



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SPECIAL ROSARY OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

Rosary Rally | Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 PM

Rosary & Reception | Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 PM

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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, OCTOBER 1, 2023

READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

What is the call to discipleship; order or invitation? We may be of the opinion that Jesus does not give us a choice in following him. Believing that the call is an order can make us feel that Jesus only makes demands on us, and that those demands limit our personal freedom. This is not true discipleship, but slavery.

Certainly, discipleship places demands on the individual, but we must remember that this does not limit or deny us our freedom. We must decide if we will accept or reject the invitation to become disciples, understanding that choosing to be a Disciple of Jesus requires continued, renewed commitment. However, we should not think of our commitment as a one time, permanent decision. It is

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in the daily renewal of our choice to follow Jesus that we gain new energy and insight from our relationship with our Savior.

Jesus' invitation is always open to us, no matter how many times we have accepted or denied the invitation to grasp the hand of Jesus and allow him to accompany us on our journey through life. We should serve him as he pleases, recognizing that we benefit greatly from our relationship. We also must remember that we can withdraw from Jesus, and choose our own way, ignoring his invitation.

What have you chosen today?

Peace,

Fr. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30

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

Monday, October 2

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, October 3

7:45AM Mary Sinnott Darcy /
John H. Heyer

Wednesday, October 4

7:45AM Jane Hanlon /
Tony & Kay Sgarlata

Thursday, October 5

7:45AM Dominick "Jr." Roffo /
Amy & Paul Sansone

Friday, October 6

7:45AM Mass League Intentions
9:15AM Ronald Reagan /
The Evans Family

Saturday, October 7

9:00AM Beth Ann Reimer Doser /
Amy & Paul Sansone
4:00PM VIGIL Matt Kelly /
The Kelly Family

Sunday, October 8

7:30AM Cyprian Okonkwo /
Family

10:30AM James Quartier /
Jack & Julie Sheridan

5:00PM John & Leonora Stach /
Jerome & Ellen Pristash

News & Events

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.

Faith Formation Begins

OCTOBER 3-5, 2023

Faith Formation classes begin this week. We are looking forward to another fun and faith-filled year. Learn more and sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/youth

Sandwich Ministry for Shelter

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:15 AM to prepare a variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

Knitting, Needle, & Sewing Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Our next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, October 5 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters welcome. We are happy to help you learn!

Food Giving Weekend

OCTOBER 7-8

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, October 7-8, to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- Cold & hot cereal
- Soup & crackers
- Canned fruits & veggies
- Starch side dishes, rice
- Macaroni & cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Beans and lentils
- Pasta & sauce
- Coffee / Tea / Cocoa
- Canned fish & meat
- Detergent, paper towels
- Shampoo/soap/deodorant

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. Cost is \$15 per meal and includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll, and brownie.

Monthly Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Danzer's at 153 Ainsley Dr on Wednesday, October 11 at 12 PM. If you plan to attend, please reserve your spot with Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328 by Tuesday, October 10.

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

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. Prayer guides will be provided. No need to RSVP. We hope to see you there!



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

Parish Eucharistic Revival

- Celebration of the Eucharist on the Feast Day of Blessed Carlo Acutis Thursday, October 12 at 5:30 PM, Holy Cross Church.
- **New!** Small group study: *Jesus and the Eucharist* starts Oct. 19. We invite you to dive deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Please join us: 10/19 & 26, 11/2, 9, 16, & 30, 12/7; Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 AM in Yeazel Hall. Sign-up in the vestibule or by calling 315-446-0473.
- As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, our NYS Bishops are hosting a state-wide Eucharistic Congress, October 20-22, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville.
www.NYSEucharisticCongress.org
- **Bus Pilgrimage to the above mentioned Congress for Saturday only 10/21 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM. A few seats remain, reservations are open to all. Please see full details on the fliers in the vestibule.**
- Nearby Retreat! Sr. Katie Eiffe, CSJ, is facilitating a retreat: *God's Gift of Self in the Eucharist*. October 27-28 at Christ the King. To Register or for more information: www.ckretreat.com or 315-446-2680.

Questions, suggestions, comments?
Please email info@holycrossdewitt.org

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, credit card payment over the phone (315-472-0203), and for gift of securities please contact the Foundation office at 315-472-0203.

Outreach

Caring Crusaders Clothing Collection

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Caring Crusaders are kicking off the school year with their first service project, a youth clothing drive to support Catholic Charities clothing closet for refugees. During the month of September more than 100 refugees will be arriving in Syracuse. Currently, the shelves in the closet are bare! Please see the donation guidelines below for ways you can help.



CLOTHING GUIDELINES

- Gently used fall & winter clothing /shoes of all types
- Sweatshirts, sweatpants, tops, bottoms, dresses, skirts, sleepwear, coats, rain coats, winter coats, hats, mittens, shoes, sneakers, boots, loafers, etc.
- (NO socks or underwear. NO Holy Cross uniforms - these items can go to the school uniform closet)
- Sizes 2T - 18 year old (nothing smaller than 2T)
- Washed & folded
- Sorted by size if possible

Keep in mind, please only donate items that are in a condition you would share with family & friends. It saves time on the sorting process. If you do not have any clothes to donate but would like to help out, the closet is always in need of NEW underwear and athletic socks. Consider placing folded items in big reusable shopping bags. The refugees arrive at the Syracuse airport and their first stop is the clothing closet so the bags come in handy to fill with the supplies they need.

DONATION DROP OFF

Donations can be dropped off at school starting Monday, September 18 until Friday, October 13 and placed in the school entry way. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Questions - please reach out:

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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



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
lblack@unitedway-cny.org | cell: 315.436.9857



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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 or at 315.428.3941 with any questions.

- Visit cnybookbuddies.org to learn more & sign up

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 SEPTEMBER 24: \$14,235.13

DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

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Helpful Info

HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

If you have news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School 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.

GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER?

If you are planning on going away this winter, please contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or info@holycrossdewitt.org so we can pause your envelopes. You will need to provide your name, address, and the dates you will be leaving and returning.

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, OCTOBER 2

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
10:00 AM Book Study, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:45 AM Elementary Formation, Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:15 AM School Mass, Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND
9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
11:30 AM Chicken BBQ, Parking Lot
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND
7:30 AM Mass, Church
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

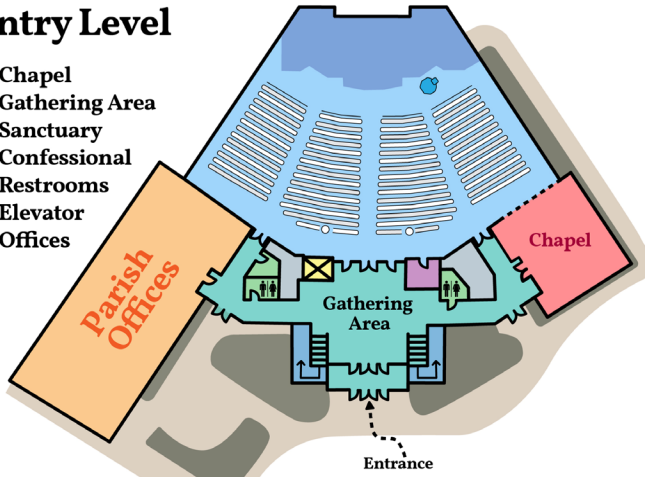


Parish Office

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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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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