



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Students celebrated Mass each day at Holy Cross during Totus Tuus summer camp last week. Photos & story coming soon.

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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 30, 2023

Sunday Reflections  
in your inbox;  
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### READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Psalms 119:57, 72, 76, 127-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

Today in the reading from the First Book of Kings, we hear about Solomon. God gives Solomon a chance to choose any blessing that he might desire. Imagine what we might conger up in our minds if God would give us that opportunity.

This would be a chance to change who we are. We could ask to change our looks or intelligence. Perhaps we might want to change how others perceive us.

Solomon, simply asked that God allow him to be of service to other people. This seems strange at first glance, yet this reaction sheds light on who Solomon is; he is a model for disciples to follow.

Solomon has found the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price. This pearl is service to God and to God's people. In choosing this blessing, we should not forget that Solomon gives up many of the blessings that society holds dear in favor of being a person of service.

I hope that we spend many hours each week in prayer. As we pray, we ask God to answer our prayers. We should ask ourselves if those prayers are for our benefit or for the benefit of each other. If we are to be of service to other people, we need to pray for them, for their intentions, and put our needs after their needs. In that way, perhaps we too will have the Wisdom of Solomon.

Blessings,

*Rev. John Horgan*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 29

**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

### Monday, July 31

**7:45AM** Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Tuesday, August 1

**7:45AM** Joan Garbinski / Family

### Wednesday, August 2

**7:45AM** Mary Sinnott Darcy / John H. Heyer

### Thursday, August 3

**7:45AM** Dr. Robert Daly / Francis & Sally Ward

### Friday, August 4

**7:45AM** Mass League Intentions

### Saturday, August 5

**9:00AM** Bill Sr., Helen, Charles, Mary Kay, Jordan & Roark Nagler

**4:00PM VIGIL** Francis Xavier Golden / David & Sue Hines

### Sunday, August 6

**7:30AM** Maria Laura Pallotta / Nick & Angela Mastrogiovanni

**10:30AM** Anthony Kolinski / Kirkman Family

**5:00PM** Dorris Scibilia / Maio Family

#### MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Eileen Ferrara / Patricia Vanderhoek  
Deceased Members of Cariseo & Burkart

# News & Events

## Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 | 8:15 AM**

Please join us in Holy Cross School on Tuesday, August 1 at 8:15 AM (following daily Mass) to prepare a variety of sandwiches (PB&J, Egg Salad, Chicken Salad, and Tuna Salad) for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. No need to sign up or RSVP ahead of time. New volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please email Julie Johnson at [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

## Food Giving Weekend

**AUGUST 5 - 6**

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, August 5 - 6, 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 (pods)

## A Heartfelt Thank You

### TO OUR AMAZING PARISH COMMUNITY FROM THE REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

We have restocked the shelves and racks at the CYO clothes closet with your wonderful donations to the RAC clothing collection, which will provide a warm welcome to so many newly arrived refugees. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

## 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.

## 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)



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Many blessings to the **Fiacco Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

## Around town

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

### St. Vincent De Paul Fundraiser for South Sudan Clinic SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

Let's all come together in support of our South Sudanese brothers and sisters on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 3:00 PM - Midnight in the St. Vincent De Paul School Cafeteria. Parking available in lot on Winton St. between Hawley and Burnet. Join us at whatever time you can!

The purpose of the fundraiser is to help build a clinic in the village of Ajuet within Aweil in South Sudan. The clinic will be for expectant mothers and mothers with children. The only hospital is miles and miles away. The women and children of the village are not receiving the care they need to be healthy and have healthy, thriving children.

Suggested donation minimum \$10.00, but please be as generous as you can. Thank you for caring & putting your faith in action!

### Men's Bible Study

**BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

You're invited to join a group of men from neighboring parishes for a bible study on the Book of John on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM beginning September 12, 2023. The bible study will take place at Our Lady of Hope, 4845 South Salina Street. For more information or if you'd like to sign up, contact Wayne Rheame by email at [One7777@aol.com](mailto:One7777@aol.com) by phone/text at 315-657-5156.

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## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for

### Meghan Macri & Steven Lounsbury

who will celebrate their wedding  
at Holy Cross on **August 19, 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

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Here at Holy Cross Parish, like every parish in our country, we want to bring that healing and strength to all. Receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. We are blessed to have Mass celebrated seven days a week. Adore Jesus in Adoration in our Eucharistic Chapel on Mondays following 7:45 AM Mass with Divine Mercy and Rosary at 8:45 AM. The chapel is open following 7:45 AM Mass until 3:00 PM for private prayer. Be present to the Real Presence on Wednesday evenings in the church at 7:00 PM. Jesus is waiting for you.

# 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 23: \$16,494.00

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: 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](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 31

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, School

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

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, AUGUST 3

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION ENDS

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

7:30 AM Mass, Church

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

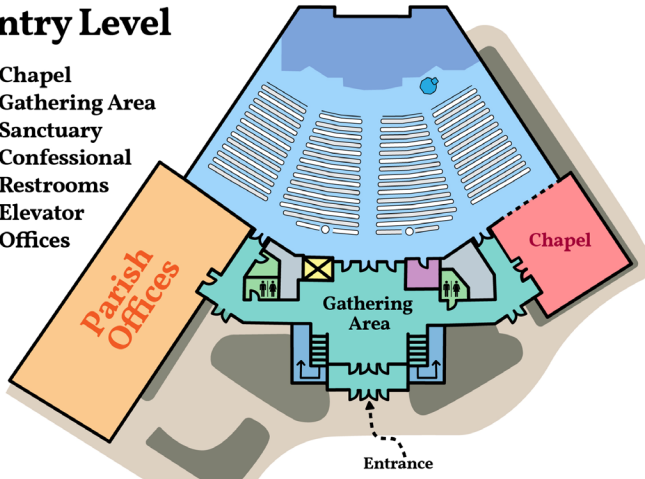


# Parish Office

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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