



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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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, JUNE 4, 2023

### READINGS

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18

Our readings today reflect the totality of the Trinity. As we state in our creed, we believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God in three persons. There is a Trinitarian aspect to each of today's readings.

In the first reading from the Old Testament Book of Exodus we see Moses going back to the Father with the two tablets to receive the Law from a tender and compassionate God. The God who gives the Law to his people is a loving Father, one who does everything out of love for his people that they may be drawn into his love and live in happiness.

The second reading is focused on all three members of the Trinity, in its closing words to the people of

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Corinth, a closing which we use in the Eucharistic prayers: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

The Gospel tells us that God sent his Son to redeem and to save the world. We are told that God did this because he wanted all people to have eternal life, a period of time where we will literally live with God in all of His glory forever. All who believe in Jesus and who live out that belief, will one day be joined with the Trinity in eternal life.

It is important for us as a people of faith to learn to discern the reality of our triune God. Each is distinct but each is an integral part of the other. Through our faith in the work of each one, we are made complete. The Father created us and the world around us, the Son redeemed us with his sacrificial death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit works in the world

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 3

4:00PM VIGIL James Quartier /  
Katie Davidson

### Sunday, June 4

7:30AM Clara A. Macri /  
Al & Joann Paparo

10:30AM Dan Gaworecki /  
The Muench Family

5:00PM Living Intention of Jeanne  
O'Brien / Carolyn Smith

### Monday, June 5

7:45AM Claudia Rosser /  
Terry & Sam Hearne

### Tuesday, June 6

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Wednesday, June 7

7:45AM Alfred Terrinoni /  
Vincenza Terrinoni

### Thursday, June 8

7:45AM John Daley /  
Michael & Jeanne Donovan

### Friday, June 9

7:45AM Donna May Roberts /  
Holy Cross Parish

### Saturday, June 10

9:00AM Marylou Yacano /  
Kathleen & Stephen Davis

4:00PM VIGIL Bob Vanderhoek /  
Rocky & Eileen

### Sunday, June 11

7:30AM Bishop Matthew Clark /  
Rose Tout

10:30AM Catherine E. Ledda /  
Richard & Roxanne Kopecky

5:00PM John C. Murphy / Family

# News & Events

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## **Congratulations, Fr. James Buttner!**

Praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God in celebration of Rev. James Buttner being ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency the Most Revered Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Keep Fr. James in your prayers as he begins this next chapter and continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life!



Receptions will be held at Holy Cross following Masses the weekend of June 17-18 to congratulate Fr. James as a parish community!

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## **Food Giving Weekend**

**THIS WEEKEND | JUNE 3 - 4**

This weekend, June 3-4, is Food Giving Weekend. Thank you for your generous contributions and support of sorting, packing, and delivering so many non-perishable food and personal wellness items to our local area pantries.

If you are able, we are in need of extra hands at all Masses to move the items from the Gathering Area to Yeazel Hall before Mass and after Mass to sort and pack the items per the pantries requested delivery method.

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## **Sandwiches for the Shelter**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 | 8:15 AM**

Please join us in Yeazel Hall (following daily Mass) on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 8:15 AM to prepare a variety of sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. No need to sign up or RSVP ahead of time. New volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please email Julie Johnson at [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

## **Potluck Dinner**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 | 5:00 PM**

All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday, June 7 at 5:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. Please bring a dish to share of your favorite recipe with enough to serve 8 people. Contact Jo at 315-446-3328 if you have any questions.

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## **Mass at St. Mary's Jamesville**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 | 10:00 AM**

There will be Mass at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville, on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM. We hope you can join us. All are welcome!

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## **Distribution of the Precious Blood**

**REINTRODUCED INTO DIOCESAN PARISHES**

Given the easing of restrictions associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, the distribution of the Precious Blood will be reintroduced into parish Masses beginning on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 10-11, 2023). Read more from Fr. Seibt on page 4.

The reintroduction of this practice in our diocesan parishes serves as an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ Himself, to the People of God. Especially in this time of national Eucharistic revival, a renewed appreciation of, and devotion to Jesus, who makes Himself available to us in Holy Communion at every Mass, is a reminder to all of the love of Christ and His desire to remain with His People always.

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## **Knitting Group**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

The next Knitting Group will be on Thursday, June 15 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! Please call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328 for info.

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## Reintroduction of the Distribution of the Precious Blood

REV. CHRISTOPHER SEIBT

Bishop Lucia invites us to take this opportunity to reflect on the spiritual meaning of this sacred action established by the Lord Himself, to offer Eucharistic catechesis to members of the faithful, and to refine parish liturgical practices in accordance with ecclesial norms.

The USCCB's Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America state that the Precious Blood has been distributed to the faithful since the earliest days of Christianity in fulfillment of Christ's command to "take and eat... [and] take and drink" (no. 6). This ancient practice was generally discontinued during the scholastic era after the turn of the first millennium, due, in part, to concerns over spillage of the Precious Blood. However, recognizing the importance of the effective use of signs within the celebration of the liturgy, and reflecting on the institution of the Eucharist within the context of a sacred meal, the Second Vatican Council called for the reintroduction of the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds in 1963's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum concilium*.

The current General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM] offers a fine summary of the theology which undergirds this practice:

Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the Divine Will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father (no. 281).

Thus, the distribution of the Precious Blood underscores the nature of the Eucharist as spiritual food and drink given to sustain and build up the pilgrim Church on earth. This action also points to the eternal banquet of heaven, where all God's people will "come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God" (Lk 13:29).



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## Reflection

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today and every day to bring us knowledge, holiness, and truth. Through the three-fold actions of our God, our lives have been planted on this earth, redeemed from the consequences of sin, and made holy enough to bring us to the heavenly throne. Let us ponder this mystery with all of our hearts, minds and souls. It is a marvel of God's love.

Be well, be peace,  
Deacon Dare

## BAPTISMS

Many blessings to the **Zona Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



## 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/summer)



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

# WELCOME CLAIRE & KATIE!

Welcome to Ms. Claire Walters & Ms. Katie Laubenstein, our new youth minister & summer intern! Claire and Katie are parishioners of Holy Cross and have been highly involved in our youth programs over the years. Claire is joining our staff as a member of our youth minister apprenticeship led by Steve Nepil. Katie will be joining the team as our summer intern. Claire is a senior at Franciscan University where she studies Theology and runs cross country as a D3 All American.

Katie is a freshman at Ithaca College and a member of their Equestrian Team. We are so grateful to have these amazing women to serve, support, and mentor teens in our parish community. Please pray for them and their ministry!



Katie (left) & Claire (right) at the Steubenville Youth Conference '22

## GET IN TOUCH

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## Helpful Info

### HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School and would like to be included in this publication or on our website, 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 on our prayer list. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

### FREE LIBRARY/ BOOK SWAP

Check out our free library and book swap area downstairs in the right rear corner of Yeazel Hall. All books are free to take and include titles for a variety of topics and for all age levels.

# THIS WEEK AT HC

## MONDAY, JUNE 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Safe Environment Training, Y. Hall

6:00 PM Safe Environment Training, Y. Hall

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

5:00 PM Potluck Dinner, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Safe Environment Training, Y. Hall

10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's, Jamesville

6:00 PM Safe Environment Training, Y. Hall

7:00 PM Youth Frisbee, SnoTop – Manlius

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

## Precious Blood

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The General Instruction of the Roman Missal continues:

The diocesan bishop also has the faculty to allow Communion under both kinds, whenever it seems appropriate to the Priest to whom charge of a given community has been entrusted as [its] own pastor, provided that the faithful have been well instructed and there is no danger of the profanation of the Sacrament or that the rite would be difficult to carry out on account of the number of participants or for some other reason (no. 283).

Here, the GIRM notes that it is necessary to provide proper catechesis to a parish community prior to introducing (or reintroducing) the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. Amongst the various matters to be presented, the USCCB's Norms recommend giving special attention to the following:

- the ecclesial nature of the Eucharist as the means by which all the faithful are gathered into one Body in Christ;
- the Eucharist as the memorial of Christ's sacrifice, his death and resurrection, and as the sacred banquet;
- the Real Presence of Christ in the eucharistic elements, whole and entire—in each element of consecrated bread and wine (the doctrine of concomitance);
- the kinds of reverence to be shown to the Eucharist, both during and outside of Mass; and
- the distinction between the roles of Ordinary and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Parishes that will reintroduce the practice of distributing the Precious Blood in the coming months will also want to be especially attentive to the following practical considerations and liturgical norms:

- In distributing the Precious Blood, a sufficient number of chalices should be prepared prior to Mass. Wine may be poured into these vessels from a common flagon, but this should occur during the Presentation of the Gifts, and never following the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer.
- It is not necessary to place a small drop of water into each chalice, but only the principal chalice used by the priest-celebrant.
- When approaching the chalice, the communicant should bow as a sign of reverence and respond "Amen" to the words offered by the minister, "The Blood of Christ." After the communicant has received the Precious Blood, the chalice should be wiped with a purificator and turned before presenting it to the next communicant.
- It always remains the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice.

- While the preferred manner of distributing the Precious Blood is via the chalice, this may also take place through intinction in the (arch)dioceses of the United States. When distributing the Precious Blood in this manner, the priest should place the host in a chalice held by the deacon before saying to the communicant, "The Body and Blood of Christ." Alternatively, it is possible to use a special set of vessels designed for intinction when there is not a deacon present, whereby a small chalice is placed in the center of a larger ciborium of hosts.
- It is not permitted for communicants to intinct the host themselves and then self-communicate, as this would detract from the sign value of being fed by the Lord in Holy Communion.
- The USCCB has indicated that the "excessive use of extraordinary ministers might in some circumstances constitute a reason either for limiting the distribution of Holy Communion under both species or for using intinction instead of distributing the Precious Blood from the chalice" (Norms, 24). As well, the Holy See has stated that "the chalice should not be ministered to lay members of Christ's faithful where there is such a large number of communicants that it is difficult to gauge the amount of wine for the Eucharist... or where a notable part of the people continues to prefer not to approach the chalice for various reasons, so that the sign of unity would in some sense be negated" (Redemptionis Sacramentum, no. 102).
- Additional information and instructions on proper practice for distributing the Precious Blood may be found on the USCCB website.
- Diocesan guidelines and instructions for "The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass" may be found on the diocesan website under "Eucharist." This resource should be used when training (or re-training) extraordinary ministers.

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In Christ,

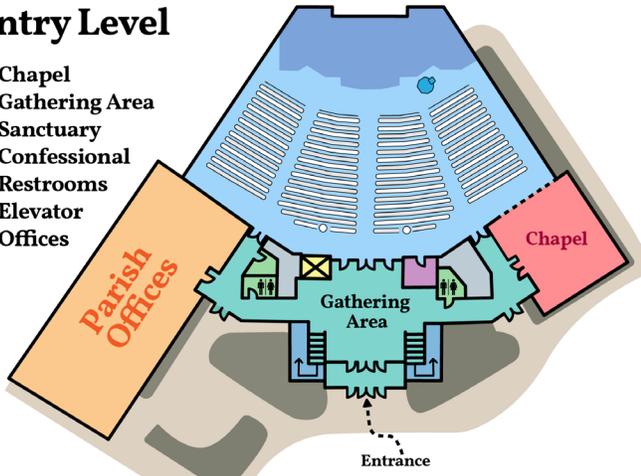
Reverend Christopher R. Seibt, Ph.L, S.T.L, J.C.L.  
Director of the Office of Liturgy and the RCIA

# 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.

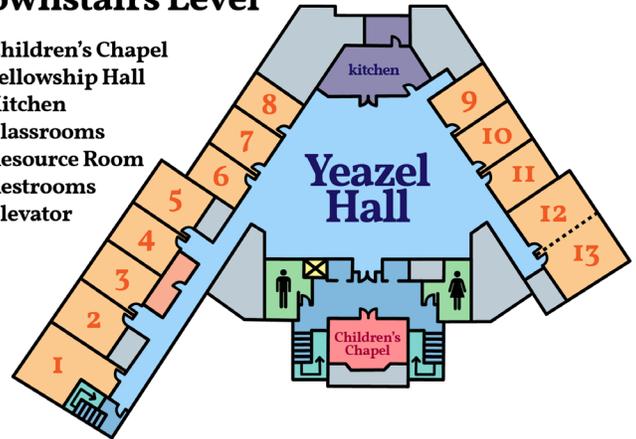
## Entry Level

- 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

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



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