



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

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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) 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 12, 2023

### READINGS

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Today we hear about true wisdom. Jesus instructs his disciples that the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven demand that we obtain true wisdom, which prompts us to choose the right course of action in every situation, therefore the definition of true wisdom offered today in Sacred Scripture is markedly different from the definition of wisdom that society gives.

Before we can understand true wisdom as defined by Scripture, we need to understand that the Jewish apocalyptic worldview shared a similar point of view with Gnosticism. Both believed that there was secret knowledge that God withheld from people during their life. God would reveal these mysteries when the individual entered the heavenly world;

therefore, God did not intend true wisdom for use in this world, but only in the next.

In refutation of this belief, St. Paul states that God may have hidden these mysteries in the past but now, in this current age, has revealed them through Christ. Christ has revealed these mysteries for all to see and understand through faithful following of the teachings of Christ. Many thought that Christ had come to abolish the Law, but instead, Christ came to teach us how to understand and respect the law, in other words, to fulfill it. It is our responsibility as Disciples of Christ to recognize and follow the law, while using the gift of wisdom to ensure that the law does not become injurious to those who are less advantaged, or vulnerable in society. May we always use true wisdom as we interpret the law for the benefit of those most in need!

Peace,

*Rev. John Huzar*

Fr. John

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 11

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

### Monday, February 13

7:45AM Barbara M. Majewski / Jody & Mark

### Tuesday, February 14

7:45AM Bill Nowicki / Loretta

### Wednesday, February 15

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Thursday, February 16

7:45AM William F. Lynn / Mary Lynn Collins

### Friday, February 17

7:45AM Elizabeth Terrinoni / Vincenza Terrinoni

### Saturday, February 18

9:00AM Joseph Leone / Susan Cain

4:00PM VIGIL Deborah Manos / Susan Thomson

### Sunday, February 19

7:30AM Alfred Terrinoni / Marcia & Richard Hoogkamp

10:30AM Rudy Arcidiacono / Family

5:00PM Leo Lynch / Kirkman Family

Sunday Reflections  
in your inbox;  
subscribe today!





# News & Events

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## Holy Cross School Raffle Tickets

### GATHERING SPACE FOLLOWING MASSES

This weekend, Holy Cross School students will be selling raffle tickets in the Gathering Area to support our annual fundraiser, the Holy Cross School Dinner & Auction. Visit [school.holycrossdewitt.org/auction](http://school.holycrossdewitt.org/auction) to learn more

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## Knitting Group

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, February 16 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.

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## 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! [holycrossdewitt.org/moms](http://holycrossdewitt.org/moms)

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## Girl Scout Cookie Sale

### HELP SUPPORT OUR HOLY CROSS TROOP!

Holy Cross Girl Scout Troop 60500 has earned the privilege of selling 900 boxes of Girl Scout cookies beginning February 17, 2023, or a full month before regular booth sales begin. If you would like cookies, please see us at each Mass the weekend of February 18-19. You can pre-order and have your cookies waiting for you by contacting Kira at [kkrstrategy7@gmail.com](mailto:kkrstrategy7@gmail.com) or texting 315-383-3148. Thank you for your generous support for the past 8 years!

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## Bread & Soup Supper

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Following 5:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will have our annual parish soup supper tradition. We are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Julie Sheridan at [julie@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:julie@holycrossdewitt.org)

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## Lenten Day of Reflection

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Come and join us on Monday, February 27 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. Day will include a talk by Deacon Dare Dutter along with prayer & Benediction. Call Jo Oliva for reservations (315) 446-3328. Cost \$12 per person and includes lunch from Brooklyn Pickle.

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## Coffee & Conversation: Angel Blankets

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, February 28 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.

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**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](http://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](mailto:anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com)



## National Marriage Week – World Marriage Day

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

### Mass at Cathedral

**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 19, 2023 at 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.

Our heartfelt congratulations to the following parishioners who submitted their names to be honored at the upcoming Marriage Day Mass at the Cathedral for celebrating 25, 50, or more years this year!

Diane & Ron DeLuca

Joseph & Carolyn Smith

Robert & Kay Keough

Ed & Sue Judge

Jim & Terry Dooher

## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Valentine's Party, Yeazel Hall

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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 16

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

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Church

6:00 PM Family Life Event, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Youth Event, Four Seasons

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

3:30 PM RCIA, Rooms 12-13

5:00 PM Mass, Church

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



## 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

# LENT



## Ash Wednesday

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It marks the beginning of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday are 7:45 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM. There is also a liturgical service at 12:00 PM. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey together!



## Bread & Soup Supper

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

Following the 5:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, join us as we break fast as a family with a simple (and delicious) meal of hot soup and homemade bread. We've got something for everyone. To help support our food ministry for the poor, we're asking for a \$5 per person donation.

## Lenten Book Study & Adoration

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT | 6:30 PM**

Starting March 1, join Fr. Foley on the Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 PM leading into our regularly scheduled hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation. Fr. Foley will unpack spiritual insights from Fr. Jacques Philippe's classic, *Interior Freedom*, which builds off our Lenten study from last year (Fr. Philippe's *Searching For and Maintaining Peace*).

All who are interested in following along are welcome to just show up to the Church at 6:30! However, the first 75 who register can receive a free copy of the book! We won't be providing this book to the entire parish, but we hope to provide it for those who register ahead of time! Visit [holycrossdewitt.org/lent](https://holycrossdewitt.org/lent) to learn more.

**SEE MORE LENT INFO ON PAGE 6**



## Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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**FRIDAYS DURING LENT | 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the stations and identify with Jesus' journey to Calvary. Stations are on Fridays at 8:15 AM (following 7:45 AM Mass) and at 7:00 PM.



## Tuesday Evening Bible Study

**TUESDAYS IN LENT & EASTER | 7:00 PM**

Let's try something new! Starting February 28, join Fr. Foley 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Yeazel Hall on Tuesdays through Lent and into Easter in unpacking the Acts of the Apostles. Considering our parish's Advent journey through the recent book, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*, let's get inspired again to live the Church's identity and missionary task of evangelization by the ones who did it first. We often hear from the Acts of the Apostles at Mass throughout our liturgical year, and of course it is most prominently featured during the Easter season! Consider this opportunity to be transformed by the Word of God not only for a fruitful Lent but also a fruitful Easter, too! Sign up online [holycrossdewitt.org/len](https://holycrossdewitt.org/len) or in the parish office.

## Tenebrae

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 7:00 PM**

Save the date for this sacred tradition that will surely elevate your Lenten journey. Through scripture readings and music we experience the events of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 PM for Tenebrae.

## The Light is On

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Monday, April 3, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, April 4, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Holy Cross

### Lenten Reminders

Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15) as well as on all Fridays during Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When possible, the fast from Good Friday should continue until the Easter Vigil. This is called the "Paschal Fast." It is done to enter into the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully to celebrate his Resurrection.

## 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give) to learn more.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR FEB. 5: \$18,947.00

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

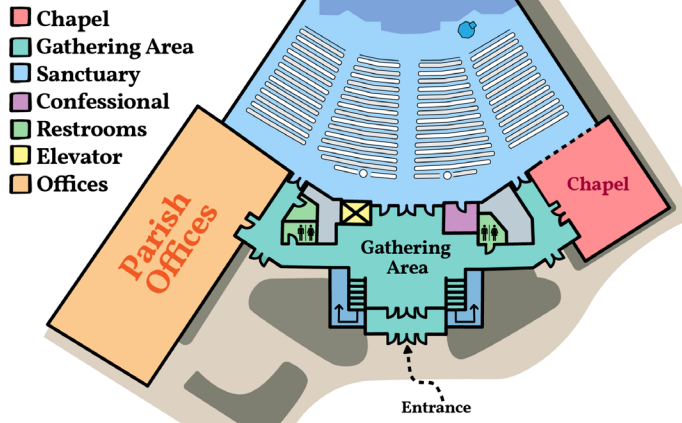
### Prayer Requests

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.

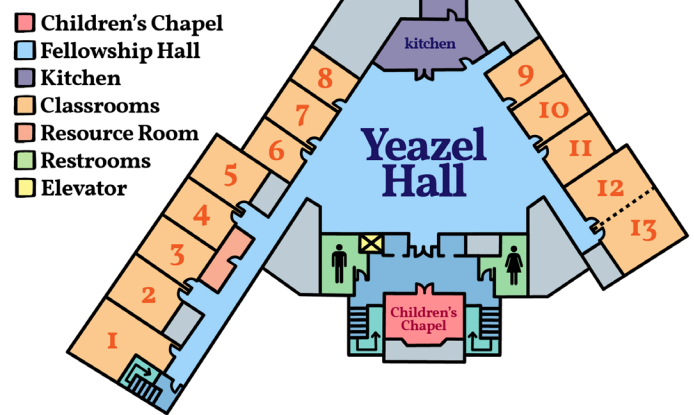
# Parish Office

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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