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Holy Cross School students
congratulate Fr. James
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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, JUNE 11, 2023

READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

A word of wisdom from a familiar friend of Holy Cross..."The Eucharist is my highway to heaven!"

These, of course, are the simple but nonetheless deeply true words of Bl. Carlo Acutis. Our highway to heaven is the only thing that touches the yearning that we have at the depths of our being for what is 'really real', namely, the transcendent, the eternal. This hunger that we all have is nourished whenever we have communion with Jesus in his Most Holy Body and Blood.

The Eucharist "is the Sacrament of communion between God and man, and man and man, and it contains the fullness of Paschal Mystery, whose fruit is the Church" (Benedict XVI). In

other words, the Eucharist makes the Church. When the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus enters us, this is good not only for ourselves, but also for how His life feeds and animates our ability to be in relationship with others. Receiving the Eucharist, then, matters not just for us as individuals, but also has an important communal dimension, too. Jesus himself is present in the Eucharist waiting for each of us in this Sacrament of his love, and he desires us the whole of His Body to know this gift. While we consume him in this Sacrament, it is Jesus rather who invites us to be wholly transformed and consumed by Him, by His presence, His love, every time we receive His very life within us.

It's always humbling for me to think of the lives of the Saints, but this is especially true whenever I reflect on how the same Eucharist that we receive at Mass, is also the same Eucharist that the Saints received in their lives. Can't the Lord work his transformation in YOU through the Eucharist the way he did with the Saints before us?! The Lord is calling each of us to the heights of holiness...but sometimes

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 10

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

Monday, June 12

7:45AM Henry Keller / Beth Schmitt

Tuesday, June 13

7:45AM Bill Leiker / The Nepil Family

Wednesday, June 14

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, June 15

7:45AM James F. Collins / Wife & Children

Friday, June 16

7:45AM Jackie Connelly / Melody Foster

Saturday, June 17

9:00AM Gary Smith / D'Mello Family

4:00PM VIGIL Sr. Geraldine Donovan / CSV

Sunday, June 18

7:30AM Hilda Loguidice / Family

10:30AM Michael Ferrante / Matt & Allison Ferrante

5:00PM Joan Buttner / Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



News & Events

Ministry Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | JUNE 10-11

Please come and spend a few minutes after Masses this weekend connecting with one of the newer ministries at Holy Cross. This weekend is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, and we feature the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Previously Holy Cross displayed 126 of the Exhibition panels and is now loaning them to other parishes. View some of the panels this weekend, and stop by our tables to learn more about volunteer opportunities with the exciting new ministry as we move toward the 2023 NYS and 2024 National Eucharistic Congresses.

Distribution of the Precious Blood

REINTRODUCED INTO DIOCESAN PARISHES

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.

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.

Play & Pray Mom's Group

SUMMER UPDATE

Play & Pray is moving outside for the summer! We'll meet the last Friday of each month (June 30, July 28, and Aug 25) at various locations. Newcomers welcome! Contact Lindsay Rowe 585-369-8237 for more information.

Ministry to Menorah Park

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

On the second Tuesday of each month, Holy Cross volunteers visit Menorah Park residents and invite them to attend a Communion and Prayer Service in the chapel area. Lay Ministers of the Eucharist visit residents who are unable to attend the Communion Service. If interested in helping, contact Dc. Dare dare@holycrossdewitt.org

June Youth Nights

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Our youth ministry will be meeting at Sno Top in Manlius for the month of June to kick off the summer. Enjoy some ice cream and play some ultimate frisbee (or just hang out). If you have any questions reach out to Claire Walters at claire@holycrossdewitt.org

Parish Receptions for Fr. James Buttner

NEXT WEEKEND | JUNE 17-18

Praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God in celebration of Rev. James Buttner being ordained to the Sacred Priesthood. 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!

Parish Breakfast

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us in Yeazel Hall on Sunday, June 25 for a delicious breakfast with our parish community. The menu includes French toast bake, scrambled eggs (plain & loaded), hash browns, ham, fruit breads, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, and juice and is only \$12. Hope to see you there!

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Reflection

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we doubt that the Lord would ever work such miracles for us, or that we could ever be drawn into such intimacy with God. Yet it's true regardless, the Lord desires this intimacy and this love for all of us so to animate everything we do. This is precisely how the Eucharist gives life to the Church!

Jesus is not exaggerating in his words today: "...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). We need the same reminder that Moses gives today in our first reading. Just as the Lord fed and led his people through the desert, so too the Lord continues to feed us and feed our deepest hunger as we walk amid this passing world.

By this incredible mystery we receive, may our lives be more conformed to Jesus' radical gift of self in the Eucharist; the Sacrament instituted for us to prepare us to one day share eternally with him in heaven. Bl. Carlo pray for us, and continue to pray for the Eucharistic Revival in our parish, in our diocese, and in our world!

Rev. Brunda Jolay

Around town

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

Choral Concert at St. Ann's

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 | 6:00 PM

St. Ann's in Manlius will be hosting a Christian men's choral group from California on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. This is a free concert and all are welcome to attend.

Blood Drive at St. Patrick's Chittenango

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 | 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM

You Are Someone's Type! Join us in donating blood on June 29, 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's Parish Center, Chittenango. Every 2 seconds in the U.S. someone needs blood, one pint of your blood can save up to 3 lives!

Go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **STPATSCHITT** in the Find a Drive search bar and schedule your appointment today!



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





Caring Crusaders Update

Last Saturday, a group of Holy Cross Caring Crusaders visited Camp Lookout in Madison County to participate in a camp cleanup and present a check for \$1200, that the students raised through their bottle and can drive and generous donations. Students also gave the camp director letters written or colored by each Holy Cross student. These letters will be given to campers so they can receive an extra piece of mail while at camp.

The day concluded with a camp tour led by Mr. Musolino who attended and worked there. Camp Lookout provides a traditional overnight camp experience at no cost for children who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend.



God Bless Fr. James!

Holy Cross School students congratulated and prayed for Fr. James during First Friday School Mass on the day before his ordination. Thank you Fr. James for your presence and care for our parish community! Congratulations on your ordination! We're praying for you. Come and visit anytime!

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR MAY 28: \$14,256.00
COLLECTION FOR JUNE 4: \$18,395.00

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: JULY 2, 2023

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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

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 12

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
10:00 AM Communion Service, Menorah Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall
5:15 PM Family Life Event, Yeazel Hall
5:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg, Rms 12-13
7:00 PM Youth Frisbee, SnoTop – Manlius
7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:45 AM St. Dymphna Meeting, 12-13
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church
5:00 PM Reception for Fr. James

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 AM Mass, Church
8:30 AM Reception for Fr. James
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
10:30 AM Mass, Church
11:30 AM Reception for Fr. James
5:00 PM Mass, Church
6:00 PM Reception for Fr. James

Get the latest event details at
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following
people in your prayers:

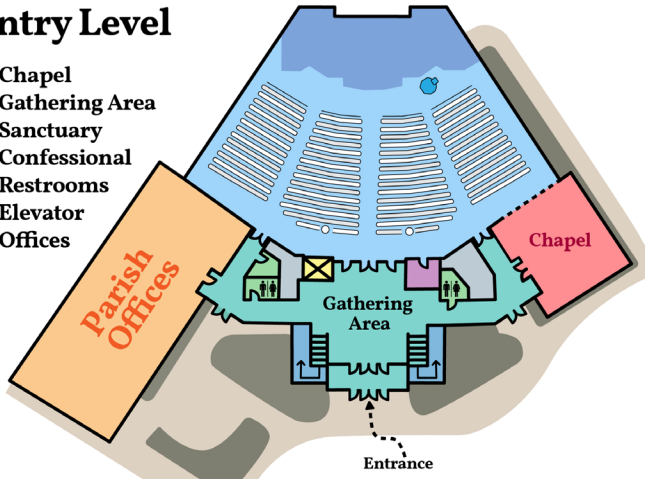
Abrielle Lynch, Adam Resetarits,
Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver,
Eileen Ferrara, Elaine Lostumbo,
Faith Muller, John Toole,
Joseph Smith, Margaret Blanchfield,
Margaret (Peg) Driscoll,
Nancy Ferrara, and Nancy Patane

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

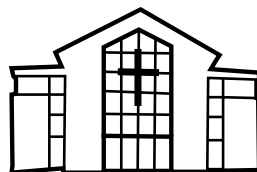
Most mornings after Daily Mass, a group gathers in the church or in the front circle to pray the Rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

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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