



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 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, JULY 2, 2023

READINGS

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Today's Gospel can sound harsh if not interpreted correctly. It begins with Christ addressing the apostles. Jesus states "Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me..." Of course, what Christ is saying is that the apostles (and our) focus must be on Christ, not on those around us, no matter who those people are.

We cannot be fully devoted to Christ and to another equally. The apostles, like us, must be focused on Christ and carrying forth his work in the world because Christ claims us for his own during our baptism. Imagine how difficult the decision was for the apostles of Christ. They, once called, had to choose to leave

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family and friends, community and employment, their entire lifestyle had to change in order to meet the demands of carrying forth the message of Christ.

We too are asked to choose Christ over all people and situations. This does not mean we turn our back in hatred towards our loved ones, or others that might stand in the way of our total devotion to Christ, we must keep them close to us while maintaining Christ as the center of our lives service and devotion.

Although this may seem difficult, through keeping Christ central in our life, we truly serve those we love and encourage them to do the same.

Peace,

Rev. John Horgan

Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, & Lamp

In Memory of Lillian Maio

Saturday, July 1

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

Monday, July 3

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, July 4

7:45AM Augustino Canzano /
Lennon Family

Wednesday, July 5

7:45AM Alfred & Elizabeth Terrinoni /
Annette, Jim, Linda Cosie

Thursday, July 6

7:45AM Ted Tirinato / Rose Tout

Friday, July 7

7:45AM Mass League Intentions

Saturday, July 8

9:00AM Luke Morrisroe /
Collins Family
4:00PM VIGIL Romeo Pilon /
Pilon Family

Sunday, July 9

7:30AM Suzanne Sarno /
Carol & Don Scullion
10:30AM Col. Robert Davis /
Womens' Bible Study
5:00PM Richard S. Roche /
The McDevitt Family

MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Lucy J. McLean / Sally Talarczyk

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | JULY 1 - 2

This weekend, July 1-2, 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. Your goodness is inspiring!

Parish Office Closed Independence Day

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass on Wednesday, July 5, 2023* at 8:15 AM to prepare a variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. (*Please note the change in date due to the holiday.) For more information please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com. Thank you!

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, July 6 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.

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.

Monthly Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden at 3147 Erie Boulevard on Wednesday, July 12 at 12:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Monday, July 10. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Join us Monday through Friday after 7:45 AM Mass (around 8:15 AM) to pray the rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray.

Refugee Assistance Clothing Drive

COLLECTION BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

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

- toddler 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!

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to see more! @holycrossdewitt**



Around town

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

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 ctkretreat.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

Rite of Candidacy at St. Mary's Cortland

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023

Join the Seminarians for the Rite of Candidacy. Candidacy is the liturgical rite of admission, requested by a seminarian of his Bishop, which formally acknowledges and enrolls him as a candidate for Sacred Orders.

This is an important step for John Brusa III and Joseph Ryan, who are completing their pastoral years and are now more intently preparing to be ordained as deacons next year and then as priests in 2025. They will take this step on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. All are invited to Mass at St. Mary's Church in Cortland at 6:30 PM for this wonderful celebration with Bishop Lucia, the seminarians, and their families.

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, & Twitter to see more! [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt)



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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STEBENVILLE 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



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR JUNE 25 REPORTED IN NEXT ISSUE

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, JULY 3

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JULY 4

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JULY 6

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 7

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JULY 8

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE CLOTHING DRIVE

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JULY 9

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE CLOTHING DRIVE

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
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following
people in your prayers:

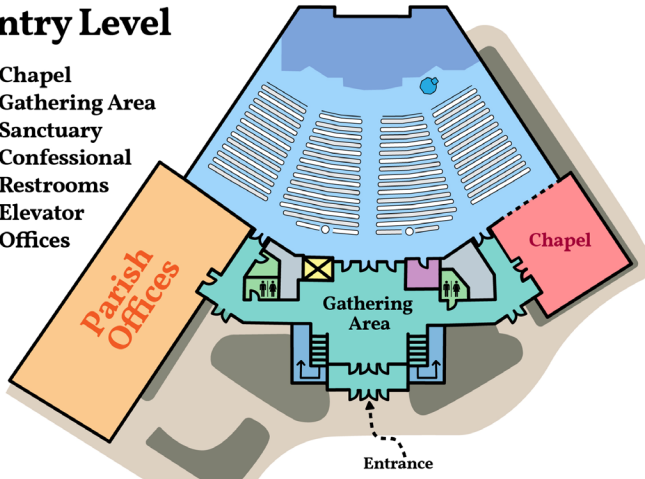
Abrielle Lynch, Adam Resetarits,
Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver,
Elaine Lostumbo, Ellyn Lubel,
Faith Muller, John Toole,
Joseph Smith, Margaret Blanchfield,
Margaret (Peg) Driscoll,
Nancy Ferrara, and Nancy Patane

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.

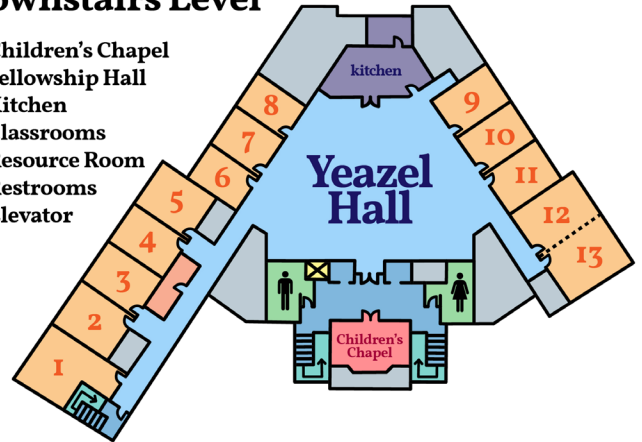
Entry Level

- 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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Holy Cross School

Educated Minds • Faith-Filled Hearts

Holy Cross School is a private, Pre-K through 6th grade Catholic educational community associated with Holy Cross Parish in Dewitt, New York and part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse. At Holy Cross School, our students get a superior education in an innovative learning institution that produces outstanding overall academic performance year after year. They also learn lifelong values that never change including faith, service, honesty, courtesy, and compassion. Since family is a key value, we also offer flexible hours for busy parents with before and after school programs, are conveniently located, and foster a safe environment for children.



Nationally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. To learn more or schedule a tour, visit our website at www.hcschooldewitt.org or give us a call at (315) 446-4890.



Community

We invite you to get connected with our Holy Cross family. There are many opportunities for all walks of life. Here are just a few ways to get connected with our community.

Special Events

Events and special activities throughout the year help connect our parishioners and build community with one another. Events include festivities like our Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa, and Parish Picnic. These events are always open to all, and we invite you to use them as an opportunity to deepen your friendships, meet new people, and invite others into our community. We also provide unique experiences for our youth like retreats, pilgrimages, vacation bible schools, and youth conferences. Visit our website to see what's coming up next!



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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