



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 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 27, 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

We Catholics are blessed in many ways by our Eucharistic faith and practices. Perhaps the most significant difference we have with other faiths is the concept that the Pope as leader of our church has a supernatural connection to God and to the popes who came before him. All this is due to the words that were said by Jesus to Peter in our gospel reading this weekend; "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." With those words, Jesus lays the foundation of the Catholic church, and this foundation has continued unbroken to this very day and will do so forever.

With all of the pomp and pageantry

Sunday Reflections
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of the papacy, it is easy to get caught up in the ceremonial aspects of our church. It is important, however, to remember the reason that Jesus saw Peter as the leader of the church. Peter recognized Jesus as "the Messiah, the son of the living God," when he was asked the question; "Who do you say that I am?" by Jesus. It is this recognition that allows Peter to be the leader of God's Church on earth.

As Catholics and members of that Church, we must also answer the question of who Jesus is. We must answer it each day of our lives, with our actions and with our words. We recognize that our faith is a gift from God and that answering the question asked by Jesus is something that we do in that faith. As we say in the Creed, we "believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord." This creedal statement is one way we answer the question of

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Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

In celebration of 74 years of marriage to Ed Haynor by his loving wife, Paula

Saturday, August 26

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

Monday, August 28

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, August 29

7:45AM Alfred Terrinoni / Nicholas Nolan
7:45AM Lil Maio / Deacon Dare & Mary Beth Dutter

Wednesday, August 30

7:45AM Intentions of Milburge & Ralph D'Mello (59th Anniversary)

Thursday, August 31

7:45AM Bill Wilson / Catholic School Office

Friday, September 1

7:45AM Mass League Intentions

Saturday, September 2

9:00AM Stephen Oliva Sr. / Wife and Family
4:00PM VIGIL Pauline O'Donnell / Mary Ellen Brown

Sunday, September 3

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Colao Family / The Stewart Family
10:30AM David Murano / Antoinette & Peter Badera
5:00PM Dora Mutone / Daughters

MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Lillian Maio / Rosary Group

News & Events

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall 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.

Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

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 by phone/text at 315-657-5156.

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 or give our parish office a call at 315-446-0473.

Back to School Supplies Thank You

Our Back to School drive was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated supplies and energy! Holy Cross provided 90 fully packed backpacks to 35 families associated with Mothers and Children in Crisis. These children and their parents are most appreciative of all that they received. If only you could see their smiles! Any further donations will be distributed as needed to schools, students, and parishes. Your goodness is exceptional! We are seeking help for the 2024 drive. We invite volunteers to offer ideas and/or leadership for next year's project. Please contact the office for more information.



Reflection

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who Jesus is. Our actions comprise the rest of our answer. We answer the question of who Jesus is by doing the things he asked us to do: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked, among other things. Our actions tell the world who Jesus is and who we are in him. Let us follow the leadership of our Pope and go out into the world to serve those who are the least of his brothers and sisters.

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Many blessings to the **Benoit Family** and the **Cahill Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for

Paige Billy & Patrick King

who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on **September 3, 2023**.

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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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

EDUCATED MINDS † FAITH-FILLED HEARTS

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Parish Eucharistic Revival

A PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty, everlasting God, behold I approach the sacrament of your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

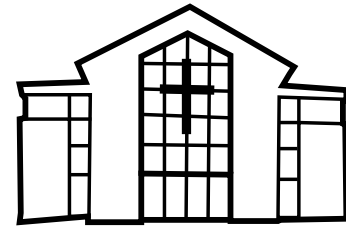
I come to it as a sick person to the physician who will save his life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the radiance of eternal light, one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth, praying that in your boundless generosity you will deign to cure my sickness, wash my defilement away, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness.

May the Bread of angels, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords be received by me with such humble reverence and devout contrition, such faith and purity, and such good resolutions as may help the salvation of my soul. Grant me grace, I beseech you, to receive not only the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood, but also its inward power and effect.

All gentle God, grant that my receiving of that body, your Only begotten son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, taken from the Virgin Mary's womb, may fit me to become part of his mystical body and to be reckoned one of its members.

Most loving Father, grant that your beloved Son whom I, an earthly wayfarer, am now to receive in his sacramental guise, may one day give me sight of his face and let me gaze upon him for all eternity, who is God, living and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

– ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



Youth Faith Formation

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

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. 10 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. Contact Steve (steve@holycrossdewitt.org) for info.

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.*

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 20: \$17,862.00



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

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:

Margaret Blanchfield
Karlyn Bogdan
Harry Cooper
Kathleen Crouch
Diane Doby
Margaret Driscoll-Cheah
Ann Kronner
Elaine Lostumbo
Abrielle Lynch
Dinita Machlin
Liz and Tony Mollica
Faith Muller
Nancy Patane
Kathy Thompson
John Toole
Sharon and Joseph Wegzyn

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:45 AM Mass, Church

1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Catholic Schools Opening Mass and Professional Development, Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Room 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

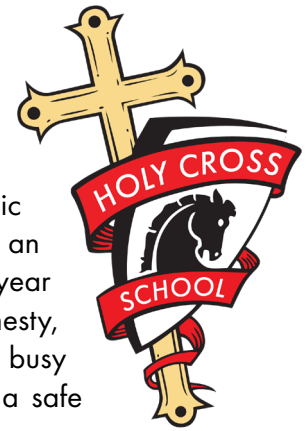
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Community

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

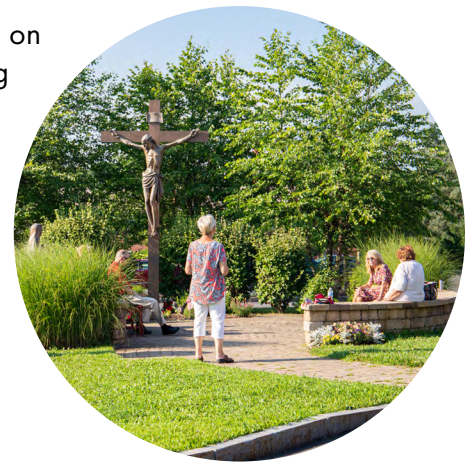
Throughout the year, there are groups of adults in our parish who get together on a regular basis for Bible study programs. On Sunday mornings our Adult Ministry comes together downstairs in Rooms 12 & 13 for fellowship and scripture study. All are welcome to join! No registration necessary. Other bible 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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