



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalms 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Last Sunday, Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount with the familiar guide or recipe for our lives, the Beatitudes! They remind us that our lives as disciples entail a reality that is lived—words and actions that reflect outwardly what must be internalized and nourished within us, namely, our relationship with the Lord who has called each of us by name. This relationship with God must be grounded in the first beatitude: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is essential for us to have developed within us this disposition of being poor in spirit so that we learn to rely completely on God who desires to give everything to us in return and to live in us. When we grow in our

ability to trust in the goodness of God and in his ability to provide, we start to imitate the very life and generosity of God, which leads us to Jesus' words today that immediately follow the Beatitudes: "...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

It is especially the "good deeds" of the Church, lived out in our lives that are to "shine" before others and become a witness to a loving God. What exactly these deeds are might be a very long list, but in the context of our readings today consider what Isaiah puts forth before us today as a particular kind of "fasting" that the Lord delights in (cf. Isaiah 58:6ff): Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked, don't turn your back on your own, call on the Lord for help, remove oppression, false accusation and malicious speech from your midst, and let the glory of the Lord shine through you in the darkness...

These just constitute the basics...

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4

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

Monday, February 6

7:45AM Elizabeth Marano /
Mary Wasilewski

Tuesday, February 7

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, February 8

7:45AM Robert Vanderhoek /
Kathy Kotz

Thursday, February 9

7:45AM Mary Rose Manno /
Fr. Vavonese

Friday, February 10

7:45AM Al & Betty Terrinoni /
Kay & Tony Sgarlata

Saturday, February 11

9:00AM Alyce & John McNamara
4:00PM VIGIL Joan Garbinski /
Michael & Mary Read

Sunday, February 12

7:30AM Jennie Sala / Sala & DiFulvio
Families
10:30AM Jennifer Martin /
The Davidson Family
5:00PM Hank Keller / Jo Oliva

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, February 4-5, is Food Giving Weekend. Thank you for your generous contributions and helpful support in sorting, packing, and delivering so many non-perishable food and personal wellness items to our local area pantries. We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity!

Refugee Assistance Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 | 6:30 PM

On Monday, February 6 at 6:30 PM, the Refugee Assistance Committee will meet in Yeazel Hall to discuss ideas to help refugee families in our area. Everyone is most welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sandwich Making for Shelter

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 8:15 AM to prepare a variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. For more information please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com. Thank you!

Play & Pray Mom's Group

FRIDAYS | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

A new ministry for mothers of young children is now meeting on Fridays from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in Yeazel Hall, Room 5. Please join us!

- To learn more visit holycrossdewitt.org/moms

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Following 5:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will have our parish Soup Supper tradition. We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and during the event. If you or your family would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Sheridan at julie@holycrossdewitt.org

EMPOWERED

IGNITE 2023

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Catholic Men's Conference

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

We are so excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back at the SRC Arena and Event Center! We are going BIG this year with our Keynote Speaker: Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. His Eminence will be joined by Michael McGinn and the return of Gus Lloyd, and of course Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation. We have a great day planned. Mark your calendar, register and bring a family member and/or friend. Register by March 7 for reduced price.

Visit ignitecatholicmen.org for more info on the speakers, schedule for the day and to register. Contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso with any questions: anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com

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.

Check out more events around town and opportunities to serve on page 5



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

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
- 6:30 PM Refugee Assistance, Yeazel Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:45 AM M.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 9:00 AM CBA Retreat, Church
- 7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
- 7:00 PM Adoration, Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 9:30 AM CBA Retreat, Church
- 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
- 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7:30 AM Mass, Church
- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
- 10:30 AM Mass, Church
- 2:45 PM First Eucharist Workshop
- 3:30 PM RCIA, Rooms 12-13
- 5:00 PM Mass, Church

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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

Reflection

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and based on what St. Paul tells us in the second reading today, there doesn't need to be anything fancy about the way these good deeds are put into practice. The witness of Paul's life (by his own measure) is not extraordinary. He is not showy; he is not a gifted speaker, nor is there anything particularly compelling about him other than that Jesus transformed his life. After his encounter with the Lord, Paul spent every day of his life trying to share the light of the person of Jesus, the life and freedom he offers, and why he matters to every living soul.

While the standards of the world may look at us trying to live the Beatitudes or trying to live in the light of the Gospel as out of touch, unexciting, or wasting our time, the reality is that every time we gather around this altar, the crucified and risen Christ is really present to us under the form of bread and wine for all who wish to receive him and be transformed by him. This unfathomable good that Jesus accomplished for us, and by which we continue to be transformed, should lead us to always give glory to our heavenly Father, too.

Peace,



Fr. Foley

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

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 worship 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. 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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Pastoral Council

Survey Follow-up

First of all, a special thank you to Dan Littlepage who developed our survey handout for all parishioners, and for all parishioners who helped us measure our effectiveness in meeting the needs of Holy Cross parishioners. The overall response was extremely positive, but we can always improve and be better. To that end, Pastoral Council had a special meeting on January 26 to follow-up on parish survey activities to complete our Goal: Increasing parishioner connectivity to Holy Cross through the Pastoral Council communication and action steps. To let you know, we are currently working on:

- Scheduling weekend parish ministry presentations and sign-up opportunities after Masses for parishioners to learn more about our engagement offerings
- Communication from Pastoral Council
- Information about our Catholic faith
- Prayer list, prayers, and parishioner supports

If anyone has additional input and would like to attend our meetings, our next meeting is March 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM in Yeazel Hall. Additionally, you can connect with us at holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc, or contact a Council member or priest after Mass. Thank you again for your support, and help us as St. Dominic Savio said, "I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." The Council is here for you, and with you, we can be more effective!

Karen Markoff
Holy Cross Pastoral Council President

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. John Kurgan	Ken Kirkman
Fr. Brendan Foley	Linda Cadaret
Beth Schafer	Lola Gualtieri
Bill Leiker	Margaret Ingraham
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Cookie Dunham, Trustee	Ron Deluca
Karen Markoff, President	Tom Griffith, Trustee
Kay Sgarlata	

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 FOR JAN 29: \$15,888.00

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Helpful Info

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.

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.

Hospitalized or Homebound?

Please notify the parish office (315) 446-0473 when a parishioner or family member is confined to their home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, so that clergy may make arrangements for a sick visit.

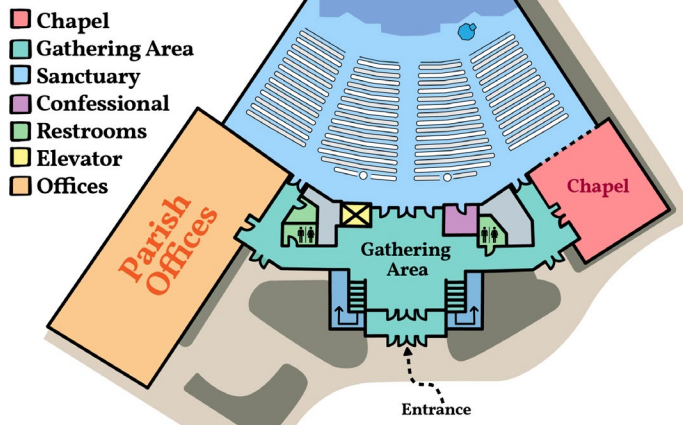
Prayer Requests

Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

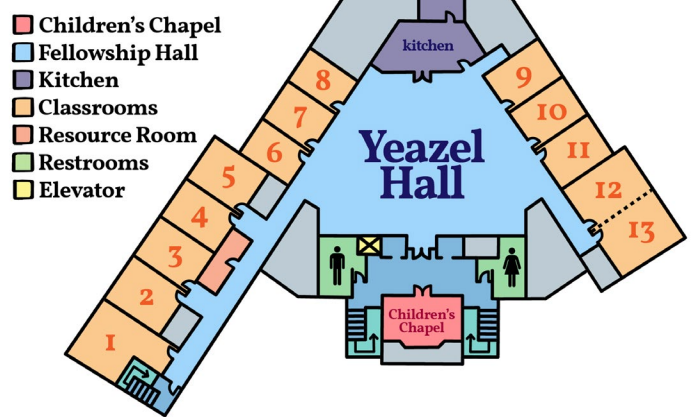
Parish Office

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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