



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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AUGUST 13, 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 13, 2023

READINGS

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

There's an interesting connection that is threaded through our readings today, rich for our reflection. Consider the significant anxiety and concern that is present in the hearts of Elijah, of St. Paul, and of the Apostles! Elijah is in flight for fear of his life after the heroic victory over the 450 prophets of Baal. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans comes right out and says, "I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" over the rejection of Jesus and his Gospel which he is preaching, and of course the Apostles face shipwreck and probable loss of life at the result of a horrible storm in the night (and worse, Jesus is not with them).

In each of these situations there is plenty of cause for why any one of

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them might lose their concentration and take their eyes off the Lord to focus on their fears in front of them—an important lesson for our lives as disciples. No different from these individuals, we too are often inundated with many legitimate reasons to be consumed by fear or anxiety. Each reading today offers practical solutions for us to implement:

With Elijah: The Lord visits us in silence, the deepest whisperings from his heart to ours—this is where the Lord prefers to speak his consolation to us. With St. Paul: God, made manifest in Christ Jesus, is over all and is always faithful to his covenant, meaning we can find hope and confidence in who God is, and his power over all, which includes our weaknesses and even our trials and spaces of anxiety. With the Apostles: even while the temptation to fix our eyes on the 'storm' is strong, keep fixed on Jesus, even if we begin to sink,

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Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Marianna Sarro / Family

Saturday, August 12

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

Monday, August 14

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, August 15

7:45AM Jim Hughes
5:30PM Barbara O'Hara / Tony & Kay Sgarlata

Wednesday, August 16

7:45AM Marianna Sarro / Family

Thursday, August 17

7:45AM James G. Cohen / Wife

Friday, August 18

7:45AM Alan Haley / Kathy Kotz

Saturday, August 19

9:00AM Emilia C. Mortas / Margaret Cook
4:00PM VIGIL Gary Smith / Claudette Alten

Sunday, August 20

7:30AM Joanne Piston / John & Carol Quist
10:30AM Alan Haley / Relihan & Foraker Families
5:00PM Mary Nolan / Francis Raven

News & Events

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.



Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

NO MEETING THIS WEEK

The sandwich ministry for the Catholic Charities' Men's Shelter will NOT meet on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. The next meeting date will be September 5, 2023.

- For more information please email. Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group will be on Thursday, August 17 at 1:00 PM in the parish office. 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.

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 adults 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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he immediately rushes to us and invites us to trust in his ability to save us.

So now it is up to us to respond and turn away from an inner attitude of fear and intimidation toward a concentrated focus on Jesus' call to us. His 'still small voice' constantly beckons us to find refuge in him. If you are drowning in the midst of storms, on the run, or even familiar with the experience of knowing constant anguish of heart—I suggest you find yourself quietly before Jesus in the Eucharist to ask him to speak to the depths of your heart. His power, his silence, his fidelity will not fail you.

Peace,



Pastoral Council

The Holy Cross Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to consider Pastoral Council membership. We currently need three nominees from parishioners, one being a senior high student. As the Council continues its communication and representation of parishioners, acting in support of our parish and communication with our priests and church programs, we have an additional seat on the Council for a student. We know that a student has insight for our student faith programs and also for continuing faith connection after high school graduation. Our Constitution requires quarterly meetings in September, November, March and May, and the president schedules additional monthly meetings as needed. The meetings are currently on Thursdays, beginning at 5:30 PM and last about an hour and a half. Therefore, with our Catholic faith being so important in our daily lives and parish life, we ask you to consider nominating yourself or someone else in the next two weeks. We will then proceed with the election process to have membership for our September 28, 2023 meeting.

SCAN THE CODE TO NOMINATE >



Thank you.

Karen Markoff, HC Pastoral Council President



Parish Eucharistic Revival

Pilgrimage to NYS Eucharistic Congress

OCTOBER 21, 2023

As part of our Parish Eucharistic Revival, Holy Cross is planning a pilgrimage to the NYS Eucharistic Congress on October 21, 2023 from 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. More information and transportation registration to come. The Congress will be held from October 20-22 and information is available at nyseucharisticcongress.org. If interested in the pilgrimage, email info@holycross-dewitt.org.

Bishop Barron Book Study

Bishop Robert Barron's book, *This is My Body*, is being distributed in the church entrance on the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit tables. Holy Cross will present book studies on it in the very near future. There is a sign-up form near the exhibit and also on the tables at the exits of church. Fill out your name, contact info, and the general time you prefer to participate—morning, afternoon, or evening. Dates and times will be posted soon so you'll have plenty of time to read the book and prepare for discussion.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

You may have noticed the Eucharistic Miracle panels by Blessed Carlo Acutis on exhibit again in the church entrance. We hope you are enjoying reading and studying them. They'll be exchanged every 3-4 weeks with a different set. The lending process is going well and to date 135 panels have been viewed at 8 parishes/events. Two more parishes with 124 total panels are scheduled in the near future and 8 additional parishes are considering borrowing panels.

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 AUGUST 6: \$15,908.50

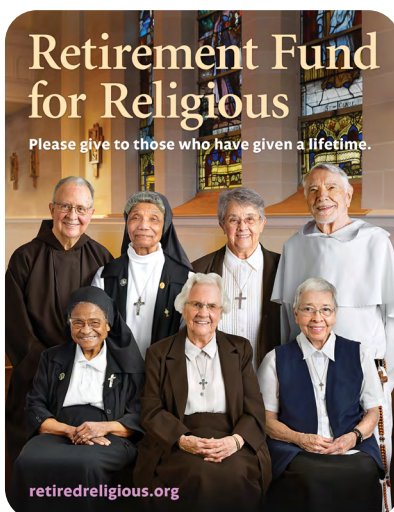


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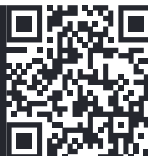
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: AUGUST 13, 2023

Retirement Fund for Religious SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in ministries—such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.



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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.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following
people in your prayers:

Karlynn 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
Sharon & Joseph Wegzyn

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Mass, Church

5:30 PM Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Parish Offices

6:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 AM Mass, Church

10:30 AM Mass, Church

12:30 PM CDP Exit Interviews, Church

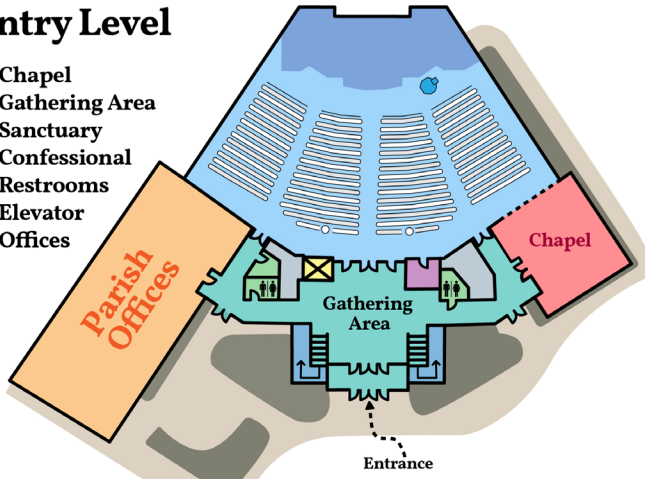
5:00 PM Mass, Church

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.

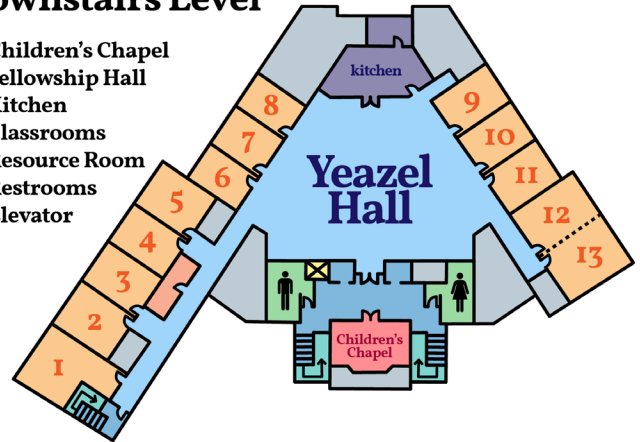
Entry Level

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



Downstairs Level

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



OUR STAFF

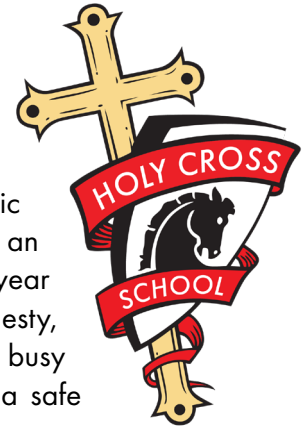
Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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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 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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