



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thank you to our Holy Cross crew of volunteers who served at the Samaritan Center on February 12! If you're interested in volunteering at our next Holy Cross group service on March 12, please contact Rick Coughlin (see page 6).

FEBRUARY 19, 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](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 19, 2023

### READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Today's first reading—from the Book of Leviticus (one of the books of the Torah) and our gospel reading speak of love and how we should love one another. The first reading from the Book of Leviticus is brief but contains the key points or commands for living life as God wants us to live. The main idea here is that love is the most perfect way that we can express our faith in God. The world is more interested in hate or nurturing grudges against each other while God wants us to be one as he and Jesus are.

The second reading tells us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and we must do all that we can to protect and strengthen that temple. If we look after the temple within us and live according to the will of the Spirit, we will truly love our fellow men and women and so help

make the kingdom of God a visible reality here on Earth for all to see.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us that the old way of 'an eye for an eye' has no place in the kingdom and will not lead to peace. He tells us that we must love even our enemies if we are to be his disciples and so bring lasting peace to the world. The problem we have is that we don't see our enemy as someone that we can love. We hold on to our anger for someone who has done us wrong; we want to revenge ourselves on someone who has hurt us in one way or another. But with God, this anger and need for revenge can be cooled in the light of his love.

As we look at the complete picture of our readings today, we can see that as people who are in fact, vessels of the Holy Spirit, we should be able to find a way to learn to love our brothers and sisters in the world. If not love, then at least we can find a way to coexist with each other in a way that conveys the idea that we are all children of God, and as such, we should respect what he has asked us to do.

Peace,  
Deacon Dare

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 18

**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

### Monday, February 20

**7:45AM** Maria & Charles Lee / Tina Lee

### Tuesday, February 21

**7:45AM** Lenora Giunta / Al & Joann Paparo

### Wednesday, February 22

**7:45AM** Joe Farnett / Pilon Family

**10:30AM** Richard Kleisle / Patty & Tom Quartier

**5:30PM** William L. Leiker / Family

### Thursday, February 23

**7:45AM** Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Friday, February 24

**7:45AM** Jack DeSantis / Kathy Kotz

### Saturday, February 25

**9:00AM** Nicholas J. Simonetta / The Simonetta Family

**4:00PM VIGIL** Giuseppe Mancuso / Chuck & Julie Greiner & Family

### Sunday, February 26

**7:30AM** Stan Nowakowski / Maureen Hall & Family

**10:30AM** Virginia Fallico / Michael & Annette Krisak

**5:00PM** Fr. Richard Kapral / Joyce Rossi

# 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 [hcschooldewitt.org/auction](https://hcschooldewitt.org/auction) to purchase tickets online and learn about our sponsor opportunities.

## 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 this weekend, February 18-19. Thank you for your generous support for the past 8 years!

## Parish Office Closed

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

The parish office will be closed Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM with Holy Hour following.

## Sandwich Ministry for Homeless Shelter

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass on February 21, 2023 at 8:15 AM to make PB&J sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter.

- For more information please email Julie Johnson at: [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

## Coffee & Conversation: Angel Blankets

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, February 21 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.

## 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. The 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.

## Monthly Movie: Laura Lansing Slept Here

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *Laura Lansing Slept Here*. A famous, pampered novelist, Laura Lansing (Katharine Hepburn) accepts a bet suggesting that she can't survive one week of living with an average family. "Rings with laughs" "Gives us Hepburn in a vibrant way." We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.



**EMPOWERED**  
**IGNITE 2023**  
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

### IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

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](https://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)



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/refuge)



## THIS WEEK AT HC

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall  
 12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel H
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 7:45 AM Mass, Church  
 10:30 AM Mass, Church  
 12:00 PM Liturgical Service/Ashes, Church  
 5:30 PM Mass, Church  
 6:00 PM Bread & Soup Supper, Yeazel Hall  
 7:00 PM Adoration, Church
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church  
 9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
 9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church  
 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 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  
 4:30 PM Evening Prayer, Church  
 5:00 PM Mass, Church

## 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, Nancy Patane, and Troy Blackchief

# 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 which includes distribution of ashes. 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 parish 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. Take away will be available.

## 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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/lent) to sign up.

## Evening Prayer

**SUNDAYS IN LENT AT 4:30 PM**

Join us for Evening Prayer on Sundays in Lent at 4:30 PM (prior to 5:00 PM Mass), starting on February 26, 2023.

## Stations of the Cross

**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.



## Tenebrae

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

Join us on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 PM for the special tradition of Tenebrae! Through scripture readings and music we experience the events of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SEE MORE LENT INFO ON PAGE 6**

## 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 at [holycrossdewitt.org/len](https://holycrossdewitt.org/len)

## 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 (February 22) and Good Friday (April 7) 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.

## Outreach

### Serve at the Samaritan Center

**SUNDAY, MARCH 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](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

## 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. 12: \$16,215.00

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secure & convenient online giving



## 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

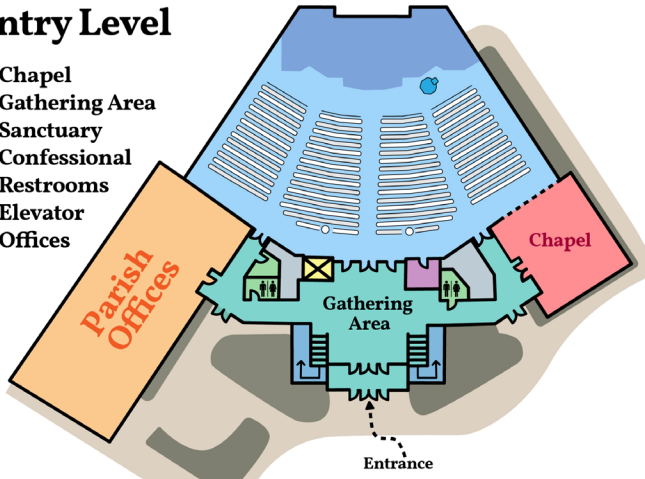
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

# 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

- 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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