



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**JULY 23, 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](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, JULY 23, 2023

### READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

Our readings for this Sunday offer us quite a portrait of God for our reflection. The mercy and the justice of God are not things at odds or separate from each other but are both essential to who God is, and they are always held together as one.

Both our first reading from the Book of Wisdom and the parable of the Weeds and Wheat from Matthew's Gospel display the captivating mystery of how such mercy and justice unfold. While there is a significant level of seriousness in the implications of what is presented today—namely, that there is such a thing as an ultimate or final judgment of us at the end of all things and that God indeed has such power over us—we should

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still allow these words to resonate in us at our core as a message of hope and good news.

The Lord's apparent patience or tolerance toward evil, sin, and suffering in this world is itself an expression of mercy and simultaneously it is evidence for the Lord's desire for all to come to repentance and the desire for all to receive salvation and eternal life. And here, we might recall wisdom from St. Teresa of Ávila: God doesn't change, patience obtains all things. Out of love and desire for us to know the fullness of life and authentic joy in Him and for us to also know that our free actions and choices have implications, Jesus puts this parable forth before us.

While the temptations might be to either be filled with fear (in the negative sense of being afraid of God never to approach him) or overly generous toward ourselves (as in being convinced that I'm not in need of

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 22

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

### Monday, July 24

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Tuesday, July 25

7:45AM Richard Kleisle / Jo Oliva

### Wednesday, July 26

7:45AM Alfred Terrinoni / James & Shirley Terrinoni

### Thursday, July 27

7:45AM Joan Garbinski / Dare & Mary Beth Dutter

### Friday, July 28

7:45AM Frank Loguidice / Family

### Saturday, July 29

9:00AM Alyce McNamara  
4:00PM VIGIL Robert Hinkle Sr. / Family

### Sunday, July 30

7:30AM Kathrine A. Collins / Grandchildren  
10:30AM Catherine Muller / Jo Oliva  
5:00PM Dr. Carl Austin / Austin Family

Get the latest event details at [holycrossdewitt.org/events](http://holycrossdewitt.org/events)



# News & Events

## 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 viewing of *Fireproof*, a heartwarming story about love, forgiveness, and hope. It is a reminder that even when things are tough, love can always conquer. The film stars Kirk Cameron. 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.

## Holy Hour at St. Mary's Jamesville

**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

There will be a Holy Hour at St. Mary's church in Jamesville on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 PM. The hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

## 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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## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL

# BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

• **JULY 29 - AUGUST 6** •



## Back to School Supply Drive

**JULY 29 - AUGUST 6**

Mothers & Children in Crisis (MCC) is a Syracuse-based advocacy group supporting families in the court system. The Holy Cross community helps to support their children by offering a backpack and needed school supplies to set them off on the right foot each school year. This is our 8th year of supporting this cause!

Our collection needs include:

- backpacks
- #2 pencils
- erasers
- colored pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- pencil cases
- wide-ruled notebooks
- glue sticks

All levels of school supplies from pre-K to high school. The school supply collection goes from July 29 through August 6. Learn more about MCC and their mission at: [mccsyracuse.org](http://mccsyracuse.org)

## Reflection

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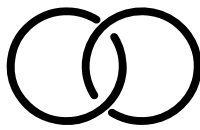
changing my life to better respond to the teachings of the Gospel), we rather should be courageous to look ourselves honestly and examine where we are in our discipleship. This gesture of humility is not lost on the Lord, who desires to provide us all the graces necessary to be lifted up and strengthened to joyfully live the Gospel. The deep consolation for us is that we will never be abandoned or left wanting as we continue striving to respond to this call...remember Jesus' invitation: "Come to Me, you who labor and are burdened..."

Let's ask the Lord to pour out his grace to strengthen and purify our hearts that we may be saved from any spiritual blindness we may have, and be filled with confidence that as the Lord transforms us by way of His mercy, we will then be more free to receive and to extend that remarkable gift of divine mercy.

Peace,

*Rev. Branda Foley*

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### 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!



## Parish Eucharistic Revival

To assist the Parish Eucharistic Revival and continue to provide formational content for our parishioners, Holy Cross has renewed its annual subscription to FORMED. FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone. It is full of faith studies, books, audiobooks, video series, and much more.

# FORMED

Some of our teens just returned from the Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University, and the video we are featuring this week is with Father Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University. Check out The Wild Goose Series: *The Spirit and the Eucharist* | Episode 6.



For children there is a quick 4 minute video titled Short Answers to Big Questions – What is the Eucharist?



New to FORMED? Here's how to get started: Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Click on "Sign Up." Search for *Holy Cross Dewitt* in the parish locator. Then, put in your name and email to login. Use the search feature to find programs or scan the QR codes above. And don't forget to join us for Adoration this Wednesday with special music by Jeremy Bobak and free childcare provided.

# 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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/give)



## FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED:	\$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR JULY 9:	\$16,533.00
COLLECTION FOR JULY 16:	\$13,861.00
PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:	\$692.00

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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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Harry Cooper  
Kathleen Crouch  
Margaret Driscoll-Cheah  
Ann Kronner  
Elaine Lostumbo  
Abrielle Lynch  
Dinita Machlin  
Liz and Tony Mollica  
Faith Muller  
Nancy Patane  
John Toole

## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, JULY 24

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church  
9:00 AM Totus Tuus (1-6), School/Church  
7:00 PM Totus Tuus (7-12), School/Church

### TUESDAY, JULY 25

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
9:00 AM Totus Tuus (1-6), School/Church  
1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall  
7:00 PM Totus Tuus (7-12), School/Church

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
9:00 AM Totus Tuus (1-6), School/Church  
5:00 PM Totus Tuus Potluck, Yeazel Hall  
7:00 PM Totus Tuus (7-12), Church  
7:00 PM Adoration, Church  
7:00 PM Childcare, Rooms 12-13  
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
9:00 AM Totus Tuus (1-6), School/Church  
7:00 PM Totus Tuus (7-12), School/Church  
7:00 PM Holy Hour, St. Mary's, Jamesville

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
9:00 AM Totus Tuus (1-6), School/Church

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church  
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church  
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

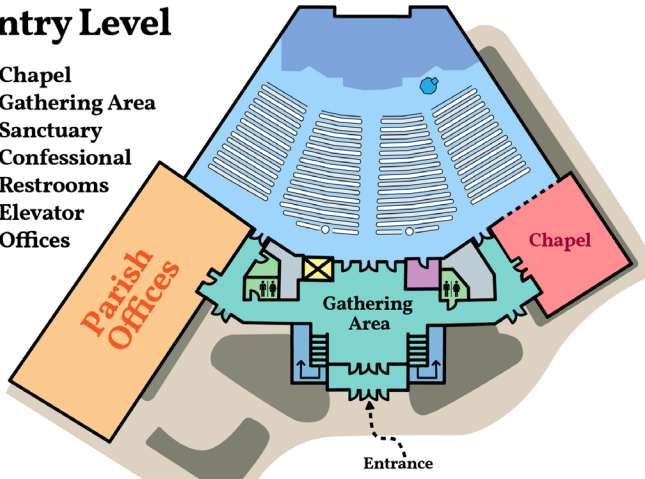
7:30 AM Mass, Church  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Conference Room  
10:30 AM Mass, Church  
5:00 PM Mass, Church

# 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.

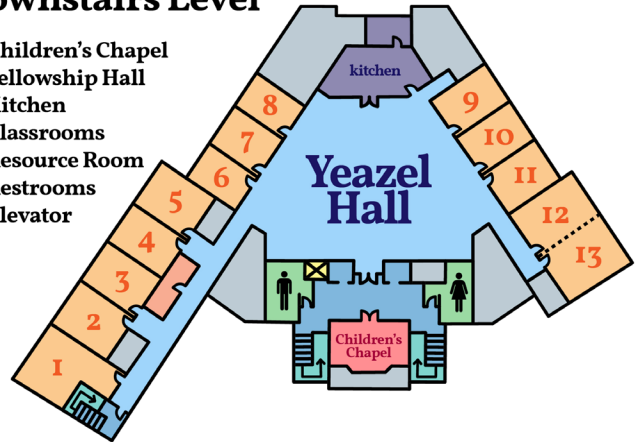
## Entry Level

- Chapel
- Gathering Area
- Sanctuary
- Confessional
- Restrooms
- Elevator
- Offices



## Downstairs Level

- Children's Chapel
- Fellowship Hall
- Kitchen
- Classrooms
- Resource Room
- Restrooms
- Elevator



## OUR STAFF

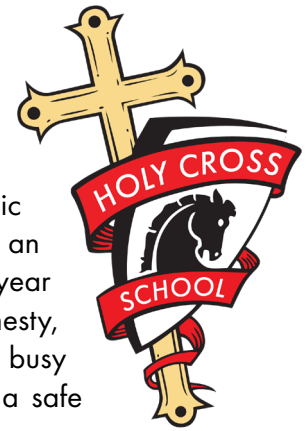
Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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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](http://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](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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