



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 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 guide from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

## Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

Sunday Reflections  
in your inbox;  
subscribe today!



### READINGS

Acts 1:12-14  
Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8  
1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11a

It might be very difficult for us to be comfortable with the message from St. Peter in our second reading: "Rejoice in the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ...if you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you...whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name" (cf. 1 Peter 4:13-16). Let's face it, the experience of finding joy or blessing in suffering is a grace not easily recognized or felt.

If we come to see our own sufferings as a share in Jesus' own, we can start to experience encouragement and receive the same graces that Jesus himself had on the Cross, to help us also persevere. This kind of strength

is offered to us through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus on the Cross is in perfect communion with his heavenly Father, and this communion, this perfect Love is the Holy Spirit. "Advocate," "Paraclete," "Comforter," etc. each of these names of the Holy Spirit reflect precisely the gift that He is to us. Hidden in each of those titles are graces (or presence of divine life) as defense or protection, assistance by our side, indwelling of strength and courage—each of these supernatural in essence. This is why Jesus himself says, "It is better for you that I go... that the Advocate may come" (cf. John 16:7).

Through this intimate gift of divine life, the Holy Spirit, we are offered an inexhaustible source of life; seemingly subtle or gentle yet having the bold protection of a fortress. This divine life is far greater than anything we could create on our own, and it is always stronger than whatever suffering we

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## Mass Intentions

### Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Alan Haley

#### Saturday, May 20

4:00PM VIGIL Bridget, Ted, & Matt Kelly / The Kelly Family

#### Sunday, May 21

7:30AM Mary Ann Capone / Dan & Nancy Gaworecki

10:30AM Henry Streiff / Family

5:00PM John Pristash / Jerome & Ellen Pristash

#### Monday, May 22

7:45AM Michael Ferrante / Nancy Ferrante

#### Tuesday, May 23

7:45AM William Lynn / Daughter & Family

#### Wednesday, May 24

7:45AM Henry Keller / Altar Rosary

#### Thursday, May 25

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross & Alyce McNamara

#### Friday, May 26

7:45AM Delia Phillips / Great Niece

#### Saturday, May 27

9:00AM Kathy Gabor Mahlek / Elaine Lostumbo

4:00PM VIGIL Joan Garbinski / Rocky & Eileen Ferrara

#### Sunday, May 28

7:30AM Peter Thomas & Melissa Clemens / Liz Thomas

10:30AM Patricia Mucci / Rev. Charles Vavonese

5:00PM Henry Keller / Norma Huber

# News & Events

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## Marist Mission Cooperative

**THIS WEEKEND AT HOLY CROSS & ST. ANTHONY'S**

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwestern Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia, and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in "bush stations," teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local Church. Contributions to the Marists will help them in their mission of witness to the Gospel, service to the needy and helping the local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work.

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## Ministry Weekend

**THIS WEEKEND | MAY 20-21**

Spend a few minutes after Masses this weekend connecting with some of our ministries at Holy Cross. This weekend, May 20-21, we highlight 1) Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, 2) Care for Creation, and 3) Altar Rosary Society, Monthly Luncheons, Movies and Special Events

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## Eucharistic Minister Training

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

A training opportunity paired with a time of prayerful reflection led by Fr. Foley will be offered for Eucharistic Ministers. This session will not only benefit those who are new to the ministry but also our current, veteran volunteers. All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend. It will help orient our minds to better understand the mechanics of serving at Mass, but also it will prepare our hearts for the incredible privilege and responsibility it is to serve during Mass. A session for **Eucharistic Ministers** is Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 PM in the church

Please reach out to Fr. Foley ([bfoley@syrdio.org](mailto:bfoley@syrdio.org)) with any questions.

## Holy Hour at St. Mary's

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 | 10:00 AM**

There will be a holy hour at St. Mary's church in Jamesville, on Thursday, May 25 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

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## Rosary & Reception

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

May is the month of Mary. Join us on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM for a special Rosary and time of prayer with Dc. Dare. Following the Rosary, join us in Yeazel Hall for coffee and fellowship.

## ROSARY GROUP FOLLOWING DAILY MASSES

The Holy Cross Rosary Group would love for you to join us every day after morning Mass as we pray for all of our many needs as individuals, parishioners, and members of the Church throughout the world. Bring a friend and begin your day in this most meaningful way with the Blessed Mother.

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## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, May 30 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *A Man Called Otto*, a 2022 American comedy-drama film directed by Marc Forster from a screenplay by David Magee based on the 2012 novel, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. The film stars Tom Hanks. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

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## Play & Pray Mom's Group

**FRIDAYS AT 9:00 AM**

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.

## Reflection

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endure—but we need to become more familiar with this presence and confidently invoke Him. The person of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity is referred to as the “bonds of unity,” meaning it was through the presence of the Holy Spirit that Jesus stayed in perfect relationship to the Father as he poured out his life on the Cross. This same Spirit, offered again to the disciples at Pentecost, is the gift that Jesus desires to breathe into us constantly to give us love and life.

Interestingly of note, prior to the verses we hear from in the Acts of the Apostles reading today, Jesus gives his disciples the instruction to “wait for the promise of the Father of which you have heard me speak” (Acts 1:4). With this instruction he makes clear, that if the disciples are going to go out and bear the persecution for the sake of his name, or to endure whatever might come as they spread the Gospel, they will bear no fruit without the gift of the Holy Spirit. Once they receive the Spirit, they go out to all the earth, and so will their message. We see in the disciples the love, strength, courage, joy, boldness, etc. that we deeply desire for ourselves, especially in the midst of our sufferings.

May we patiently await at all times the gift of the Holy Spirit, and may our hearts receive anew the truth of this great hope and consolation.

Peace,

*Rev. Brenda Foley*

## Around town

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

### Sisters of St. Francis' Eat Drink Pray

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

Join the Sisters of St. Francis on Wednesday, May 24 from 6 PM - 8 PM at Daniella's Fresh Seafood & Pasta House (within the NYS State Fairgrounds). Tickets: \$75.00 per person. To order yours, visit [www.sosf.org](http://www.sosf.org), call 315-380-0150, or purchase at the door.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for

**Deanna Cerlanek & Drew Derrenbacker**

who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on **June 3, 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!

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



**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)



## Last Faith Formation of the School Year

It's been a joy! Thank you for making the effort, taking the time to bring your children to Faith Formation, and sharing them with us each week! We hope and pray you have noticed their growth in faith and your family has a closer relationship with Christ. We have had a fabulous year getting to know them, and we couldn't have asked for a better closing day. The games were a blast!



## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, MAY 22

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM School Spring Concert, Church

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

6:00 PM Euch. Min. Training, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

10:00 AM Holy Hour, St. Mary's Jamesville

5:30 PM Pastoral Council, Room 12-13

6:00 PM Rosary & Reception, Church

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CLOSED**

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at  
[holycrossdewitt.org/events](https://holycrossdewitt.org/events)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following  
people in your prayers:

Abrielle Lynch, Ann Kronner,  
Celia Flaver, Dinita Machlin, Eileen  
Ferrara, Elaine Lostumbo, Faith Muller,  
Jeanette Heick, John Toole, Margaret  
Blanchfield, Margaret (Peg) Driscoll,  
Nancy Ferrara, and Nancy Patane

## Bible Study Opportunities

Holy Cross Family,

Wayne and Faye Rheame recently were fully initiated into the Catholic Church here in our parish. The Lord has been leading them on their journey of faith for many years now, and having been guided to the Church through the Catechism and the study of Sacred Scripture, they have come to the fullness of the faith and couldn't be more grateful! They are eager to get to know our parish community, and as a result would like to extend two new opportunities:

### EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Friday, June 2, the Rheame's will be hosting a Bible study (for ages ~40 and up) at their home in Lafayette, and you are invited! The group will meet twice monthly, every other Friday, at 7:00 PM for a time of Bible study and fellowship (and of course snacks!). The first topic will be the Gospel of John, using Emmaus Road Catholic Publishing study books and the Catechism. John's Gospel is the story of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God and what his incarnation, death and resurrection mean to each of us; a great place to begin our study.

If you are interested in being a part of the group, please contact Wayne at 315-657-5156 to inquire further.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Faye Rheame would like the women of our parish to be aware that, for the past several years, she has facilitated an ongoing Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, and the same study on Wednesday mornings (you can attend the most convenient session), at Our Lady of Hope Church in Syracuse. Women from several parishes in the area attend and are currently studying the Book of Isaiah.

If you would like to attend on either Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings, call or text Faye at 315- 657-5157.

We are very much looking forward to studying God's word together and growing in our faith!

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

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FOR MAY 14: \$14,256.00

### DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION: MAY 21, 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](mailto: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

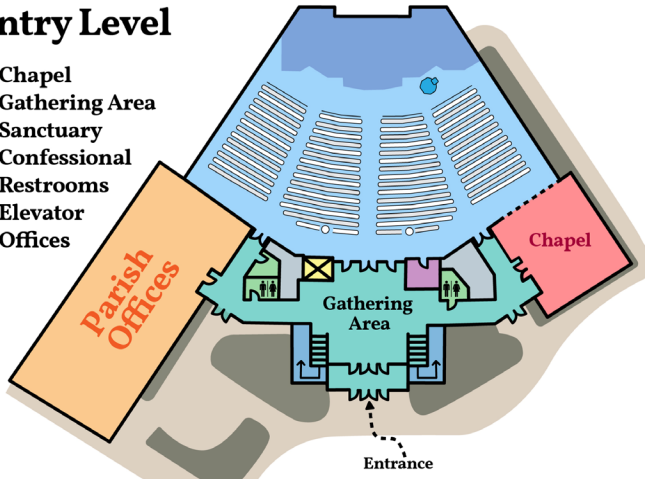
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

# 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](https://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

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## 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to connect!



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