



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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OCTOBER 29, 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 29, 2023

READINGS

Exodus 22:20-26
Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Today's readings focus on one of the most basic ideas that our faith brings to us; the concept that since we are followers of God, we should reflect that truth in the way we treat one another. It should not matter who we are or what kind of job we have or any other factor in our lives. We should treat everyone like the divine creature they are in God's eyes. When we were created in the image and likeness of God, we were called "good." We should look for this goodness in each other so we can live lives that are worthy of our status as creations that are godlike in appearance and comprehension.

In our first reading from the Book of Exodus the Lord is telling the people how they should behave towards the

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poor and the stranger. If they are not honest and upright with the poor and less fortunate then the Lord will be angry because he hears the cry of the poor and will answer their cries for justice. In the gospel, the Pharisees are still trying to trick Jesus and yet again they fail. He answers their question regarding the greatest commandment and goes on to tell them that they must love their neighbor as themselves—something they were not happy to do because they saw themselves as being greater than the majority of their neighbors. These readings challenge us to look at ourselves and to see how we treat our neighbors, particularly the poor.

In the end, we need to evaluate the way we perceive others in our world. If we are like the Pharisees and see everyone as inferior to ourselves, then we need to seek a change in our thinking. God's measuring stick is much higher than ours, but we still need to try to change our hearts

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 28

4:00PM VIGIL Joan Garbinski /
Carol Dwyer

Sunday, October 29

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

Monday, October 30

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, October 31

7:45AM Clara Macri /
Sue & Joe Bombard

Wednesday, November 1

7:45AM Mary Sinnott Darcy /
John H. Heyer
9:15AM School Mass
5:30PM Linda Maar / Rita C.

Thursday, November 2

7:45AM Catherine Lynn /
Daughter & Grandchildren
5:30PM All the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 3

7:45AM Mass League Intentions

Saturday, November 4

9:00AM Lillian Maio /
Maria Primerano
4:00PM VIGIL Daniel Broader /
Family

Sunday, November 5

7:30AM Eileen Ferrara / Jo Oliva
10:30AM John DiGesare /
Maureen Hall & Family
5:00PM Joseph & Anna Stach /
Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz

News & Events

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!

All Saints' Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints' Day. Come join us at Holy Cross to celebrate this special Holy Day with Mass at 7:45 AM or at 5:30 PM. Please note the parish office will be closed on Wednesday, November 1.

Knitting, Sewing, & Needle Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Our next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! If you have questions, please call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.

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. Learn more holycrossdewitt.org/news/all-souls-day

Food Giving Weekend

NOVEMBER 4 - 5, 2023

As the Boy Scouts' grocery collection helps our pantries this month, we can focus on the items in most demand and those needed for Thanksgiving Baskets:

- Canned pumpkin
 - Macaroni & cheese
 - Simple pasta sauce
 - Coffee / Tea / Cocoa
 - Detergent, paper towels
 - Gravy
 - Peanut Butter & Jelly
 - Boxed pasta
 - Veggie based pasta
 - Beans & Lentils
 - Shampoo / Soap
 - Deoderant
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FOOD GIVING CONTINUED

For next weekend, we could use extra hands sorting, packing & loading. Fifteen to 30 minutes per shift: after Saturday 4:00 PM & Sunday 7:30 AM Masses; and then 9:30 AM - 10 AM Sunday to load up the cars. Stop by the food collection or call the office for more information. Thank you so much!

Rites of Reader – Dr. Paul Sansone

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 AT CATHEDRAL

Dr. Paul Sansone is completing his second year in the Deacon Formation Program. He will be receiving the Rites of Reader on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse at the 5:10 PM Mass with Bishop Douglas Lucia presiding. We are so excited for this step in Paul's journey to the diaconate and invite you to keep him and his family in prayer.

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.

Here Come the Holidays Luncheon

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Save the date for our "Here Come the Holidays Luncheon!" catered by the Brewster Inn. Join us in Yeazel Hall on Saturday, November 18 at 12:00 PM for a mouthwatering meal and some cordial companions. This year we are moving up our Holiday Luncheon to alleviate some of the busyness of December and catch anyone who might be flying south for the winter. Cost is \$28/person. RSVP to Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328.



Fall Festival Fun!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Holy Cross Fall Festival last Sunday! We had an amazing time and are so grateful for this community. A special thank you to our priests, deacon, Holy Cross Church & School staff, and the incredible volunteers who made it all possible. God bless, and have a great week!



Dodgeball Champions

Congratulations to the Men's Oxen Dodgeball Team and the Women's Angels Dodgeball Team for their victories at the Fall Festival. Both teams have earned 3 House Points for their team and will don the Championship Cups in their House Common Rooms this year.





Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS

The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. The Mass is our participation in true communion with God and one another. And the Mass is our taste on this earth of the full perfection we will experience in the Kingdom of Heaven.

HOLY WATER

Why are there holy water fonts located near the entrance of the church? Msgr. Peter Elliott explains, "The holy water [fonts] at the doors of the church are signs which recall the baptismal washing of the faithful." Their location just inside the church doors recalls for us our entrance into the life of the Church when we were baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. As you enter the body of the church, you bless yourself with holy water to recall the sacrament through which you entered into God's family, the Church to recommit ourselves to living holy lives in fidelity to Christ, and prepare ourselves to participate fruitfully in the Holy Mass.

Holy water is water blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon and is among holy things that fall into the category called "sacramentals." They help us recall the graces of the sacraments. They don't confer grace, but prepare us to receive grace and help us to cooperate with those graces to grow in faith and holiness.

- Fr. Luke Spannagel,
for the National Eucharistic Revival, November 21, 2022

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST SERIES

Remaining dates: 11/2, 9, 16 and 30, 12/7, 9:30-11:30AM. Sign up in the church gathering area or email reginaharty33@gmail.com. Make up materials are available online.

Reflection

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if there is a need to do so. Jesus is God, and yet, for all of the thirty-three years that he walked the earth in a physical form, he never judged anyone except for those who saw themselves as superior to others and refused to accept them. We need to be as Jesus-like as we can possibly be. Let us love our God and one another.

Peace,

Deacon Dare

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 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.

Upcoming date for our parish team:

- **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

Thank You from Brady

My heartfelt thanks for your support of the Brady Faith Center, a Catholic mission on the near southwest side of Syracuse. Mission accomplished on our Bike for Brady 600-mile bicycle ride from Buffalo to NYC!

Some highlights included, riding with two wonderful friends, experiencing God's glorious creation, (including a deer who jumped onto the trail and ran alongside me for 50 feet (scary), and ending our trek by biking into NYC with the Manhattan skyscrapers on our left and the Hudson River on our right.

Your support grows our 20 + ministries in our beloved city, at our Brady Faith Center, Brady Farm, and Brady Market.

Once again, my sincere thanks,
Kevin Frank

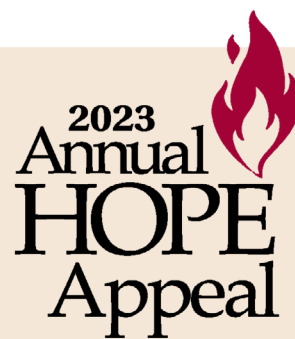
Council Update

Parishioners, thank you for your responsiveness in Pastoral Candidate Voting last month. We are happy to welcome Cathy Relihan, Mary Haley, Rita Chanthasenak, Paul Sansone, and Jolie Johnston (Holy Cross School representative) as new Council members. These new members started their terms September 28, joining the following Council members: Karen Markoff (President), William Leiker (Vice-President), Beth Schafer (Secretary), Carl Thomas, Margaret Ingraham, Ron DeLuca and Kay Sgarlata. Non-voting members of the Council are Fr. Kurgan, Fr. Foley, Nina Walters (Holy Cross Principal), and three Holy Cross Trustees: Cookie Dunham, Tom Griffith, and Claude Pilon. Please feel free to stop any of us if you have questions or suggestions for how we can better serve in our role of facilitating communication between the Pastor and parishioners to enrich and strengthen our Catholic community.

As part of last year's goal "to increase connectivity to Holy Cross through Pastoral Council communication and action steps," we heard parishioner voices in our survey and shared results with parishioners, then conducting our Talent and Mission weekends. For the latter, I want to personally apologize if any parishioner who volunteered was not contacted by the appropriate coordinator for that mission. All coordinators were provided the list of new volunteers, so if you volunteered for future mission work and were not contacted, please let one of the Pastoral Council members know, or call the Holy Cross Parish Office at 315-446-0473.

I would also ask you to access some valuable information from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse website: the Year of Grace Calendar, and information about the Synod/Eucharistic Revival/Reorganization and the Hope Appeal. Bishop Lucia and Father Kurgan as Vicar General attended well over 45 diocesan listening sessions last year for the Synod. This journey to review our Roman Catholic faith and the future was identified by Pope Francis in 2018 as "...the purpose of the Synod...is not to produce documents, but 'to plant dreams draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.'" This sums up what we hope to be able to do in our parish, to hear and support your voices and concerns, making us a vibrant and strong Catholic community!

Karen Markoff
Holy Cross Pastoral Council, President



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.

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.



HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL EDUCATE-A-KID

Our parish has a vibrant history of supporting Catholic education at Holy Cross School and ensuring no parish student is ever turned away from the opportunity to receive a quality education in our loving and welcoming faith-filled school. To care for our families who desire this opportunity but cannot afford the tuition in whole or in part, our parish family generously provides support through our Educate-A-Kid program. By offering to Educate-A-Kid, you join a long standing legacy of parishioners and clergy dedicated to seeing that Holy Cross School remain vibrant, accessible, and diverse.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Prayerfully consider whether you would like to sponsor a full or partial tuition. No amount is too small to give and will all go to helping parish families with tuition. Tuition at Holy Cross School is \$5,950. To contribute, you may either make check payable to Holy Cross School (memo: Educate-A-Kid) or give online using our secure donation website. To give online, visit us holycrossdewitt.org/give, select "Give a Gift," and enter your donation amount in the Educate-A-Kid fund.

Thank you for your faithful support of this exceptional program and continued backing of our Crusader community. Wishing you God's abundant blessings as you have been such a blessing to our students and their families.

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 22: \$16,427.25

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

SEMINARY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 5

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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, Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Kathy Thompson, John Toole, Dorothy Trust, Sharon and Joseph Wegzyn

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Mass, Church
1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:15 AM School Mass, Church
5:30 PM Mass, Church
5:30 PM Alpha, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS DAY

7:45 AM Elementary Formation, Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:30 AM Jesus & the Eucharist, Yeazel Hall
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Church
5:30 PM Mass of Remembrance, Church
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

SAMARITAN CENTER SERVICE DAY

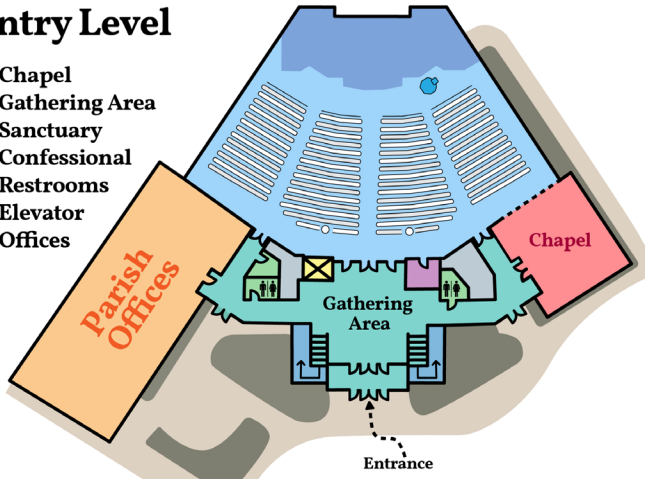
7:30 AM Mass, Church
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Room 12-13
10:30 AM Mass, Church
5:00 PM Mass, Church

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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