



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 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 16, 2023

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
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READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Have you ever considered the seeds that you plant in your day-to-day life? We can plant seeds of hope and optimism or doubt and misery through the interactions we have with those around us. We can also plant seeds of faith when we speak to others about our knowledge of God's plan for our lives. Today's first reading and the gospel are linked by seeds. In the first reading Isaiah tells us that both rain and snow water the earth and cause the seeds to grow and provide us with food. In the gospel, Christ speaks of a sower sowing his seed and of the different places where the seed fell and grew. We are the seed and Christ the water which nourishes us

and causes us to grow. The reading today should prompt us to look honestly at our own lives and see which seed we happen to be – fruitful or fruitless.

Of course, the other aspect of this seed to ground pairing is the fruitfulness of the ground that receives the seeds. Jesus distinguishes between the different types of soil, noting that some is rocky, some is thin, and some is rich. As this is a parable, we are not talking about real soil, but about the hearts and minds of the people who hear the words of God and the message of the church. Perhaps we can think about which type of soil we are, whether our hearts and minds are able to take in the seeds of faith that have been planted by our church, our Lord and our world, and produce a harvest worthy of the sacrifices that our God has made for us.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

4:00PM VIGIL Sue & Charles Farnett / Pilon Family

Sunday, July 16

7:30AM Helen Seaman / The Shulte Family

10:30AM Lena DeRollo / The Wood Family

5:00PM Rev. Eric Harer / Michael

Monday, July 17

7:45AM James Quartier / The Wiese Family

Tuesday, July 18

7:45AM Matthew Lorraine / The Davidson Family – Matt, Suzanne, Maura Kate, Luke, Lydia & Madeline

Wednesday, July 19

7:45AM Catherine Collins Bona / Mother / Family

Thursday, July 20

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Friday, July 21

7:45AM Jack Siemasko / Neil & Barbara Bourcy

Saturday, July 22

9:00AM Dominic Pensabene / Diane Harrington

4:00PM VIGIL Sean Cook / Nancy Ferante

Sunday, July 23

7:30AM Antonio Bianchetti / Nick & Angela Mastrogiovanni

10:30AM Rita Centra / Family

5:00PM Pat Riley / The Clelands

News & Events

Refugee Assistance Clothing Drive

COLLECTION ENDS THIS 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!

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following Daily Mass on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 8:15 AM to prepare PB&J sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. New volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, July 18 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. We will be making angel blankets. All are welcome to join—blankets are made using a simple stitch. Bring a bagged lunch & drink.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, July 20 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.

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free movie screening. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

Evening of Adoration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 | 7:00 PM

Holy Cross offers Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the church. On Wednesday, July 26, all are invited to attend a special evening of Adoration accompanied by worship music led by special musician, Jeremy Bobak.

Childcare provided by our youth discipleship and adult leaders will be offered at the church during this time to give any parents the opportunity for uninterrupted prayer and reflection.

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.

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to see more! @holycrossdewitt**



Reflection

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In order to attain the glory which has been promised us we must nurture the seeds of faith within us and listen to the word of God, living out His plan for our lives each and every day. Only then will we plant the seeds that help others to grow in their own faith. Let us ask ourselves if we are ready to put aside the less important things of this world and tune into the seeds that Jesus has planted in our hearts and minds.

Keep the faith,

Deacon Dare



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



Parish Eucharistic Revival

From the very beginning, the Church Fathers believed that the Eucharist was the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. When reading the writings of the Church Fathers on the Eucharist, it is clear that they believed in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

During this liturgical season from Corpus Christi 2023 to Corpus Christi 2024, the Church is celebrating the National Eucharistic Revival at the parish level.

A statewide event is planned. **The NYS Eucharistic Congress** will take place **October 20-22, 2023** at the Martyrs Shrine at Auriesville. Holy Cross will offer videos, individual and parish programs, continue our Eucharistic Miracles display, promote our current Monday 8:15 AM and Wednesday 7:00 PM Hours of Adoration and other special Eucharistic presentations.

Watch for more news and updates in the bulletin and Weekly Brief. If you would like to assist with the Parish Eucharistic Revival, please call Regina Harty at 315-446-5952 or email info@holycrossdewitt.org.

Steubenville Youth Conference

Pray for our high school students who are away this weekend at the Steubenville Youth Conference. Students from across our diocese and across the country are coming together for a weekend at Franciscan University packed with dynamic presentations, powerful concerts, life-changing prayer & adoration, and growing deeper through the sacraments. If you have a middle or high school student interested in getting connected with our discipleship group and youth programs, contact Claire at claire@holycrossdewitt.org.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for

Rachel Honis & Dylan Haines

who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on **July 25, 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!

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: \$14,944.00

COLLECTION FOR JULY 2: \$15,790.00

DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: AUGUST 13, 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 17

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Bible Study, Rooms 1-2

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Parish Office

6:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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:

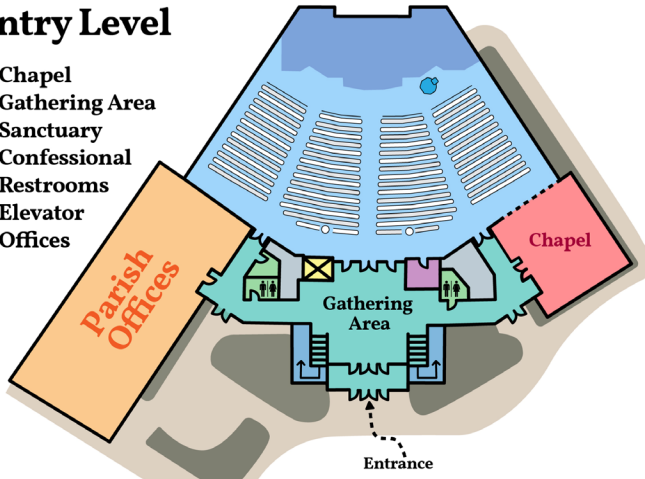
Kathleen Crouch
Dinita Machlin
Liz and Tony Mollica
Ann Kronner
Elaine Lostumbo
Abrielle Lynch
Faith Muller
Nancy Patane
John Toole

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.

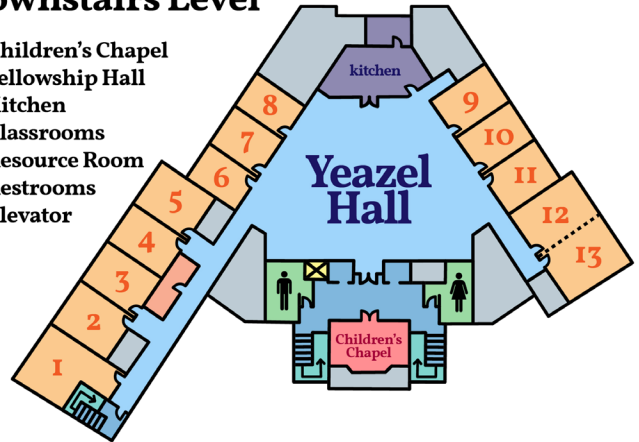
Entry Level

- 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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