



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 5, 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, MARCH 5, 2023

READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

The season of Lent is about new beginnings. Today in our Scripture readings, God promises a new beginning to Abram! It is with great faith and trust in God that Abram leaves his past behind and begins to move toward a new future, for himself, and ultimately, for all the faithful. Even our Psalm response states that the Lord delivers us from death and encourages us to look to the future; to a new life filled with love for God and thanksgiving for all God gives us.

Today, our second reading from Timothy also suggests that Christ draws us into a new life, and calls us to holiness. This call allows us to escape the chains of death and brings us into the new freedom of the resurrection that only Christ himself can offer. There-

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fore, Christ calls us to a new life in holiness, yet we tend to look back at our past, especially our past sins. We may not feel worthy of this gift of new life in Christ, or we may feel that we truly do not want to give up our sins. We may even ask the question, "Are we ready for such a call?" We must answer this question individually. That call requires us to allow Christ to get into the recesses of our heart and clean away the tarnish of sin, allowing the brightness of his love to shine forth as a new light in our world.

What challenges to change are we ready to take on as we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent? Let us all ask God to give us the courage to face our fears, and embark on our new life in Christ this Lenten Season!

Peace,

Fr. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 4

4:00PM VIGIL Nancy Bush / Tom & Patty Quartier

Sunday, March 5

7:30AM Mary Rose Manno / Catholic Schools Office
10:30AM Leo & Caroline Lynch / George & Karen Reck
5:00PM Frank Discenza / Quartier Family

Monday, March 6

7:45AM Frank Loguidice / Family

Tuesday, March 7

7:45AM John P. Lynn / Mary Lynn Collins

Wednesday, March 8

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross & Peter Thomas / Wife

Thursday, March 9

7:45AM Hank Keller / Mary Ellen Forbes & Katherine Forbes

Friday, March 10

7:45AM Anna Thuan Nguyen / Mark Son Nguyen

Saturday, March 11

9:00AM Marty & Mary Baumes / Kathy Kotz
4:00PM VIGIL Giuseppe Musorrafti / Charles Kelly & Bernadette Tierney

Sunday, March 12

7:30AM Peter Thomas / Martha Murray
10:30AM John Stach / Jerome & Ellen Pristash
5:00PM Bob Coughlin / Leigh Marquis

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | MARCH 4-5

This weekend, March 4-5, is Food Giving Weekend. Thank you for your generous contributions and support of sorting, packing, and delivering so many food and personal wellness items to our local area pantries.

Holy Cross School Raffle Tickets

GATHERING SPACE FOLLOWING MASSES

This weekend following 10:30 AM Mass, Holy Cross School students will be selling raffle tickets in the Gathering Area to support our annual fundraiser, the Holy Cross School Dinner Auction. Tickets are also available in the parish office or online at hcschooldewitt.org/auction

Refugee Assistance Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 | 6:30 PM

The Refugee Assistance Committee will meet in Yeazel Hall (Rooms 12 & 13) on Monday, March 6 at 6:30 PM. New members are always welcome. See you there!

Sandwich Ministry for Homeless Shelter

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass on Tuesday, March 7 at 8:15 AM, to prepare our four different varieties of sandwiches for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. Thank you! For more information please email Julie Johnson at: jjohn27363@aol.com

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day (a day early) with us at Holy Cross! Come enjoy a delicious corned beef dinner, and Irish coffee will be served. Price is \$25 per person.

- Please call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 by **Sunday, March 12** to make your reservation.
- A special Irish Rosary will be raffled off during the luncheon. Rosary Raffle tickets are \$1/each

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 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

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

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



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 to sign up.

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/lent

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.

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.



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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STEBENVILLE 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, MARCH 6

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
6:30 PM RAC Meeting, Rooms 12-13

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

6:45 AM High School FF, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Acts Bible Study, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

6:45 AM Middle School FF, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Mass, Church
6:30 PM Lenten Book Study, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:45 AM Elementary FF, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Middle School Night, Yeazel H.
7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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, MARCH 11

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

THIRD 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

Around town

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

Mass of the Holy Spirit & Healing Service

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 | 6:00 PM

There will be a Mass of the Holy Spirit with Healing Service celebrated by Padre Amedeo Guida on Monday March 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. In union with The Charismatic Renewal Office of the Diocese of Syracuse Deacon Ken Money will assist with Mass and bring 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 the Mass at straphaelministries.net/upcoming-events

Diocesan Lenten Retreat

MARCH 13-15, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Our Diocesan Lenten Retreat for 2023 will be held on the evenings of March 13, 14, and 15 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse and will feature national Eucharistic preacher, Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP.

The retreat begins at 6:30 PM each evening and will include prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for individual confession, and culminate with the celebration of a Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist on March 15. The retreat will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel (youtube.com/syrdio). Celebrate Lent and the Eucharistic Revival as a faith community.

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

MARCH 20-22, 2023 | 7:00 PM

All are invited to Immaculate Conception in Fayetteville to hear from Fr. Joseph Marina SJ, President of Scranton University, formerly of LeMoyne College. The Mission will include celebration of Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 PM (March 20, 21 & 22). The theme of the Mission is "A Lenten Retreat for Our Parish: Light, Healing and Good Pasta."

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 FEB. 26: \$18,326.00

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: March 19, 2023

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

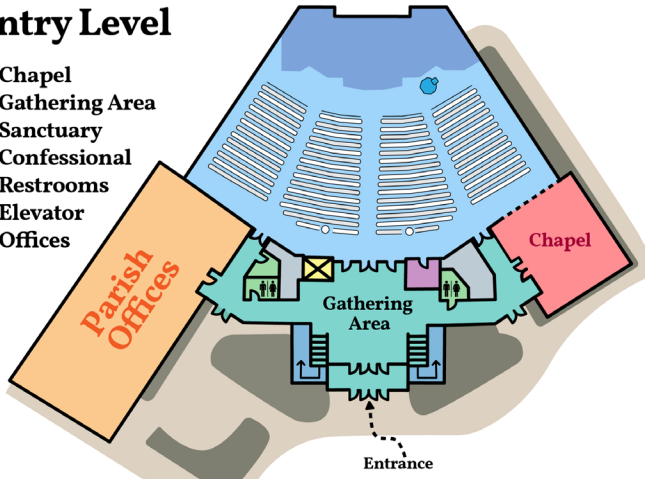
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

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.

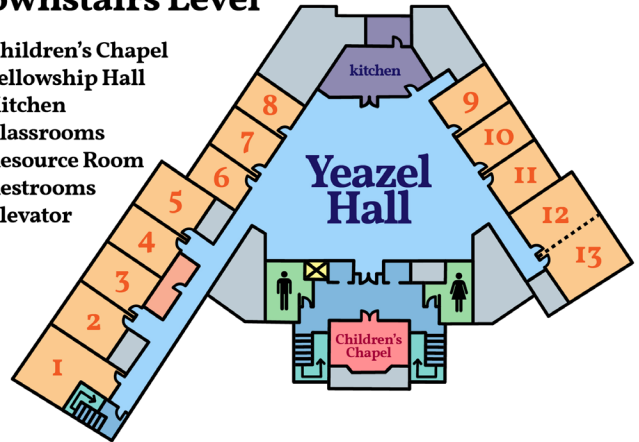
Entry Level

- 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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