



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 12, 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 12, 2023

READINGS

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

There is a very important question that is asked at the end of the first reading from the book of Exodus this weekend. It is "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" We ponder that question in different forms and in different ways in our lives and spiritual thoughts. When we hear about something tragic happening to innocent people, we may ask: "where was God in their time of need?" We may ask the same questions when things happen to us as well. What the readings go on to say is that, indeed, our God is always in our midst, even if we are too busy or too stressed to perceive His presence.

The reading from Exodus documents the difficulties of the Israelites in their journey from their place of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. They were very thirsty, and water was hard

to find, so they complained to Moses. He spoke to God and God made the water flow from the rock so they could slake their thirst. This was a period of testing to see whether God was with His people or not. In fact, He was, and still is, through the presence of his son Jesus and through the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel reflects this theme of water in a wonderful way when Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well in Sychar, a small town in Samaria. The woman comes to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day because there are fewer people there at that time. She does this because she is an object of shame and judgment by the people of the town because she has had five husbands and is now living with a man who is not her husband. Her conversation with Jesus is focused on water, but Jesus takes it to a higher level when he tells her about the living water that he gives. This living water is the Holy Spirit which quenches all our thirst for God's love. Let us seek this water through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving during this penitential season of Lent.

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

Will Clark / Joe & Maryann McCaffrey

Saturday, March 11

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

Monday, March 13

7:45AM Betsyann M. Ferrero / Paul & Amy Sansone

Tuesday, March 14

7:45AM Norma Spisak / Catholic Schools Office

Wednesday, March 15

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, March 16

7:45AM Mary Rose Manno / Brenda Casinella

Friday, March 17

7:45AM Jane Lantier / Frank & Doug

Saturday, March 18

9:00AM Frances A. Traver / Margaret Cook

4:00PM VIGIL Joan Garbinski / Ralph & Milburge D'Mello

Sunday, March 19

7:30AM Stanley Nowakowski / Zabinski Family

10:30AM John McNamara

5:00PM Mary Beth Ross / Elaine Lostumbo

News & Events

Joseph's House Bottle Drive STARTING THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, we welcome Bronson Kopp, Executive Director of Joseph's House for Women. He will be sharing about JHFW and how our parish community can support their mission.

Joseph's House for Women provides a safe home and family environment for moms and babies whom are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. Throughout this Lenten season, you can help support these moms and young children by participating in our Holy Cross Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up your baby bottle in the church entryway and fill it with cash, check, or change. Then return it in the designated containers by Easter weekend. You can also conveniently give online at jhfw.org/baby-bottle-drive or mail your donation to 802 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208. When giving online or by mail, be sure to note our parish so we can track how we do!

Your support provides a warm and nurturing home and the hope for a brighter future! To learn more about their life-saving work, visit jhfw.org today!



Knights of Columbus Pizza Pickup PICKUP THIS WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus will be delivering the ordered pizzas this weekend. Kindly come by after Mass to pick up your order.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day (a day early) with us! Come enjoy a delicious corned beef lunch, 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.

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

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



Lenten Book Study & Adoration

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT | 6:30 PM

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, *Interior Freedom*.

All who are interested in following along are welcome to just show up to the church at 6:30 PM! However, if you would like a copy of the book, drop us a line on our website or call the parish office. And if you can't make it, that's okay. An audio recording of each reflection is available the next day. Visit holycrossdewitt.org/lent to listen or to request a copy of the book.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

TUESDAYS IN LENT & EASTER | 7:00 PM

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! Learn more or sign up 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 (just prior to 5:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass). We hope you can pray with us during this time!

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 WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, MARCH 13

- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
- 9:30 AM CSO Development Day, Church
- 6:30 PM CSO Parent Session, Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- 6:45 AM High School FF, Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 10:00 AM Communion Service, Menorah Park
- 7:00 PM Acts Bible Study, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- 7:45 AM Elementary FF, Yeazel Hall
- 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
- 12:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Party, Y. Hall
- 5:15 PM Family Life Event, Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- 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 18

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

FOURTH 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



First Friday Mass with Holy Cross School students, families, and faculty on March 3. Thank you fifth grade students for leading our liturgy!



SEE MORE
ONLINE



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Holy Cross School Raffle Tickets

Holy Cross School students are selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support our annual fundraiser, the Holy Cross School Dinner Auction. Winner receives 50% of proceeds. Need not be present to win. Drawing on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Tickets are available in the parish office or online at hcschooldewitt.org/auction

Around town

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

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."



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

Giving

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COLLECTION

The death toll has reached over 46,000 people in Turkey and Syria since earthquakes shattered these countries just weeks ago. The recovery efforts have been slow and the devastation is overwhelming. The generous people of our diocese have been asking, how can we help? Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Lattakia—where extensive damage has been reported—and other local partners. Already in Turkey, Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. This weekend, our second collection will go to Earthquake Relief—CRS collection that many parishes in our diocese are participating in this month.

- To give online, visit holycrossdewitt.org/give

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR MARCH 5: \$21,118.00

THE CHURCHES OF EASTERN EUROPE: \$1,132.00

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 notify news@holycrossdewitt.org

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

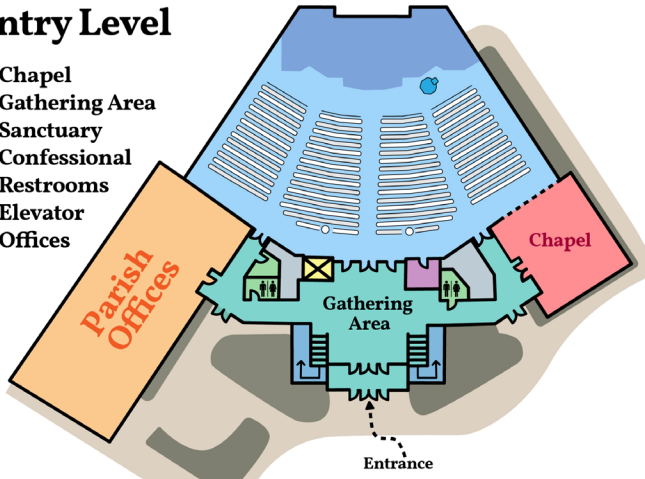
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

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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