,

Rev. Brenda Foley



Holy Cross School celebrated Epiphany with a school wide Mass, special blessing, and pep rally to kick-off of their basketball & cheer season! You are the light! Let's go Red & White!

SEE MORE ONLINE



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BLESS THIS HOUSE

Father Foley came through the school for the Epiphany blessing and wrote the symbol of the blessing on the doorway of each classroom and blessed the students. Because the students were wondering what Father was writing, you will see the symbols written that refer to the year on either side, and the first initials of the three Kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) in between (20+C+M+B+23). Father Foley also reminded is that the letters "CMB" refers to the Latin blessing *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ bless this house."



Giving

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Did you know Holy Cross offers convenient online giving that allows you to keep track of your giving and reduces overhead and administrative costs. If you would prefer to give online, just let us know. We can help get you setup.

- Visit holycrossdewitt.org/give to learn more.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION JANUARY 8: \$17,234.00

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES

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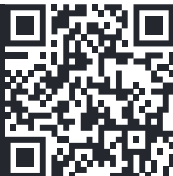
If you're new to the Catholic faith, curious about the Church, or just checking it out, we'd love to accompany you on your journey. We know Catholics from all walks of life and all with different stories on finding their faith. If you have questions on Christianity, Catholicism, or the Church, get in touch with us at holycrossdewitt.org/hello

Holy Cross Communications

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

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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.

Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 | 5:30 PM

Every month, Holy Cross parishioners collect food to give 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, you're invited to attend their next board meeting on **Thursday, January 19 at 5:30 PM** at the pantry. The food pantry is located at 6486 E Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY 13078. Phone: (315)-469-5093

Volunteer Expo at Community Library

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

On Sunday, January 22*, the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville will be hosting a volunteer expo from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Over 20 organizations will be setting up tables to introduce themselves to potential volunteers. Earn raffle tickets for each organization you visit on the day of the event for a chance to win gift cards to local restaurant and entertainment venues.

- Learn more at CLDandJ.org

*Snow Date: Sunday, January 29 @ 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

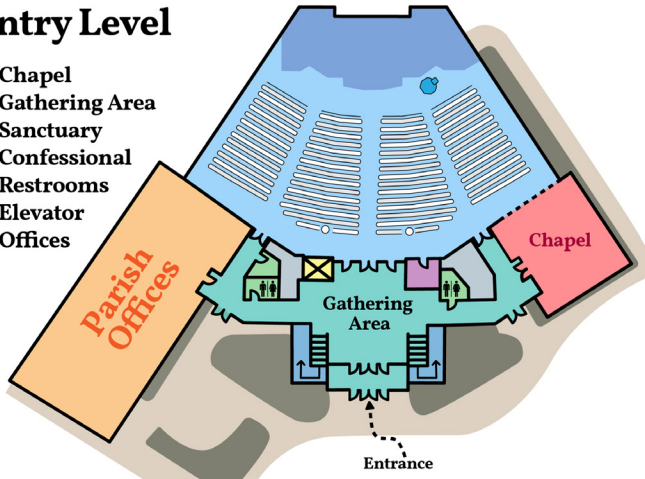
Abrielle Lynch, Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver, Dinita Machlin, Elaine Lostumbo, Faith Muller, Jeanette Heick, Joe Evans, John Toole, Nancy Ferrara, Nancy Patane, Ralph D'Mello

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

- 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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"We love because he first loved us."

- 1 JOHN 4:19



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