



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 29, 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 29, 2023

READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

The first reading from Zephaniah speaks to us about acting with humility and being honest before the Lord. Those who live by humility and seek the Lord will find shelter in the Lord and uninterrupted rest. In our gospel passage from St Matthew, we have the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. As well as being a well-known passage it is a radical way of living, something that could bring great good to our world but only if people choose to live it. Matthew tells us that the sermon took place on top of a mountain reminding us of Moses, and the fact that Jesus was seated which emphasizes his authority. The connection between this and the first reading is the theme of humility.

St Paul tells us in the second reading



The Sermon of the Beatitudes
James Tissot, 1886-1894

from his second letter to the Corinthians that God often chooses what we regard as something foolish or lowly and turns it into something great. He points to the apostles, sharing with us that none of them was rich or powerful, but their finest quality was to be humble before the Lord. Paul tells us that what the world regards as foolish

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Mass Intentions

Hosts, Wine, & Lamp

Stephen Oliva Sr. / Wife & Family

Saturday, January 28

4:00PM VIGIL Angeline Silvestri / Family

Sunday, January 29

7:30AM Cyprian Okonkwo / Kathy Leech & Michael Cleveland

10:30AM Catholic Schools Mass

5:00PM Anne Pelkowski / Bill Prusinowski

Monday, January 30

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross & Mary T. Spink / Neil & Barbara Bourcy

Tuesday, January 31

7:45AM Stan Nowakowski / Pam Shimer & Family

Wednesday, February 1

7:45AM Mary Sinnott Darcy / John H. Heyer

Thursday, February 2

7:45AM Dominic An Dinh / Mark Son Nguyen

Friday, February 3

7:45AM Mass League Intentions & Luke Morrisroe / Niece

Saturday, February 4

9:00AM David J. Chase / Margaret Cook

4:00PM VIGIL Karen Lo Schiavo / Kaitlin Tierney & Family

Sunday, February 5

7:30AM Dan & Agnes Broader / Family

10:30AM George Hycza / Ray & Eileen Cariseo

5:00PM Hank Keller / Sue Heller & Maureen & Bob Postiglione

FIRST FRIDAY MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Maureen Hayes Tessier / Family
Bob Vanderhoek / HC Knitting Group
Cyprian Okonkwo / Family

News & Events

Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We're celebrating our amazing community all week long. There will be many spirited and creative activities as well as service projects, games, and fun for our students.

- Follow along to see more at hcschooldewitt.org

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, February 2 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.

Food Giving Weekend

FEBRUARY 4 - 5

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, February 4-5, to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- deodorant
- feminine care products
- shaving cream
- bar soap
- shampoo/conditioner
- dish soap
- pasta and sauce
- rice
- soup
- oatmeal
- juice

Valentine's Day Party at Holy Cross

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Love is in the air! Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us at Holy Cross on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM in Yeazel Hall! Lunch will be catered and includes chicken pot pie, salad, coffee and dessert. \$15/person.

- Please call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 by **Wednesday, February 8** to make your reservation.



Play & Pray Mom's Group

FRIDAYS | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

A new ministry for mothers of young children will begin meeting on Fridays from 9:00 – 11:00 AM with prayer at 9:30 AM in Yeazel Hall, Room 5.

The Play & Pray Ministry at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Dewitt, NY strives to create opportunities for connection among Catholic mothers with young children. Our mission is to support the vocation of motherhood by providing our infants and toddlers a chance to play and pray in a safe and faith-filled environment with their peers. Questions? Contact Erin Larned (954-249-7434), Holly Grant (551-486-6087) or Lindsay Rowe (585-369-8273)

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. Couples married 25, 50, or more years will be recognized in a special way. Contact the parish office if you wish to be recognized.

2022 Tax Contribution Statements

If you need a tax statement sent to your home, please contact Peg Olson at (315) 446-0473 or send an email to peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Please provide your name and address.



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



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



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!

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 11:00 AM CBA Retreat, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 12:00 PM Francis House Meeting, Rm 12
- 1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Rms 1-2
- 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- FOOD GIVING WEEKEND**
- 9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
- 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- FOOD GIVING WEEKEND**
- 7:30 AM Mass, Church
- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
- 10:30 AM Mass, Church
- 11:30 AM HC School Open House
- 3:30 PM RCIA, Rooms 12-13
- 5:00 PM Mass, Church

Reflection

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and weak is turned into something powerful and transforming by the Lord. If we need an example, let us look no further than the changes that the apostles underwent.

The thing we should focus on in these readings is that there is a way of being—a way of living that can bring us closer to the Lord. If we are humble we can more effectively access the spiritual nature that God seeks of us. If we are meek, if we are poor in spirit, that is, if we realize that our own abilities pale in comparison to God's, then we are truly blessed in our relationship with God. And being blessed is not just being in a good state, but being complete, being whole and being at peace with the universe. These are really good things, and if we seek them through our relationship with God, we are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven. And that Kingdom is where we want to be.

Stay strong,
Deacon Dare

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,
Margaret Blanchfield, Nancy Ferrara,
and Nancy Patane

New to Catholicism?

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.

Around town

Check out these local events happening in our community and in our diocese.

Mass of the Holy Spirit & Healing Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 | 6:00 PM

There will be a Mass of the Holy Spirit with Healing Service celebrated by Padre Amedeo Guida on Monday, February 6 at 6:00 PM at St. Daniel's Church of Lyncourt, Syracuse. Blessing of water, oil, salt and any religious articles will be done. The Charismatic Renewal Office of the Diocese of Syracuse is moving their events to join with this monthly Mass and praise and worship music with Jeremy Bobak. After the mass, join Padre for fellowship in Lyons Hall. This mass will be a monthly occurrence on the first Monday of each month. You can RSVP for Mass at straphaelministries.net/upcoming-events.

Outreach

Refugee Resettlement Donation

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement is in urgent need of dining room chairs. Folding chairs will be accepted as a 'quick fix' solution. For more information or to schedule pick up, please contact Ms. Valerie Hardy at 680-800-5073 or refugeedonations@ccoc.us.

Serve at the Samaritan Center

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Join our team of parishioners that prepare and serve a meal on Sunday afternoons about once a month at the Samaritan Center. If you'd like to help out, contact Rick Coughlin at philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

- **Upcoming Dates: February 12 & March 12**
- The Samaritan Center 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.

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Rite of Acceptance & Rite of Welcome

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA (now also known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, OCIA) is the ancient process through which adults journey together while seeking to be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. RCIA is not a class, nor is it a race to see how much information about the faith individuals can consume over the course of a year or more! Rather, it is primarily about one's relationship with the Lord and how he or she is being invited deeper to share in his body, the Church. Individuals will certainly grow in knowledge of the faith, but also they must grow in prayer so as to deepen their readiness to receive the invitation to the divine life in the Sacraments that Jesus offers to all of us.

This journey is marked by certain rites along the way both for the individuals and for us, the Church they will soon be welcomed into. The timing of these various rites mark their readiness to take the next step and invite our prayerful support as members of their family. This is truly the mission of the Church alive and at work!

Last Sunday at the 5:00 PM evening Mass, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome, a public display of the desire these individuals have to join the Church. It demonstrates a transition from simply an interested inquirer to active Catechumen (not yet baptized) or Candidate (already baptized). As seen in the intentionality of this rite last Sunday, quite literally, a public step for

these individuals takes place as they physically "cross the threshold" into the Church for the first time to be seen by our community. After their sponsor, a helpful friend and mentor in the faith, introduced them to us, we questioned what it is they are seeking. Their answer is "faith," faith that offers "eternal life." After this initial inquiry, these individuals also receive the Word of God. Each receives a Bible to take for themselves, to be nourished daily with the very Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, we as the Church take their intent very seriously by assuring them our prayerful support.

This year Holy Cross Church hopes to welcome these individuals whom the Lord has been actively at work helping them to hear his call in their lives. Please greet them warmly and welcome them to our faith community whenever you see them! Above all, please accompany them with your prayers that they may continue to know and be transformed by the Lord's grace already at work within them. They are a gift to us!

The RCIA journey is designed for all people looking for answers about the Catholic faith. If you would like to know more or know someone that may be interested, please invite them to get in touch with us!

Learn more at holycrossdewitt.org/rcia or call the parish office at (315) 446-0473.

Giving

FINANCIAL REPORT

COLLECTION FOR JAN 15: \$19,206.55
COLLECTION FOR JAN 22: \$17,512.00



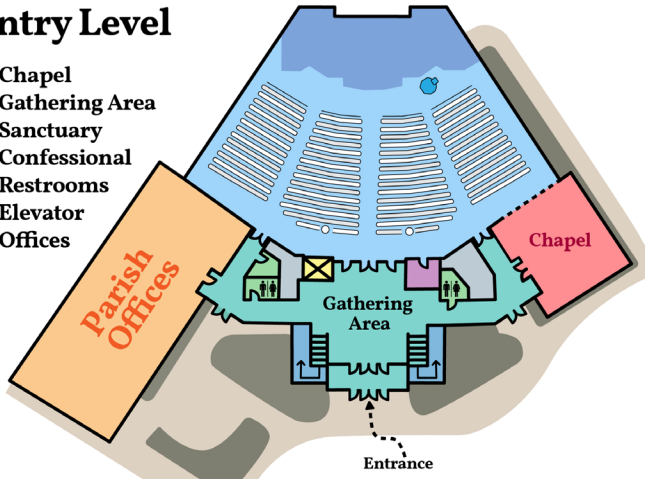
Thank you! We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Gifts of prayer, time and talent serve and support our community in so many meaningful ways. And financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the 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. Adoration is available on Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

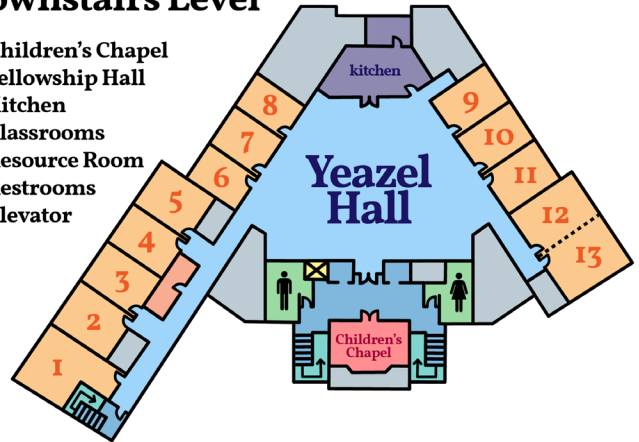
Entry Level

- 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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