



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

We had an amazing week of Totus Tuus at Holy Cross! Many thanks to our students, missionaries, volunteers, clergy, parents, and diocesan youth office! Find more photos online at holycrossdewitt.org/news.

AUGUST 6, 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, AUGUST 6, 2023

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

One of the things we do not think about when we envision Jesus is the great glory he experienced as the son of God in heaven. We think of him as someone just like us, a human being with the same qualities, the same limitations, and the same flaws as the rest of us. While Jesus is truly man, he is also truly God; he is God incarnate. This weekend's feast of the Transfiguration recalls the day when Christ was on Mount Tabor with his disciples and in their sight he was transfigured. The glory with which he stood before them is the glory he had before he came to earth to suffer and die for us—a glory which awaits us on the last day when we too, will enter the kingdom of heaven and be counted among the elect.

The first reading from the book of Daniel speaks of this glory. We hear about the glory of God, of his magnificent appearance, and of his dazzlingly white robes. The second reading from St Peter (a witness to the Transfiguration) also speaks of the glory of Christ. The gospel text from St Luke recounts the Transfiguration of the Lord on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. While the disciples look on, Jesus' appearance is changed and his clothes appear to be dazzlingly white while he speaks with Moses and Elijah. In this gospel reading, we can recognize that Jesus is greater than both the Law and the Prophets. As with Christ's baptism in the Jordan, the Father's voice sounds from heaven to proclaim his satisfaction with his Son.

Our faith tells us that Jesus is truly God and truly man. As a man, he is indeed one of us. But as God, he is

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Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, & Lamp

In Memory of Herbert Silvestri / Family

Saturday, August 5

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

Monday, August 7

7:45AM Marty & Mary Baumis / Delores Petta

Tuesday, August 8

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, August 9

7:45AM James Quartier / Tony & Kay Sgarlata

Thursday, August 10

7:45AM Phyllis E. Hegney / Joe & Diana Evans

Friday, August 11

7:45AM Frank Gigliotti / Joanne & Roger Hagan

Saturday, August 12

9:00AM Bill & Anne FitzPatrick / Richard Jenkins

4:00PM VIGIL Catherine Muller / Rose Tout

Sunday, August 13

7:30AM Don Foster / Family

10:30AM Bill Sr., Helen, Charles, Mary Kay, Jordan & Roark Nagler

5:00PM Liz Miller / Leigh Marquis

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

AUGUST 5 - 6

This weekend, August 5-6, 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 local area pantries.

Mass at St. Mary's in Jamesville

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 | 10:00 AM

There will be Mass at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville on Thursday, August 10 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend! We hope you can join us.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

Join us for Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15. Masses will be at 7:45 AM and 5:30 PM at Holy Cross.

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, August 15 in observance of the holy day.

Coffee & Conversation Info

NO COFFEE & CONVERSATION THIS MONTH

There will be no Coffee & Conversation this month due to Yeazel Hall being closed for annual maintenance and cleaning. We'll see you in September!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

In order to help adults interested in joining the Catholic Church find answers and discern whether they are ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, the Church has designed a helpful process called OCIA (formerly known as RCIA). The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a journey by which adult can learn about and experience the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our OCIA group beginning this fall, please contact Fr. Foley at bfoley@syrдио.org or call the parish office at 315-446-0473.

Sign Up Today!

Registration is now open for our youth & family programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Learn more & register at holycrossdewitt.org/youth

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes are available for students in grades 1-12 and take place one day a week before school and include breakfast and busing to schools in JD Central School District. *Register before Sept. 1 to get your free house shirt!*

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Youth discipleship builds on the intellectual foundation found in Faith Formation and creates opportunities for fellowship and deeper spiritual growth. Youth discipleship groups for middle school and high school students are usually bi-weekly throughout the school year and also include some fun events and trips.

FIRST COMMUNION PREP - 2ND GRADE

Preparation and celebration for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist is a complementary process that typically take place during a child's second grade year. First Penance is celebrated in the fall, and First Eucharist is then celebrated in the spring. *Deadline to register is September 10, 2023*

**A prerequisite to First Penance and First Eucharist Prep is that students have attended and continue to attend a Catholic school or participated in a Faith Formation program in first grade and continue to participate.*

CONFIRMATION PREP - 10TH GRADE

Confirmation preparation takes place during a teen's sophomore year of high school. *Deadline to register is September 24, 2023.* To learn more and to register, visit holycrossdewitt.org/cdp

**A prerequisite to Confirmation Prep is that students have attended and continue to attend a Catholic school or participated in a Faith Formation program in ninth grade and continue to participate during prep year.*

Back to School Supply Drive

JULY 29 - AUGUST 6

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our 8th annual Back to School Supply Drive to benefit Mothers & Children in Crisis!

Reflection

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heir to the glory that is due to our creator, redeemer, and Messiah. As true disciples of Christ, we need to always remember that when Jesus came to Earth, he gave up the trappings of glory in heaven so that we could be glorified one day. We must always appreciate everything Jesus has done for us.

In faith,

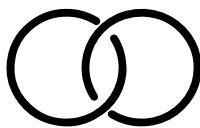
Deacon Dare

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is seeking nominations for council candidates to be elected this September

The Holy Cross Pastoral Council assists the pastor of Holy Cross in executing on the needs and developing direction and goals of the parish. They also serve as a communication conduit for the parish community as a representative of your voice. Council members serve two-year terms and are expected to attend regular council meetings throughout the year.

Elections for new council members will be this September. If you would like to nominate someone or nominate yourself for election, please fill out a nomination card found in the pews or submit a nomination online via our website holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc or scan the code provided. Nominations must be received by Sunday, August 20.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for

Meghan Macri & Steven Lounsbury

who will celebrate their wedding
at Holy Cross on **August 19, 2023.**



Parish Eucharistic Revival

The following is taken from *The Divine Encounter: Meeting Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration* by Mark Hart.

"Whether you are a "seasoned vet" when it comes to Adoration or the entire concept is new to you, the reality is that the Eucharist is our greatest gift as Catholics. The opportunity to worship the Lord and adore him in his Most Blessed Sacrament is one that cannot be understated or taken for granted. Through the Eucharist, we have an opportunity for intimacy with the Lord unlike what any other denomination can offer. We are blessed beyond measure.

And while Adoration is most often thought of as taking place before the exposed Eucharist, it can also be done before the reserved Eucharist in the tabernacle,"

The church sanctuary and chapel are open daily for Adoration. There is no Adoration during a Mass, be it daily, Sunday, funeral Mass, school Mass or other occasion. Outside Mass times, the chapel and church are available for Adoration whenever the church is open. Two scheduled times of Adoration are Monday 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM in the chapel and Wednesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the church. The Sacrament of Confession is also available Wednesdays from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Come and sit with Our Lord. Pour out your heart. Be silent. Listen. He loves you and waits to speak with 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



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR JULY 30: \$14,952.00

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

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:

Karlyn Bogdan
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, AUGUST 7

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

10:00 AM Communion Service, Menorah Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

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 10

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

10:00 AM Mass, St. Mary's Jamesville

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:30 AM Mass, Church

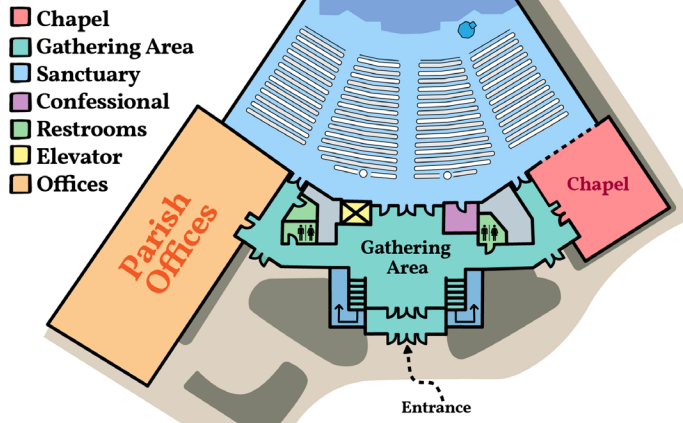
10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

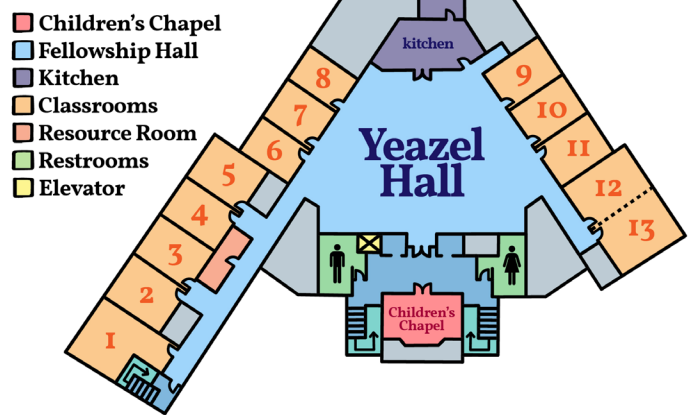
Parish Office

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



Downstairs Level



OUR STAFF

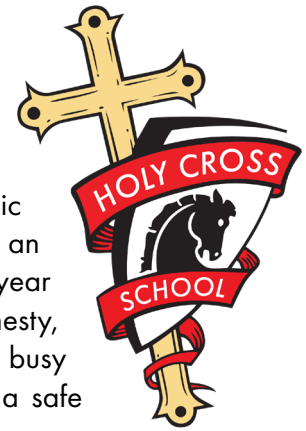
Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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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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