



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 22, 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

God creates all, loves all, and sees us all as one.

We, as humans, tend to categorize people. We long to be the Insider, the one who belongs to the right group. People do not want others to view them as an Outsider. This is all human construct.

Perhaps the question we must ask our communities and ourselves is "why do we want to put people in categories, insiders vs. outsiders?" Certainly, our beliefs may be different, we may even express our desire for closeness with God in differing ways, but God sees us all as his children. We, however, often see each other as the outsider, the enemy.

Sunday Reflections
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As I write this, Israel is threatening a ground invasion of Gaza, in retaliation for the attack of Hamas against Israel. How odd it is, as an apparent outsider in this situation, to see two distinct sides, good vs. evil, Jew vs. Arab, and then to remember that what God sees is his children fighting each other.

I believe that God, the creator of us all, would ask us to consider how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious traditions. God calls all peoples and lands to love and praise God. Seeing that God is present in each of his creations, perhaps we could honor that presence and cease trying to categorize people as insiders or outsiders, in exchange for seeing them as children of one God.

Peace,

Rev. John Horgan

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Carol Macaluso
by Joe & Mary Ann McCaffrey

Saturday, October 21

4:00PM VIGIL Dory Firley /
Lisa A. Langan & Marnie Hall

Sunday, October 22

7:30AM Eileen Ferrara /
Ed & Lola Gualtieri
10:30AM Alan Haley /
Loretta Nowicki
5:00PM Maureen McManus /
Holy Cross Parishioner

Monday, October 23

7:45AM James Taylor /
Caryn Scuderi

Tuesday, October 24

7:45AM Dan Gaworecki /
Julie & Danny Kilbride

Wednesday, October 25

7:45AM Edwina Rapp/ Family
7:45AM Lil Maio /
Deacon Dare & Mary Beth Dutter

Thursday, October 26

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Friday, October 27

7:45AM Joan Sansone /
Paul & Amy Sansone

Saturday, October 28

9:00AM Mary Kathryn Shields /
Fr. Foley
4:00PM VIGIL Doan Garbinski /
Carol Dwyer

Sunday, October 29

7:30AM Pat Highducheck / Family
10:30AM Caleb Duggan / Family
5:00PM Frank & Theresa
Frydrychowicz / Frank & Wilma
Frydrychowicz

News & Events

World Mission Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution! Learn more at onefamilyinmission.org.

Rosary and Reception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Join us at Holy Cross Church on Thursday evening October 26 at 6:00 PM for a special opportunity to pray the Rosary led by Deacon Dare Dutter and then enjoy some refreshments at a light reception to follow.

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 31 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *Courageous Love*, a heartwarming story of intrigue and romance. We hope you can join us!

Youth Ministry at Holy Cross

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 26. Learn more and sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/youth. Contact Steve Nepil (steve@holycrossdewitt.org) with any questions.

All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | 5:30 PM

Join us for a special Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 2 at 5:30 PM. All are welcome and invited to attend. During the Mass we will pray for each person in our community who has died since last All Souls' Day. A family member of the deceased who has RSVP'd will be invited to come forth and place a lit votive candle in front of the altar in their memory. If your family commemorated a funeral for a loved one at Holy Cross in the past year, you should have received a letter inviting you to participate in this special Mass. If you did not receive a letter or lost a loved one this past year and would like to be included, please let us know by calling the parish office or visit holycrossdewitt.org/news/all-souls-day

Our Holy Cross Food Ministries are in need of volunteers. Contact info@holycrossdewitt.org to get connected.

Food Donation Weekends

FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

Sorting, packing and/or loading groceries, after Saturday evening Mass until 5:45 PM and Sunday morning 8:15 AM - 9 & 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM. Delivering groceries to a food pantry - Sunday morning or Tuesday Volunteer leader(s) for the Food Donation Weekends

Sandwich Making for the Men's Shelter

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH

We gather to assemble sandwiches at 8:15 AM and finish up around 9:00 AM, delivering sandwiches to the shelter on Erie Blvd E., right after. Assistance with administrative duties for the sandwich ministry.

FOCUS Seek 2024

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

FOCUS Seek is a national Catholic youth conference for college-aged and young adults. Fr. Foley will be leading a group from our area this year. To learn more and sign up 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" Cost is \$55. Register with our Holy Cross Group Table 4 Ten, by contacting the parish office or parish coordinator Kathy Kotz at 315-569-3908. To learn more about the conference visit syracusecatholicwomen.org. Deadline for registration is November 1, 2023.

Parish Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. . . . Just as the living Father sent Me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me. (John 6:53-57)

WEEKEND RETREAT, OCTOBER 27 - 28

"God's Gift of Self in the Eucharist"

One way of understanding the Eucharist is that it is God's gift of self to us. Sr Katie Eiffe, CSJ will lead the exploration of the richness of the gift of Eucharist to our own lives of faith. Christ the King Retreat House, 315-446-2680 or ctkretreat.com/preached-retreats

JESUS & THE EUCHARIST STUDY

Our Jesus and the Eucharist program has begun. This series immerses us in the kerygmatic Gospel proclamation (Sessions 1-4) and unveils God's saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5-7). The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will allow time for our small group discussions.

Remaining dates: 10/26, 11/2, 9, 16 and 30, 12/7, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Sign up in the church vestibule or email reginaharty33@gmail.com. Session one material will be made available to anyone signing up this week.

eucharisticrevival.org/learn-resources



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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.

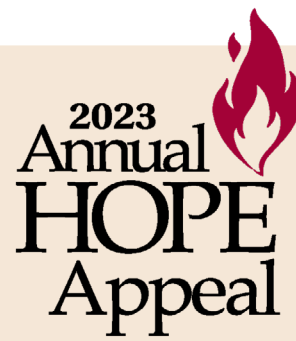
Dates for our parish team:

- **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



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.

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 15:	\$19,405.25
COLLECTION FOR RESPECT LIFE:	\$805.00

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 23

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM PTO Meeting, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
5:30 PM Alpha, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:45 AM Elementary Formation, Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:30 AM Jesus & the Eucharist, Yeazel Hall
6:00 PM Rosary & Reception, Church
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 PM Middle School Youth, Room 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:00 AM Bishop Grimes Retreat, Y. Hall
6:00 PM Halloween Howl, School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

SAMARITAN CENTER SERVICE DAY
7:30 AM Mass, Church
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Room 12-13
10:30 AM Mass, Church
5:00 PM Mass, Church