



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Holy Cross School Alumni Celebration  
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**AUGUST 20, 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, AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday Reflections  
in your inbox;  
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### READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

Each week in the readings of Sunday Mass we tend to see overarching themes. Today's theme is the question of the insider versus the outsider. Although important to human beings, God shatters the divisions that humans use to separate themselves from others.

A human reality is that each group, whether religious, cultural, political, or national, clearly states what they believe and with whom they identify. These groups do this to delineate themselves from other groups around them. While some of these delineations are necessary, when it comes to Jesus, we see him break out of the limitations imposed on him by his cultural identity.

We would be mistaken if we believed the culture Jesus was born into did not affect him personally. If he was not impacted, it would make what Jesus did somewhat less important, or indeed, less remarkable. Jesus' culture did affect him but he succeeded in bringing the outsider, those that society thought of as unclean or unworthy of God, to the forefront of his ministry. It was these people that he cured, forgave and loved. Where would we be today if Jesus had not broken out of these cultural expectations? Salvation would not be possible!

As for us, we are insiders because of our belief in Christ, but can be outsiders due to our sin. Through the forgiveness that we receive from Jesus, are we willing to reach out to everyone around us and invite him or her to the table of Christ? If so, then the outsider becomes the insider, and we help continue the work of Jesus!

Peace,  
*Rev. John Horgan*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 19

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

### Monday, August 21

7:45AM Domenic Urciuoli /  
The Kinnan Family

### Tuesday, August 22

7:45AM Diana Valente Gerace /  
Joe & Diana Evans

### Wednesday, August 23

7:45AM Rev. Dan Mulhauser, S.J. /  
Pat & Elaine Ryan

### Thursday, August 24

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Friday, August 25

7:45AM William Poli / Kathy Kotz

### Saturday, August 26

9:00AM Richard Kleisle /  
Gardening Angels of Holy Cross

4:00PM VIGIL Henry Keller /  
Beth Schmitt

### Sunday, August 27

7:30AM Charles Luciano / Family

10:30AM Alan Haley /  
Kirkman Family

5:00PM Gus Bullock /  
Hall Montoya Families

# News & Events

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## 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 (August 25) at various locations. Newcomers welcome! Contact Lindsay Rowe 585-369-8237 for more information.

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## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall (or in the church if Yeazel Hall is unavailable) for a free viewing of *The Original Image of Divine Mercy* documentary. Discover the fascinating and mysterious history of the Original Image of Divine Mercy. Through interviews with key witnesses and those closest to the subject, this film carefully retraces the painting's turbulent and unpredictable timeline, as well as the necessary role it plays in the devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy.

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## Men's Bible Study

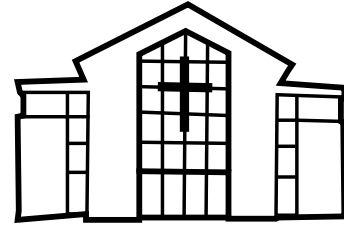
**BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

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 Rheume by email at [One7777@aol.com](mailto:One7777@aol.com) by phone/text at 315-657-5156.

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## 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@syrdio.org](mailto:bfoley@syrdio.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 including Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep.

Learn more & register at [holycrossdewitt.org/youth](http://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](http://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.*

## BIKE FOR BRADY!

Kevin Frank, Director of Brady & two dedicated donors will be biking across New York State from Buffalo to NYC on the Empire State Trail to raise money for the Brady Faith Center, Brady Market and Brady Farm.

**THAT'S 560 MILES! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please help us reach our goal of **\$70,000** to fund our 20+ programs

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## Parish Eucharistic Revival

Here is a brief outline of upcoming events planned for the Parish Eucharistic Revival:

- Father Foley will lead a Scripture study and teaching on the Eucharist, Wednesdays before 7:00 PM Adoration. Beginning date TBA.
- Pick up *This is My Body* in church and sign up for a September book study.
- Blessed Carlo Acutis Feast Day Mass – Thursday, October 12, 5:30 PM – Stop to view Carlo's Eucharistic Miracles exhibit on display again in the main entrance of church.
- NYS Eucharistic Congress, October 20-22 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville - [www.nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://www.nyseucharisticcongress.org)
  - Friday, Oct. 20 and Sunday, Oct. 22: Provide your own transportation.
  - Saturday, Oct. 21: Holy Cross Bus Pilgrimage, 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM, \$55 per person. Registration forms will be out the weekend of August 27. You must register with the NYS Congress whether traveling independently on Friday and Sunday or on the bus Saturday.

We'll update the schedule above with more Eucharistic studies, events, dates and detailed information as we move forward. Do you have suggestions? Please email us at [info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org) with thoughts.

## Pastoral Council

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

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 church or submit a nomination online at [holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc](http://holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc) or scan the code provided. **Nominations must be received by Sunday, August 20.**



## School News

### JOIN US FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Calling all alumni & parents of alumni!*

This year marks 65 years of Holy Cross School being open! We are inviting all of our alumni (and parents of alumni) to come back to Holy Cross School and celebrate with us on Saturday, September 23, 2023! There will be live music from an alumnus's band, food from your favorite Syracuse eateries, a cash bar\*, prizes and lots of memories and stories to be shared. Come see how Holy Cross continues to build on the legacy of so many of our amazing faculty, staff, students, and families. We hope you can join us in celebrating the past, appreciating the present, and looking forward to a bright future at Holy Cross School! \*Please note this event is for guests 21 and over.



Get your tickets today at [hcschooldewitt.org/celebration](http://hcschooldewitt.org/celebration)

# 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 AUGUST 13: \$17,272.51



## UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA – SEPTEMBER 3/10

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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:

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  
Sharon & Joseph Wegzyn

## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, AUGUST 21

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Mass, Church

5:30 PM Mass, Church

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

YEAZEL HALL CLOSED

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Room 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

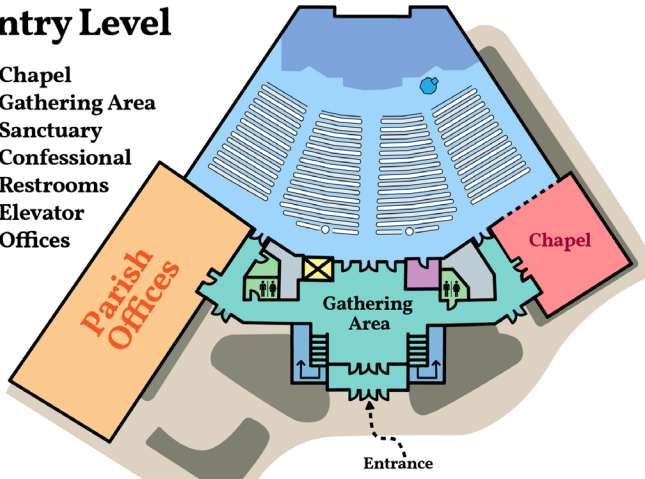
5:00 PM Mass, Church

# 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

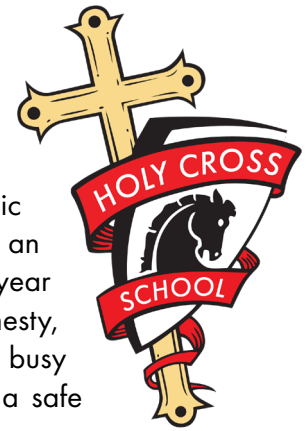
Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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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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