



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DeWITT, NY 13214

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAVE THE DATE!

Holy Cross Fall Festival
Sunday, October 22
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

OCTOBER 8, 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, OCTOBER 8, 2023

READINGS

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
- Philippians 4:6-9
- Matthew 21:33-43

Our readings this week are about stewardship.

In the reading from Isaiah, it seems that the vineyard itself has gone bad, only yielding wild grapes which are not fit for use in either eating or wine making. The narrator of the reading takes the responsibility for the failure on himself asking the poignant question; "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?" At the conclusion of the reading, the vineyard is identified as the house of Israel, the people that God has chosen for his own and has treated with tender loving care, but has returned nothing but rejection for all he has done for them. His solution is to let it be trampled, which is what indeed happened to the Israelites, as they were subjected to deportation to Assyria and Babylon.

The Psalm repeats the idea of the House of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. The Rabbis, Pharisees and Sadducees, leaders of the Israelites did not show good stewardship of the people that they are expected to lead toward God. St. Paul suggests that it is important to think about the things that are honorable and pure in order to obtain peace and contentment from our God.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls the chief priests and elders of the people to task for their refusal to give to the Father the just fruits of the vineyard he has blessed them with. He quotes Psalm 118 which predicts how he will become "the stone that the builders rejected which has become the cornerstone." He casts the elders and chief priests as the wicked tenants and predicts that their pride and arrogance will lead to their downfall.

We are the tenants of the vineyard of the Lord today. We must take good care of both our earthly home and of the church we have inherited. Only through serving as good stewards of both can we hope to obtain the peace and joy of Heaven.

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7

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

Monday, October 9

7:45AM Jane Hanlon /
Kathy & Dan Robinson

Tuesday, October 10

7:45AM Darwin Traver /
Margaret Cook

Wednesday, October 11

7:45AM Theresa Ares /
Manuel Ares

Thursday, October 12

7:45AM James Banks /
Mary Ann D. & Kevin Mannion
5:30PM Bl. Carlo Acutis

Friday, October 13

7:45AM Jennie L. Sala /
The Sala Family

Saturday, October 14

9:00AM Living Intention Of Paul
Sansone / Amy Sansone
4:00PM VIGIL Gertrude Kersting /
Bernadette Tierney & Charles Kelly

Sunday, October 15

7:30AM Dave Krisch /
Peter & Donna Zangari
10:30AM Domenic Urciuoli /
Tom & Patty Quartier
5:00PM Lillian Maio / Jo Oliva

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | OCTOBER 7-8

Volunteers are needed after Saturday 4pm and Sunday 7:30 Masses to sort & repack and at 9:30 Sunday to load cars. Even 15 minutes helps! Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry, All Faiths Food Pantry & Saint Lucy's Food Pantry thank you for your continued and generous support. Your donation makes a difference for their clients. And thank you to all of our volunteers; we are most grateful for your assistance each month to provide these items immediately to our pantries. Thank you all!

Parish Office Closed

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

The parish office will be closed Monday, October 9 in observance of the holiday. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

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, Oct. 12 at 5:30 PM for a special Mass on the liturgical feast day of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Refreshments following Mass with a brief video on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, October 17 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Knitting, Needle, & Sewing Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Our next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, October 19 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! Questions? Please call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.

Holy Cross Fall Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 | 11:30 AM

Holy Cross Church & School is excited to invite you, your family, and your friends to the Holy Cross Fall Festival! Following 10:30 AM Sunday Mass, come down to the school playground for food, fun, and games. There will be some incredible inflatables, dodgeball tournament for middle and high school students, fun activities like face painting, and amazing entertainment. (Please note: this year a parent must sign a waiver before their child can participate on any inflatables.)

- For more details, visit holycrossdewitt.org/festival

FOCUS Seek 2024

JANUARY 1-5, 2024 | ST. LOUIS, MO

FOCUS Seek is a national Catholic youth conference for college-aged and young adults. It draws over 30,000 young people and hosts some of the nation's best speakers and talent. This year's conference will take place in St. Louis, MO and Fr. Foley will be leading a group from our area. Cost is \$500 per participant and includes hotel, conference fees, flights, and lunches. Open to college students and those in their 20s. Registration deadline is October 19, 2023. To register with our Holy Cross group, visit holycrossdewitt.org/seek24

Around town

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



**SYRACUSE
CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT THE ONCENTER

The Syracuse Catholic Women's Commission invites all women to the Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference on November 11 at the OnCenter starting at 7:30 AM. The theme this year is, "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done: Preparing for His Eucharistic Reign" and features speakers Immaculee Ilibagiza (survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and one of the world's leading speakers on faith, hope, and forgiveness), Daniel O'Connor (theologian and professor of philosophy, renowned for his message on the reign of the Divine Will), and Fr. Joseph Esper of the Archdiocese of Detroit (prolific author and speaker on prophecy, spiritual preparation, and the battle for our souls.)

The event will also include Mass with Bishop Lucia, Confession, the Rosary, Brown Scapular enrollment, Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, plated luncheon, and shopping. Cost is \$55.

- Register with our Holy Cross Group Table 4 Ten, by contacting the parish office or parish coordinator Kathy Kotz at 315-569-390 or register individually at syracusecatholicwomen.org. Deadline for registration is November 1, 2023.

God's Gift of Self in the Eucharist

OCTOBER 27 - 28 AT CTK RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Christ the King Retreat House for a special weekend of the Eucharistic Revival with Sr. Katie Eiffe, CSJ on Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28. The topic will be "God's Gift of Self in the Eucharist." We will explore the richness of the gift of Eucharist to our own lives of faith. Offering: \$150 for overnight, \$90 for commuter. Registration is on our website at www.ckretreat.com or call 315-446-2680.



THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: WHY?

**BECAUSE THE CHURCH NEEDS HEALING.
AND THE WORLD NEEDS JESUS.**

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our history. But today we confront all of them at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that He is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will He do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

– Excerpt from eucharisticrevival.org

Upcoming Events

- Feast Day Mass celebrating Blessed Carlo Acutis Thursday, October 12th at 5:30 pm.
- Small group study: Jesus and the Eucharist. Please join us: 10/19 & 26, 11/2, 9, 16, & 30, 12/7; 9:30 - 11:30am in Yeazel Hall. Sign-up in the vestibule or by calling 315-446-0473.
- Our NYS Bishops are hosting a state-wide Eucharistic Congress, October 20-22, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville. NYSEucharisticCongress.org
- *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. www.ckretreat.com, 315-446-2680.

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



Youth & Families

Youth Ministry Kicks Off

Holy Cross Youth Group hosted their kickoff event for the Middle Schoolers. Having rented out the 105 year old Manlius Cinema, the youth did a "movie playoff" to determine the movie they'd watch. After weeks of voting, around 40 youth showed up for popcorn and a private screening of the movie winner, "Princess Bride."

At Holy Cross, we have an exceptional group of young people and some amazingly supportive adults modeling the Faith. If you have any interest in joining or learning more, please email our youth minister, Steve Nepil at steve@holycrossdewitt.org

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS & RETREATS

- **Verso L'Alto High School Retreat**
November 10-13, 2023 (Grades 9-12)
- **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference**
November 18, 2023 (Grades 7-12)
- **Middle School Retreat at Frost Valley**
January 12-14, 2024 (Grades 6-8)

Deadline to register for all trips/events is October 19. Learn more and sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/youth



Outreach

Parish Team at Samaritan Center

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FALL

The Samaritan Center is an interfaith effort of community members committed to serving the hungry and those in need in order to promote their welfare dignity and self sufficiency.

Join our team of parishioners that prepare and serve a meal on Sunday afternoons at the Samaritan Center. Holy Cross teams provide & 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 who use this opportunity to fulfill any necessary service hours.

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

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

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 OCTOBER 1: \$19,806.25

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

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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 9

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Mass, Church

10:00 AM Communion Service, Menorah Park

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:30 AM Ares Reception, Yeazel Hall

5:30 PM Alpha, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:45 AM Elementary Formation, Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

5:30 PM Bl. Carlo Acutis Mass, Church

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Middle School Group, Room 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Bishop Grimes Retreat, Y. Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Rosary Rally, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Room 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

2:45 PM S-Prep Workshop, Yeazel Hall

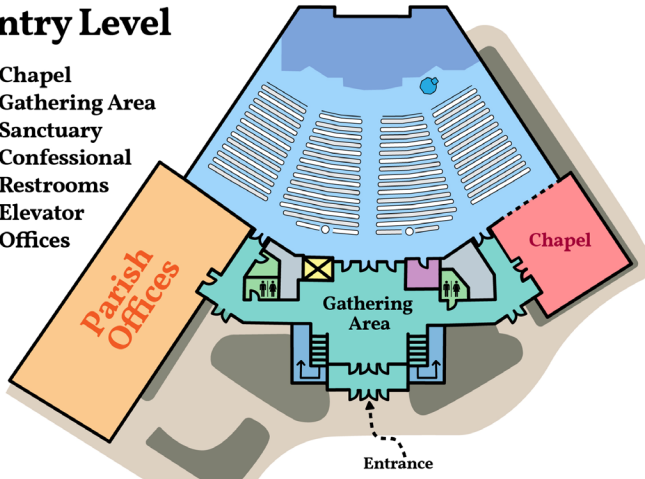
5:00 PM Mass, Church

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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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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