



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



2023
Annual
HOPE
Appeal



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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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

READINGS

Ez 33:7-9
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

In today's Gospel message, Matthew deals with how we as disciples deal with erring members of the faith community. Those of us who have had to deal with such issues recognize very well how difficult correction of another is. If we are being honest, we may be experiencing anger, or disappointment with the offending person, but we may also realize deep in our heart that we have hurt people as well. Conflict stirs up many emotions. This type of self-reflection can help us be honest with the offender, but at the same time compassionate. It is imperative that we remember that we do not present correction as punishment, but as correction in a form of love.

The Gospel of Matthew states that

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the person who is aggrieved should be the one to confront the offender. If that form of correction fails, the aggrieved person should confide in other members of the community and address the offender again. You may ask why this is so important.

Reconciliation is vital, and it is everyone's responsibility as disciples to not only help the offender recognize his/her offense, but to also help forgive that person so the community can remain strong. The idea of forgiveness of those at fault is a cornerstone of the teaching of Christ. Christ does not condone the sin that has been committed, but is always willing to forgive the person, if that person is truly repentant.

May we as faithful disciples have the ability to ask for forgiveness when necessary, to always be honest with each other, and offer forgiveness when asked.

Peace, *Rev. John Horgan*

Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, & Lamp

In memory of Christopher Harrison /
Mary Beth Harrison, mom

Saturday, September 9

4:00PM VIGIL Marly Farnett /
Pilon Family

Sunday, September 10

7:30AM Val / Peter & Donna Zangari
10:30AM Edward Loftus / Family
5:00PM Henry Keller / Mary Duffin

Monday, September 11

7:45AM

Tuesday, September 12

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 13

7:45AM Christopher Harrison /
Mary Beth Harrison, Mom

Thursday, September 14

7:45AM Intentions of the Blessed
Virgin Mary / Margaret Ingraham
9:15AM Eileen Ferrara

Friday, September 15

7:45AM Alan Haley /
Tony & Kay Sgarlata

Saturday, September 16

9:00AM John McNamara
4:00PM VIGIL Sean Samilis /
Jim & Terry Doohar
Dinita Machlin / Emma & Katie
Deehan

Sunday, September 17

7:30AM Danny Vito /
Peter & Donna Zangari
10:30AM Elizabeth Miller /
Mary Kay & Jim Moore
5:00PM Frank J. Culley /
Simone Pacili

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | SEPTEMBER 9 - 10

This weekend, September 9 - 10, 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 our local area pantries.

Refugee Assistance Committee

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 | 6:30 PM

The Refugee Assistance Committee will meet in Yeazel Hall (Rooms 12-13) on Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 PM. Valerie Hardy from Catholic Charities will present updates to the reconfigured Family Partnership Initiatives as well as new programs to support young children. Some of the new programs may be of interest to those of you seeking regular volunteer opportunities during the day. Please join us to learn about these exciting new opportunities!

Sacrament of Confirmation

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | 4:00 PM

During the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on Sept. 16, Holy Cross parish community will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates who have been preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. Come Holy Spirit!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | 8 AM - 12 PM

The Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast here at Holy Cross on Sunday, September 17, 2023. The breakfast will run from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM and include pancakes, French toast, home fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee.

\$12.00/adult, \$7.00/child(7-18), children under 7 free. All proceeds to benefit the youth ministry at Holy Cross.

Follow along on Instagram & Facebook for more!

  [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt)

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, September 19 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Special guest speaker, Eric Shuler, will be joining us for a presentation, The Three Moms! Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Eric Shuler earned his PhD from the University of Notre Dame where he researched the early medieval Church. He taught world history for over a decade at universities and Catholic high schools before becoming a freelance writer and editor. You can read his weekly reflections on the saints at FriendsAbove.com.

Monthly Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023* | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Vito's Ristorante at 320 E First Street in East Syracuse on Wednesday, September 20* at 12 PM. If you plan to attend, *please make your reservation by Monday, September 18*. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions. *Please note the change in date.

Pastoral Council Elections

WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 23-24

Nominations for new council members have been received and elections will be during Masses the weekend of September 23-24. To learn more about our candidates visit holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc

Holy Cross School Alumni Celebration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

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, food from your favorite Syracuse eateries, a cash bar*, prizes and lots of memories and stories to be shared. Learn more at hcschooldewitt.org/celebration



2023 Annual HOPE Appeal

The HOPE Appeal invites parishioners from throughout our diocese to come together as one to strengthen our church and serve our community. We are able to accomplish so much more together than we could alone. It is important for our parishioners to know that your gift truly makes a difference.

HOW ARE HOPE APPEAL DONATIONS USED?

The programs and ministries that are supported by the HOPE Appeal cultivate Catholic leadership, advance social justice and empower parish communities throughout the entire Diocese of Syracuse. There is a complete listing of all ministries and programs in the 2023 HOPE Appeal brochure and on the diocesan website. All parishes come together for the HOPE Appeal because we can accomplish so much more together than we can alone.

ARE HOPE APPEAL DONATIONS USED FOR THE COSTS OF THE SETTLEMENT WITH THE VICTIMS TRUST?

No. 100% of the monies raised by the HOPE Appeal are restricted for use for the ministries and programs of the diocese listed in the HOPE Appeal brochure and on the diocesan website.

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF PARISH SHARING?

100% of gifts received over your parish goal will be returned to your parish.

WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS ARE ACCEPTED?

Types of gifts accepted: cash, check (made payable to HOPE Appeal) credit card payment online at www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal, credit card payment over the phone (315-472-0203), and for gift of securities please contact the Foundation office at 315-472-0203.

Around town

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

SEPTEMBER 15-17 | CANANDAIGUA, NY

Enrich your marriage with some time away with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are a space for you to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. They give busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. Learn practical tools for improving communication, and connecting to a wider community of people who support marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is planned for September 15-17 in Canandaigua, NY. For more info, call Mike and Kathy Williams 585-872-5432 or visit wwme.org.

BIKE FOR BRADY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | BRADY FARM

Kevin Frank, Director of Brady and 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 Mission of Hope, Health and Healing. Get to know us at bradyfaithcenter.org and come in for a personal visit to 404 South Ave.

Participate in our Bike and Walk for Brady event on September 16 and our "God Love Ya" Awards Breakfast on October 22. God bless!

Is it I, Lord?

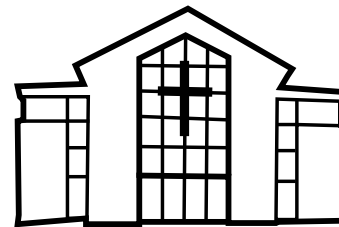
Do you feel called to be with people who have been forgotten? Is your spirit stirring you to live out your faith in a more meaningful way? Is the Gospel moving you to grow in your ability to love without judgment? If your heart answers "yes" to any of these, please become a Jail Ministry Visitor Advocate and visit people in jail with us. Our annual training starts in late September. For more information, please contact Jail Ministry at jailministry@gmail.com or call 315-440-6407. Jesus said it. "When I was in prison, you visited me." Matthew 25



"Awaken your heart
to the Eucharistic love
of His Heart"

Parish Eucharistic Revival

- Bus pilgrimage Saturday, October 21 to Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville. Return registration and payment to the Parish Office by 9/22/2023. (www.nyseucharisticcongress.org)
- Read Bishop Robert Barron's book, *This is My Body*, with fellow parishioners and discuss at small group gatherings. Copies available in the church entrance/exits.
- Watch for news on the upcoming video and discussion study, *Jesus in the Eucharist*
- Celebration of the Eucharist at the Feast Day Mass of Blessed Carlo Acutis on October 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM.
- Stop in anytime to pray in the church and chapel at your convenience when the church is open.
- Learn more about this year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival (an awakening) at www.eucharisticrevival.org.
- Questions, suggestions, comments? Please email info@holycrossdewitt.org



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

COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 3 REPORTED IN NEXT BULLETIN

DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA SEPTEMBER 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, 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, SEPTEMBER 11

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

6:30 PM RAC Meeting, Rooms 12-13

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:45 AM Mass, Church

9:00 AM Safe Environment, Yeazel Hall

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:15 AM School Mass, Church

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

10:00 AM Confirmation Rehearsal, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Mass (Confirmation), Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 AM Mass, Church

8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast, Yeazel Hall

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Room 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



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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