



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Students celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with their first school Mass of the academic year! See more on page 6.

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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, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

### READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him! (Psalm 145)...a deep consolation that we should be reminded of daily. It's worth keeping Psalm 145 (in its fullness) visibly in front of us somewhere, whether it's on the fridge, in your room getting ready for the day, wherever you will see it regularly. It boldly reminds us of the fidelity of the Lord, and the generosity with which he extends his care and mercy toward us.

Again, in our readings this Sunday we are given a familiar parable, one that compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the landowner who is radically generous, irrationally so by our standards. But this seems to be quite consistent with the message that we receive from the Prophet Isaiah in our

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first reading about God himself: "... my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts".

Let's pause for a second and piece together some of the themes we've encountered in recent Sundays since we have an important progression through Matthew's Gospel. Last Sunday: Lord must I forgive my brother or sister? How many times?? The Sunday before: Lord, how am I supposed to handle conflict with my brother or sister? The Sunday before that: Jesus boldly stated the prediction of his Passion and death, his anticipated rejection by all and that all disciples called to follow after him will need to take up the cross, too?

With these in mind, consider the height of imitation of God that we are constantly being invited to?

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 23

4:00PM VIGIL Patricia Russo / Family

### Sunday, September 24

7:30AM John Duran / Peter & Donna Zangari  
10:30AM Pat Bombard / Children  
5:00PM Tara Angeli-Johnson / Jane & Jack Smyth

### Monday, September 25

7:45AM Alan Haley / Staff at J-D Middle School

### Tuesday, September 26

7:45AM Patricia Russo / Family

### Wednesday, September 27

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Thursday, September 28

7:45AM Collins & Lynn Families / Collins Family

### Friday, September 29

7:45AM Alyce & John McNamara

### Saturday, September 30

9:00AM Jane Hanlon / Kay McNulty  
4:00PM VIGIL Sue Farnett / Pilon Family

### Sunday, October 1

7:30AM Irene & Bernard Kelly / Family  
10:30AM Liz Miller / Holy Cross Choir  
5:00PM James V. Vaccaro / Al & Joann Paparo

# News & Events

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## Pastoral Council Elections

**WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 23-24**

Nominations for new council members have been received and elections will be during Masses this weekend, September 23-24. Candidate profiles are available for review and can be found online. Visit our website at [holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc](http://holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc) to learn more.

## Refugee Assistance Committee

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 | 6:30 PM**

The Refugee Assistance Committee will meet on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 PM in Yeazel Hall. We will be discussing new and exciting opportunities to assist refugees newly arriving in our area. Catholic Charities has several different options to choose from. We'd love to have you join us in this important and worthwhile activity!

## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *Do You Believe?* When a pastor is shaken by the visible faith of a street corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a journey that impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. A dozen different souls, all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. Refreshments provided.

## Blessing of Animals

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 2:00 PM**

In honor of the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi (Wednesday, October 4), we're having a special Blessing of Animals at Holy Cross on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the church parking lot.

We share in St. Francis's love and protection of animals, so bring your dog, cat, bunny rabbit, or whatever critter you call companion and join us out front of Holy Cross Church to give your furry friend a special blessing and some extra love.

## Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 11:30 AM 'TIL GONE**

The Syracuse Sunrise Rotary invites you to enjoy Dave's Finger Lickin' BBQ Chicken! Stop by the Holy Cross parking lot on Saturday, October 7 beginning at 11:30 AM until supplies last. Drive-through service available for your convenience. Cost is \$15 per meal and includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll, and brownie.

Please help Syracuse Sunrise Rotary support local organizations like Clear Path for Veterans, The Kara Fund, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, and On-Point for College.

## Alpha

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 11**

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. It's a safe place to ask questions, build connections, and share opinions. Wednesday evenings from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. It is open to all! (Childcare available). Learn more and RSVP at [holycrossdewitt.org/alpha](http://holycrossdewitt.org/alpha)

## Blessed Carlo Acutis Feast Day Mass

**OCTOBER 12, 2023 | 5:30PM**

Join us at Holy Cross on Thursday, October 12 at 5:30 PM for a special Mass on the liturgical feast day of Blessed Carlo Acutis. During this year of Eucharistic Revival we can look to Bl. Carlo's example of living for Christ and seeking him in the Eucharist. Refreshments following Mass with a brief video on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

## Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 | 12:00 PM**

You're invited you to join in a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 PM at Holy Cross Church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 locations that will take place all across the United States on that day. Prayer guides will be provided. No need to RSVP. We hope to see you there!



## Reflection

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If we are called to share in the life of Christ this radically, then there will inevitably be the participation that looks like a familiar line from the Gospel of John: unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit (cf. John 12). While on the surface we might be deterred because of the difficulty or apparent suffering at stake, we should be comforted or assured that the Lord accompanies us through such times to bring us to the fullness of life, in ways that we could never imagine. We should probably anticipate that this journey won't look like what we expect it to—and this is a good thing. Because as the Lord said through Isaiah so high above your ways are my ways.

And maybe taking our lead from Jesus' parable...it doesn't matter what time of day (or what time or phase in our life, wherever we are, etc.) that we enter into the Lord's vineyard to labor for him...the Lord desires all to receive the same eternal reward.

Peace,

*Rev. Brenda Foley*

## Congratulations Confirmandi!

Come Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the 34 teens who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Holy Cross Church. May the strengthening of the Holy Spirit empower you towards a life lived for Jesus and his Kingdom. The Church is in need of saints! God has given you all the gifts now to live this universal call to holiness. We are so proud of you! Thank you Bishop Cunningham, Fr. Kurgan, Fr. Foley, Dc. Dutter, Mr. Steve Nepil, our catechists, parents, sponsors, and parishioners for preparing, praying for, and celebrating these young people as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit!





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

## Parish Eucharistic Revival

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank You, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of Your mercy, You have fed me with the Precious Body & Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation.

May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will.

May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions.

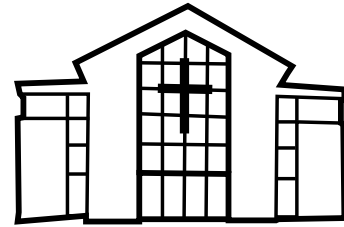
May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good.

May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual.

May it unite me more closely to you, the One true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with You.

And I pray that You will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with Your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to Your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord, 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](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. 24 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](mailto: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 24, 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.*

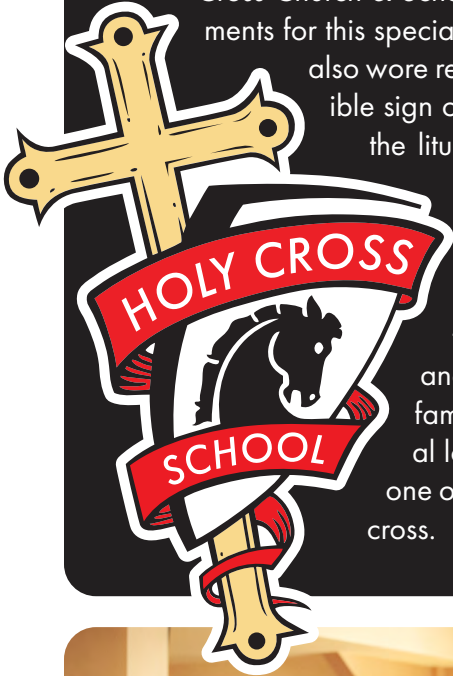
### CONFIRMATION PREP - 10TH GRADE

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.*

# FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

On September 14, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the feast day for our namesake, Holy Cross Church & School. Priests wore red vestments for this special liturgy, and our students also wore red, our school color, a visible sign of their own connection to the liturgy. At the end of Mass, red cross bracelets were blessed and distributed to each student. It was a welcome reminder of the love we share for one another as a Holy Cross family and the unconditional love Jesus shares for each one of us, a love signified in the cross.



# Outreach

## Parish Team at Samaritan Center

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FALL

Join our team of parishioners that prepare and serve a meal on Sunday afternoons at the Samaritan Center. Holy Cross teams prep & serve the meal about once a month. Prep shifts start at 11:30 AM and meals begin at 12:30 PM. Clean up is usually concluded by 3:00 PM.

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful and important outreach program. Often families will choose to do prep shift together and many students use this as an opportunity to fulfill any necessary service hours.

Upcoming dates for our parish team:

- **Sunday, October 29, 2023**
- **Sunday, November 5, 2023**

To join our team of volunteers on specific date and time or if you have any questions, contact Rick Coughlin at [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

### THANK YOU

Thank you to our volunteers who served a meal on Sunday, September 17. Your goodness and generosity is inspiring. We are so grateful for your presence to our community and to all of those in our city who are in need.



## BE A BOOK BUDDY!

### VOLUNTEER & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers commit to one hour a week for the school year working each week with the same students in 30-minute blocks.



Sign up at: [cnybookbuddies.org](http://cnybookbuddies.org)



Connect with students in grades K-3rd in the Syracuse City School District  
Monday through Thursday

#### TO LEARN MORE CONTACT:

Laurie Black  
Community Education Director, United Way of CNY  
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## Book Buddies

### UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

In the fall of 2022, new state, federal, and local data revealed what many feared – students across the nation are challenged to read. Assessment scores fell significantly.

Sadly, students of color and those living in poverty experienced high rates of illness and death and more prolonged school closures – exacerbating poor reading outcomes that were present before the pandemic. (Source: Ed Trust -NY)

You can help students in our city learn to read. Join the Book Buddies program developed by the United Way of Central New York. The program is similar to prior years where volunteers select one day of the week and work with students in 30 minute blocks during the students' lunch hour.

Contact Laurie Black, Community Education Director, at [bookbuddies@unitedway-cny.org](mailto:bookbuddies@unitedway-cny.org) or at 315.428.3941 with any questions.

- Visit [cnybookbuddies.org](http://cnybookbuddies.org) to learn more & sign up



# 2023 Annual HOPE Appeal

The HOPE Appeal is the annual giving campaign of the Diocese of Syracuse. Every year the programs and services supported by the HOPE Appeal touch countless lives in every city, town, and rural area in our diocese. When the goal of the HOPE Appeal is achieved, we ensure that these programs will receive the funding that is needed. Please take a moment to view this year's HOPE Appeal video and our allocation of funds to see how your gift makes a difference in the lives of so many.

## OUR PARISH GOAL

Father Kurgan is asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross's HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649. If we exceed our goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. In an effort to meet our goal, Fr. Kurgan is asking every family in the parish to consider a gift of \$325.00 (less than \$0.90 a day or \$27.00 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important.

## 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 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](http://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.

## Adoration

"Be still and know that I am God."

— PSALM 46:11

### WHAT IS ADORATION?

From the earliest teachings of the Church, the Catholic Church has understood that Jesus, on the last night of his life, took bread and wine and in a literal way changed it into his actual Body and Blood. He commanded the Apostles to continue to do this in his memory. The cornerstone of the Early Church will become the continual practice of doing this fulfilled Passover meal, and it will come to be known as "the Mass." From the last night of Jesus's life, the Church has continually, for over 2,000 years, celebrated this mystery of changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Even today, the Church teaches that the Eucharist is no symbol, but actually God himself. The Church developed a special time of prayer with the Eucharist. Taking a piece of consecrated host, the Eucharist is placed in the center of a display case, known as a monstrance, in order for the faithful to gaze at Jesus and to pray within his midst. This exposition, or praying before the Eucharist is called Adoration and is one of the most intimate and personal methods of prayer for many Christians.

### WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Every Wednesday, the parish community has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in the main church from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. You are invited to come to this hour for as long or as little as you like. This will be a great opportunity during the week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. The hour will conclude with Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at 7:45 PM followed by Solemn Benediction at 8:00 PM. Bring your family and friends. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is also offered during this time.

### MONDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Monday mornings following daily Mass for a Holy Hour in the church sanctuary, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM. Come start your week in quiet reverence and stillness with the Lord. No reservations necessary. All are welcome to attend.



# 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 SEPTEMBER 17:	\$17,202.00
COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNI.:	\$606.00

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

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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:

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

## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church  
**8:15 AM Holy Hour**, Church  
**6:30 PM Refugee Assistance**, 12-13

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**7:45 AM Mass**, Church  
**10:00 AM Book Study**, Yeazel Hall  
**1:00 PM Monthly Movie**, Yeazel Hall

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church  
**5:30 AM Book Study**, 12-13  
**7:00 PM Adoration**, Church  
**7:00 PM Reconciliation**, Church

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church  
**5:30 PM Pastoral Council**, Yeazel Hall  
**7:00 PM Choir Practice**, Choir Room  
**7:00 PM Middle School Youth**, Y. Hall

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**9:00 AM Daily Mass**, Church  
**3:00 PM Reconciliation**, Church  
**4:00 PM Vigil Mass**, Church

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

#### RESPECT LIFE MONTH BEGINS

**7:30 AM Mass**, Church  
**9:15 AM Adult Ministry**, Room 12-13  
**10:30 AM Mass**, Church  
**2:00 PM Blessing of Animals**, Parking Lot  
**3:45 PM Confirmation Session**, Y. Hall  
**5:00 PM Mass**, Church

Get the latest event details at  
[holycrossdewitt.org/events](http://holycrossdewitt.org/events)

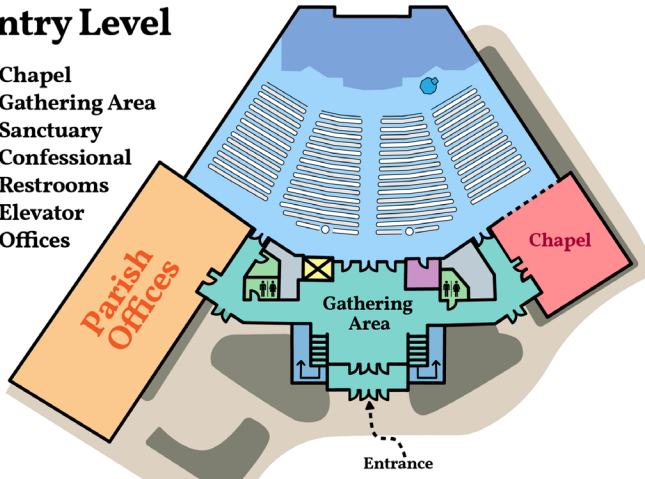


# Parish Office

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

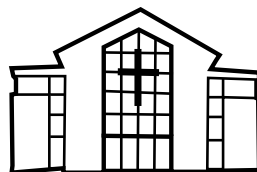
Most mornings after Daily Mass, a group gathers in the church or in the front circle to pray the Rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

## 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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