



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 25, 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 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 25, 2023

READINGS

- Jeremiah 20:10-13
- Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
- Romans 5:12-15
- Matthew 10:26-33

The readings for this weekend speak to the challenge of discipleship in an increasingly secular world. As we seek more spiritual and faithful ways to follow Jesus, many in our society prefer to leave Jesus out of their lives. They simply believe that this world is the only reality that exists. Our readings explore this separation and give us good news about how we can stay the course of discipleship in our lives.

In our first reading we see the Prophet Jeremiah describing the people who seek to separate him from his faith through violent means. The second half of the reading describes how God will help us to keep the faith and punish those who want to separate us from Him. Our Psalm gives us words of comfort while describing the ac-

tions of those who alienate themselves from us because of our allegiance to God. In the passage from the letter to the Romans, St Paul tells us that sin has always been in the world. What is important to faithful disciples is the fact that our faith redeems us through Christ's gift of his own life.

In the gospel passage from St Matthew, Christ tells the disciples that the soul is much more important than the body. It is the soul which they must be concerned with because the body is but a passing thing, while the soul is eternal. The Lord is always at our side giving us strength in our efforts to fend off the weakness of the flesh. We must listen carefully and believe in his opening words: "Fear no one". We must avoid the things of the flesh that separate us from God and trust in his love and protection so we can become the people he wants us to be. As we continue our journey of faith, let us turn toward Jesus and seek his love and strength in order resist the temptations of a fallen world.

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare

Mass Intentions

Host & Wine

In Memory of Eileen Ferrara

Saturday, June 24

4:00PM VIGIL Al & Mary Damico /
Dave & Don Damico & Kathy
Mezzalingua

Sunday, June 25

7:30AM Catherine Muller /
Colao Family
10:30AM Mary Louise Reed /
Mary Beth Smith
5:00PM Lena DeRollo /
The Wood Family

Monday, June 26

7:45AM Dr. Carmella Mantaro /
Mary Duffin

Tuesday, June 27

7:45AM James Riegel /
Corinne & John Fix

Wednesday, June 28

7:45AM Charles Farnett /
Pilon Family

Thursday, June 29

7:45AM Joan Garbinski /
John White

Friday, June 30

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Saturday, July 1

9:00AM Mary Sinnott Darcy /
John H. Heyer
4:00PM VIGIL George Myers /
Mary Ellen Brown

Sunday, July 2

7:30AM Dolores Halpin /
The Schulte Family
10:30AM George McCarron Jr. /
The Kirkman Family
5:00PM William L. Leiker /
McDevitt Family

News & Events

Parish Breakfast

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

Come to Yeazel Hall on Sunday, June 25 for a delicious catered 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. See you there!

Food Giving Weekend

JULY 1 - 2

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, July 1 - 2, to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- Children's cereals
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna
- Dried Beans & Lentils
- Instant Noodles
- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Soup & Crackers
- Rice & Rice Side Dishes
- Dry Milk Packets (qt. size)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash & Bar Soap
- Laundry Detergent

Monthly Movie: *Jesus Revolution*

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, June 27 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *Jesus Revolution*, a 2023 American Christian drama film directed by Jon Erwin and Brent McCorkle and based on the autobiographical book of the same name co-written by Greg Laurie. A story of hope, redemption, and the power of love—it is a reminder that God is always working in the world, even in the midst of chaos and darkness. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

Frisbee & SnoTop Youth Nights

THURSDAYS IN JUNE 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). Claire claire@holycrossdewitt.org

Play & Pray Mom's Group

SUMMER UPDATE

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

Refugee Assistance Clothing Drive

The Refugee Assistance Committee is sponsoring a two week clothing drive to replenish the racks and shelves at the CYO clothes closet where newly arrived refugees can select needed items. Requested items include:

NEW

- toddlers and children's socks and underwear
- men's and women's sport socks

CLEAN, GENTLY USED SUMMER & FALL CLOTHING

- 6 month to 18 month infant sizes
- toddler and children's sizes including sleepwear
- men's sizes small and medium casual/teeshirts and sweatpants / joggers / running pants (no shorts or clothing with logos other than manufacturers brand)
- women's sizes small and medium casual dresses / teeshirt dresses / sundresses (modest styles please)
- sneakers / casual shoes for men, women, children

Please drop off your donations at weekend Masses on July 8-9 and July 15-16. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Gardening Angels

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Thank you so much to our Gardening Angels for your hard work in keeping our church grounds so beautiful!

Gardening Angels are a group of Holy Cross volunteers who meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays (spring to late fall) 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. If you'd like to learn more, call the parish office (315-446-0473) to get connected.

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!

First Friday Devotion at CTK Retreat **FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Christ the King Retreat House's monthly devotion of First Friday will take place on Friday, July 7, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The retreat facilitated by Fr. Donald H. Karlen includes a conference, optional Reconciliation, Mass with Anointing, and a delicious lunch. The theme for July is "Forgiveness is a Journey." Offering is \$35.

Visit [ckretreat.com](https://www.ckretreat.com) to learn more.

Project Rachel Ministry Day of Hope **SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023**

The anniversary of the reversal of the Roe Vs. Wade decision is June 24th. Hearing about abortion can stir many feelings of regret and remorse for a woman who has had an abortion. God wants you to seek peace and healing. Join us for a Day of Hope and Healing on July 15. Those interested in attending can register confidentially at 855-364-0076 or at hopeandhealing@syrdio.org



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



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



Holy Cross School News

Congratulations to our sixth grade graduates! We had a blast celebrating with you, and we know God has amazing things in store for you! Congrats to the Sister Josetta Award recipient, Sloane, and the Sister Rose Alice Award recipient, Flynn! Congrats to our Pre-K and Kindergarten grads as well! We are so proud of all of our students and all of their hard work! Way to go!



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

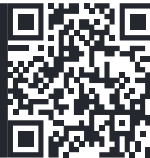
AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR JUNE 18: \$19,036.00

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 26

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Youth Frisbee, SnoTop – Manlius

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Play & Pray Group, Offsite

SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following
people in your prayers:

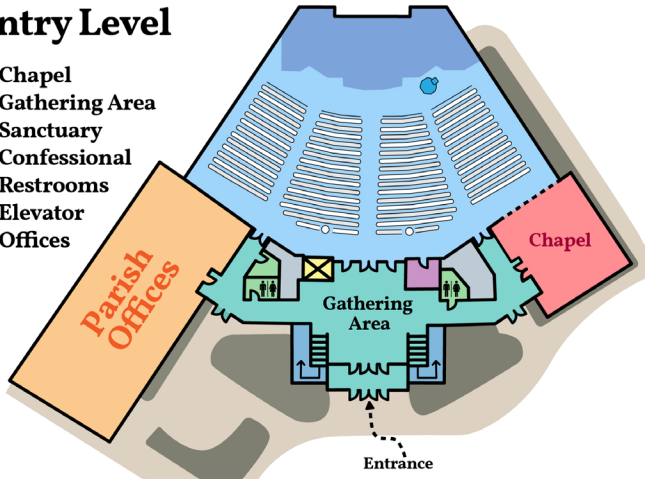
Abrielle Lynch, Adam Resetarits,
Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver,
Elaine Lostumbo, Ellyn Lubel,
Faith Muller, John Toole,
Joseph Smith, Margaret Blanchfield,
Margaret (Peg) Driscoll,
Nancy Ferrara, and Nancy Patane

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.

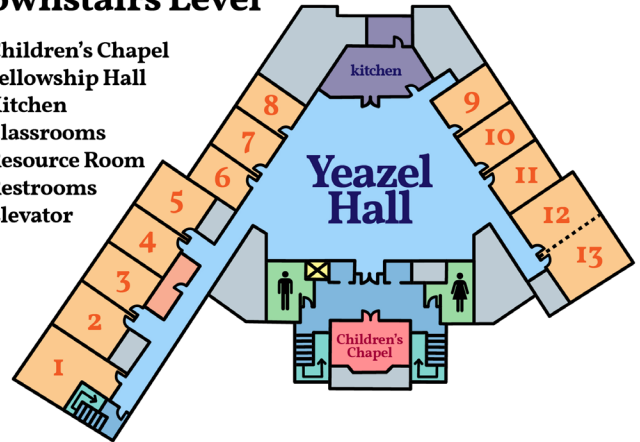
Entry Level

- 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

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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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