



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY 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 or grab a welcome guide from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

READINGS

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Christ is Risen!

I pray that everyone continues to experience a joyful and blessed Easter!

It is important for us to remember that Easter is not just one day, but the Easter Season lasts for fifty days—a time when as individuals, and as Church, we celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead, and has given us the gift of life eternal, if we choose to accept it.

This Second Sunday of Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday, is an opportunity for us to remember that Christ was not only there for us during the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, but is with us each day of our life. Let me take this opportunity to offer some information on the Divine Mercy and its importance in our life.

In the Roman Catholic faith, Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus Christ that is associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. These apparitions are said to have occurred in 1931. The beautiful and inspiring image that we see on the reverse of this page, according to Saint Faustina's diary, describes God's loving mercy to all people, but especially to all those who are gripped by sin. The image of The Divine Mercy inspires us to trust in Christ's endless mercy and goodness and leads us to show that same mercy to all people as we act as a conduit of God's love towards them. The Church celebrates the Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter! We commemorate the Hour of Mercy, which is 3 PM and according to tradition, is the hour of Christ's death.

May we all turn to Christ, in not only our time of need, but also every day, so we cannot only offer prayers of petition to Christ, but also that we might offer prayers of thanksgiving!

Peace,

Rev. John Hergan

Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Bill Sovik / Wife & Family

Saturday, April 15

4:00PM VIGIL James Layow / Caryn Scuderi

Sunday, April 16

7:30AM Marilyn Rowland / Family
10:30AM Sally & Bill Mitchell / Family
5:00PM Jeannine Pondozi / Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, April 17

7:45AM Louis Iacovelli / Paul & Amy Sansone

Tuesday, April 18

7:45AM Gail Roach / Joan Beeler

Wednesday, April 19

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross
Ellen Marie Hancock / Paul Mooney, brother (1 year anniversary of death)

Thursday, April 20

7:45AM Joan Garbinski / Jo Oliva

Friday, April 21

7:45AM Conliff Richard Cox / Jack & Marian Glisson

Saturday, April 22

9:00AM Russell Burlingame / Arlene (Schad) Brick
4:00PM VIGIL Filomina Dalope, Melchor Guevarra & Cynthia Marasol / Larry & Marlene Rosales

Sunday, April 23

7:30AM Rose Oltmann / Carol & Carmen Marmillo
10:30AM Deb Norton / The Seltzer Family
5:00PM Pamela Hancock / Delores Petta

News & Events

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

HELP SUPPORT OUR HOLY CROSS TROOP!

Holy Cross Girl Scout Troop 60500 is selling Girl Scout Cookies after Masses this weekend. This is the final week-end of sales for the season. If you would like cookies, please look for us in the Gathering Area after Mass. Thank you for your generous support for the past 8 years!

Ministry Weekends

Spend a few minutes after Mass over the next few weeks connecting with the many different ministries at Holy Cross.

This weekend, April 15-16, we highlight 1) Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, 2) Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters, 3) Music Ministry, and 4) Rosary Group.

Next weekend, April 22-23, we'll highlight 1) Food Donations and Jamesville Pantry, 2) Ministry to Menorah Park and Pastoral Ministry, 3) Refugee Assistance Committee and 4) Gardening Angels.

Caring Crusaders Bottle Drive

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

Just in time for Earth Day! Start saving your bottles and cans and drop them off to the Caring Crusaders on Tuesday, April 18, from 8 AM - 9 AM or 2 PM - 3 PM.

Look for us before school and at afternoon pick-up in the parking lot. Follow the signs.

Your bottle and can donations will help the Caring Crusaders sponsor a camper(s) at Camp Lookout in Madison County. Camp Lookout provides a free, week-long camping experience for children who would not otherwise be able to attend camp.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, April 18 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Sandwich Ministry for Homeless Shelter

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following Daily Mass on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:15 AM to prepare our usual PB&J sandwiches for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. New volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 PM downstairs 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.

Faith Formation Parent Breakfast

APRIL 18, 19, & 20

Each semester, we create some time for faith formation parents to come and have breakfast with their kids. This week, parents are invited to join their kids for coffee and pastries during breakfast time before all morning faith formation classes (Tuesday/Wednesday: 6:45 AM - 7:00 AM, Thursday: 7:45 AM - 8:00 AM).

After breakfast, kids will be dismissed to their regular classes. We hope you'll join us!

Holy Cross School Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 | 5:30 PM

Holy Cross School is hosting their 25th Annual Auction on Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 PM. Event tickets are on sale!

Our 50/50 Raffle Winner will be drawn at the event. Last chance to get raffle tickets online is Thursday, April 20. Get your tickets at hcschooldewitt.org/store.

To get tickets to the event or find other ways to support the auction, visit hcschooldewitt.org/auction.

Pastoral Council Update

To parishioners,

This is a follow-up to our survey from Pastoral Council. As we promised, we continue to review and use your survey comments to guide our work. The Council's goal for the next year is to increase parishioner connectivity to Holy Cross through Pastoral Council communication and action steps. Areas addressed in the survey were: Mass/Worship- liturgy direction, music, sense of community; Hospitality; Parish Life and Community; Events/Faith Formation for Adults; Stewardship; Events/Faith Formation for Youth; Communications; Facilities; and Holy Cross School. To update you on the work to date:

- Time and Talent Presentations & Sign-ups for new volunteers are scheduled for April 15-6 for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters, Music Ministry, and Rosary Group; April 22-23 for Food Donations and Jamesville Food Pantry, Ministry to Menorah Park and Pastoral Ministry, Refugee Assistance Committee, and Gardening Angels; May 13-14 for Play and Pray Mom's Group, Back to School Group, Samaritan Center Service Group, Sandwich Making Group; May 20-21 for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, Altar and Rosary, Care for Creation
- Prayers of the Faithful during Mass include prayer for those who are homebound or who cannot attend Mass.
- The bulletin includes comment on requesting prayers for those in need for up to six months and updating after that with the Church Office if the prayer request is to continue.
- Music included music for cultural celebration of Black History in February.
- Deacon Dutter included in his homily black saint recognition.
- Greeters welcome Mass attendees and hand out bulletins at the close of Mass.
- Dan Littlepage and the Hospitality Committee- Kay Sgarlata, Cookie Dunham, Carl Thomas and Claude Pilon have created and distributed a pamphlet listing all the many volunteer opportunities offered at Holy Cross.
- Nina Walters, Holy Cross Principal, and her staff have increased the enrollment for our school's upcoming school year.

We will continue using the survey to best serve you, the parishioners of Holy Cross. We urge you to stop and talk with any Council Member if you have an idea that we can work on to improve our goal and better support our parishioners and community.

Karen Markoff, Pastoral Council President

"Every effort to make society sensitive to the importance of the family, is a great service to humanity."

- POPE JOHN PAUL II

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

6:45 AM HSFF & Parent Breakfast, Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:00 AM Bottle Drive, School Parking Lot

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel Hall

2:00 PM Bottle Drive, School Parking Lot

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

6:45 AM MSFF & Parent Breakfast, Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:45 AM ESFF & Parent Breakfast, Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

5:15 PM Family Life Event, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Middle School Night, Yeazel H.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

5:30 PM Holy Cross Auction, School

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

6:00 PM Confirmation Sponsor Dinner,
Yeazel Hall

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, Margaret (Peg) Driscoll, Nancy Ferrara, Nancy Patane, and Troy Blackchief

Divine Mercy

Join us at Holy Cross Church at 3:00 PM on Divine Mercy Sunday for a prayer service including the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Read Fr. John's reflection to learn more about Divine Mercy and use this helpful guide to learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Time needed: 20 minutes. Using regular Rosary beads, follow this structure:

1. BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. PRAY THE PRAYER OF ST. FAUSTINA.

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (x3)

3. PRAY AN OUR FATHER.

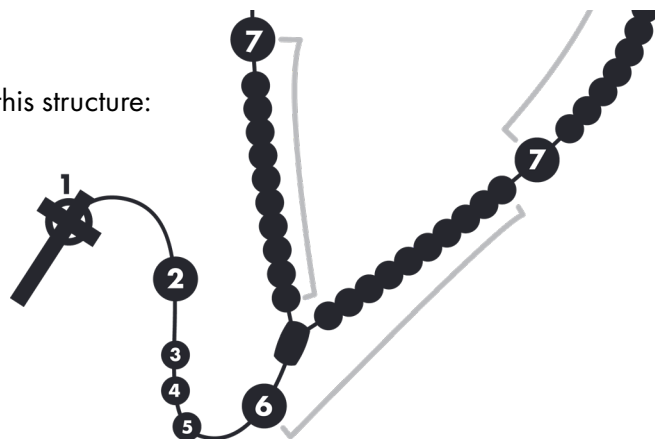
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. PRAY A HAIL MARY.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. PRAY THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



6. FIRST DECADE

On the first large bead, pray the following:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads, pray the following:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x10)

7. REPEAT THIS PATTERN FOUR TIMES.

For each decade: begin with the "Eternal Father" prayer, and then pray, "For the sake" ten times.

8. AFTER FIVE DECADES, PRAY FOR MERCY.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x3)

9. CLOSE YOUR TIME IN PRAYER.

Let us pray: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

CONCLUDE WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Banns of Marriage

Please pray for **Susan Schill & Michael Dollinger** who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on April 29, 2023.

To schedule a wedding, please call the parish office at **315-446-0473** at least six months in advance.

Let us continue to pray for vocations to marriage and family life!



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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



Refuge
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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

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 APRIL 2 & APRIL 9 WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT BULLETIN

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL COLLECTION

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: APRIL 30, 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

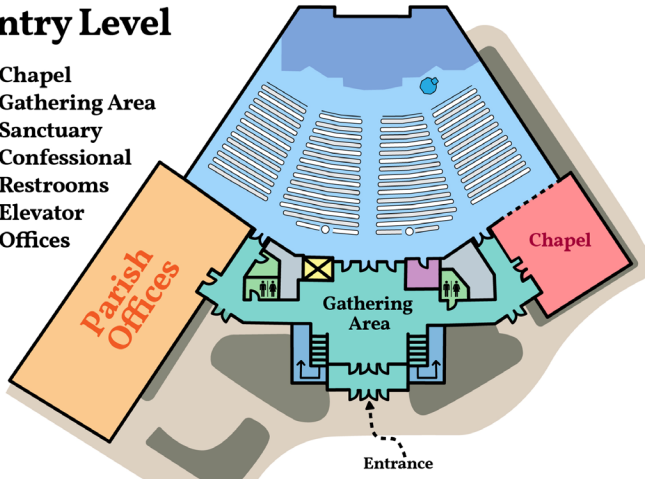
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

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.

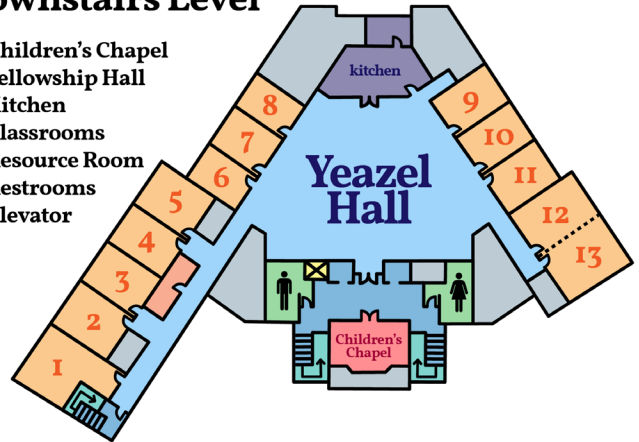
Entry Level

- 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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Connect

Adult Bible Studies

Throughout the year, there are groups of adults in our parish who get together on a regular basis for Bible study programs. On Sunday mornings our Adult Ministry comes together downstairs in Rooms 12 & 13 for fellowship and scripture study. All are welcome to join! No registration necessary. Other bible studies meet on a rotating basis. To get updated when new studies start, sign up for our weekly newsletter at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe.

Senior Social Activities

We have a variety of regularly scheduled activities for seniors. The last Tuesday of each month is our Monthly Movie. Coffee and Conversation is a monthly gathering of fellowship, coffee, and lunch. Our knitting group meets every other week. Check the church newsletter to find out more about these groups and the next time they meet. All are welcome!

Gardening Angels

Gardening Angels are a faithful group of Holy Cross volunteers who meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM to make the surrounding landscape of our church home a beautiful, and welcoming place to worship and pray. Specifically, the volunteers plant flowers and bushes, remove weeds and brush, trim bushes, spread mulch as needed. Work begins in the spring and ends in late fall.



Rosary Prayer Group

Most mornings after Daily Mass, a group gathers in the church or in the front circle to pray the Rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

Play & Pray Mom's Group

The Play & Pray Ministry at Holy Cross strives to create opportunities for connection among Catholic mothers with young children. Our mission is to support the vocation of motherhood by providing our infants and toddlers a chance to play and pray in a safe and faith-filled environment with their peers. We meet Fridays from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the toddler room (Room 5) of Yeazel Hall.

Follow Along

We are so glad you are connected to our community! To get the latest news, photos and stories, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ([@holycrossdewitt](https://twitter.com/holycrossdewitt)). Subscribe to our weekly newsletters to get all of the latest content delivered right to your inbox. Visit us online at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to connect!



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