



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 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 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 19, 2023

READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

"Through this holy anointing... may the Lord...in his love...and mercy...help you...with the grace of the Holy Spirit...May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

Anyone who is familiar with these words is probably also familiar with real uneasiness, fear or anxiety, pain or suffering, or any combination of these either for themselves or for a loved one. While the priest prays these words aloud, he anoints with oil the forehead and hands of one who is ill or infirm and in need of deep strengthening.

Remarkably, the overwhelming majority of individuals (in my experi-

ence) on the receiving end of this healing Sacrament experience inexplicable comfort. Many times, this comfort comes as something visible, something felt, and without a doubt there is also simultaneously strengthening hidden beyond sight; a peace from the Spirit is extended that only the Lord can provide. In all such cases though, the Sacrament of the Sick is an encounter in which the Lord pours out his grace that allows for the Holy Spirit to "rush upon" us (cf. 1 Sam 16:13) and to remain with us. This actually is true across the board in each of the Sacraments—they all extend grace—but you'll notice several involve anointing with oil: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick. Each time this grace is extended in this way, we are in a very real sense recreated as the Spirit rushes to pour life into us and can even change us at our deepest level of being. When we find ourselves ill or dying, the Sacramental anointing strengthens us precisely in our ability to stay in communion with God so that we are not shaken at our core.

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Mass Intentions

Wine, Hosts, & Lamp

Stephen Oliva Sr. / Wife & Family

Saturday, March 18

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

Monday, March 20

7:45AM Grace Oliva /
Jo Oliva and Family

Tuesday, March 21

7:45AM Dr. Robert Daly /
Francis & Sally Ward

Wednesday, March 22

7:45AM Mario Monterastelli /
Family

Thursday, March 23

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Friday, March 24

7:45AM Elizabeth Terrinoni /
James and Shirley Terrinoni

Saturday, March 25

9:00AM Living Intention of Jared Mace
/ mother, Sherry
4:00PM VIGIL David Bloom /
Bernadette Tierney & Family

Sunday, March 26

7:30AM Matthew Lorraine /
Sherry McCabe Mace & Jared
10:30AM Edward Grabowski / CSV
5:00PM Caroline Lynch /
Kirkman Family

News & Events

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 | 8:15 AM

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

- For more information, please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com.

Coffee & Conversation: Angel Blankets

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, March 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.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, March 23* 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.

*Please note the date change from our usual schedule.

Tenebrae

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 7:00 PM

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

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of Mel Gibson's, *The Passion of the Christ*. **Please note this movie is a graphic portrayal of the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem.** Discretion is advised.



EMPOWERED

IGNITE 2023
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

Project Rachel Ministry

POST-ABORTION HEALING

Day of Hope & Healing for Women,

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Do you feel that God could never forgive you for having an abortion? Do you feel you can't forgive yourself? Join us for a Day of Hope and Healing on Saturday, April 29, hosted by Project Rachel Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Project Rachel at 855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syradio.org. All calls and emails are confidential.



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.



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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.

Reflection

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David is anointed king in our first reading—because of something hidden within his heart, something seen and known by the Lord. The unnamed man in our gospel reading is also anointed, not for his own benefit but again for something only the Lord could foresee. Jesus spits on the ground to make mud which he smears over the man's eyes (literally in the Greek—Jesus anointed his eyes). What's the lasting effect? For David, the Spirit of the Lord rushes upon him and stays with him the rest of his life, and for the man in the gospel, sight is restored (both physically and spiritually) as the anointing is coupled with a cleansing wash. We know that these anointings did not perfect these two to make them divine, but yet the extension of grace rather enabled them to come to bear the Light, to begin to walk in and with the Light that only comes from the life of the Spirit. A sharing in the divine life. God calls each of us to this gift.

Remember the attention given to our sight: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). "[Jesus] came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind" (John 9:39). By the help of God's grace, may we be among those whose sight is fixed on Christ. Do you want to have your eyes opened anew? Do you want to be restored to life? There's still more than enough time in Lent...heed St. Paul's instruction: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Go to the Sacraments and let the Lord well up in you the power and life of his spirit—you'll see, I promise.

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, Nancy Patane, and Troy Blackchief



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. Raffle tickets are available in the parish office or online at hcschooldewitt.org/auction

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

6:45 AM High School FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Acts Bible Study, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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 23

7:45 AM Elementary FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Tenebrae, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Middle School Night, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

5:30 PM HCS Pizza Bingo, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

2:45 PM First Eucharist Workshop, Yeazel H.

3:30 PM RCIA, Rooms 12-13

4:30 PM Evening Prayer, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Outreach

Joseph's House Bottle Drive

SUPPORT MOMS & CHILDREN IN NEED

This Lenten season, help support moms and young children experiencing homelessness 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!



Joseph's House for Women provides a safe home and family environment for moms and babies whom are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. 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!



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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

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank you! We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Gifts of prayer, time, and talent serve and support our community in so many meaningful ways. And financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the Church.

- To give online, visit holycrossdewitt.org/give

Scan the code to get started with secure & convenient online giving



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR MARCH 12: \$16,475.00
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COLLECTION: \$4,305.00

SECOND COLLECTION

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

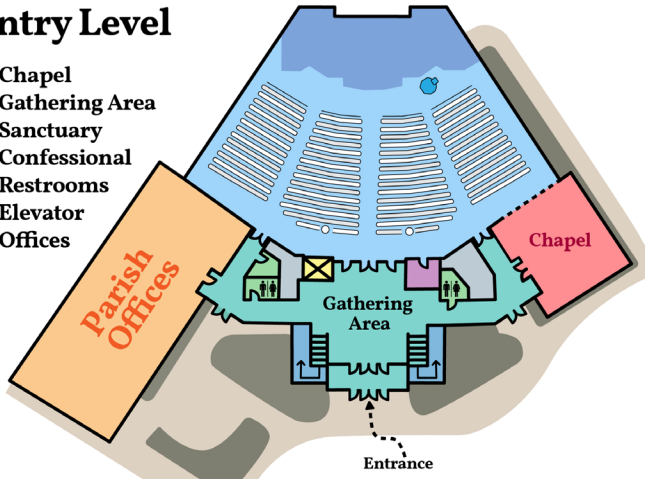
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

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.

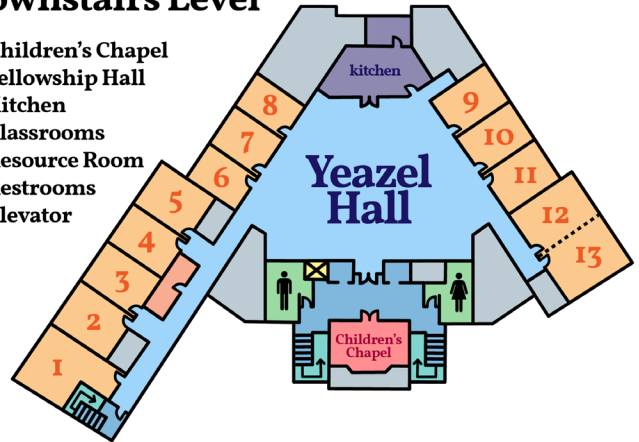
Entry Level

- 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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