



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NOVEMBER 5, 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, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

READINGS

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Psalms 131:1, 2, 3

1 Thessalonians

Matthew 23:1-12

Psalm 131, our response today... "In you, Lord, I have found my peace."

Probably important for us to consider first what is intended for us as "peace." Peace is something deeper than just an absence of conflict or violence or chaos. Specifically in this psalm, the Psalmist connects peace by relating together images of 1) humility before God and the 2) final nourishment a small child has once weaned from his or her mother. Quite beautiful if you stop to reflect on that as being the source of peace! Such a crucial stage of development in the life of a baby who is helpless (the humility part) and so needs to receive the fullness of nourishment from the mother in order to live.

You're probably not a baby if you're

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reading this, so applying this to our lives, we have the same height of importance of receiving the same life-giving nourishment directly from the Lord himself. Peace comes from having received fully from the life of God in this way—the source of peace is directly the grace or divine life of God freely dispensed to fill us and transform us. Of course, this comes to us most profoundly in the Sacramental life of the Church as Jesus himself made the ordinary way to access this grace, but filling out the context of our readings today shows us yet other avenues.

Peace indeed comes to us from an authentic witness of the law of the Gospel being lived well (both by ourselves and also by others). Peace, again not just the absence of problems, can be the result of us living out the height of the moral life that God calls all of us to. Certainly, the readings today hold accountable those responsible for teaching and

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4

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

Monday, November 6

7:45AM Barbara Blok / Frank & Doug

Tuesday, November 7

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, November 8

7:45AM Donna Bonacci / Family

Thursday, November 9

7:45AM Daniel Gaworecki / Stephanie & Mitch

Friday, November 10

7:45AM Bob Vanderhoek (Living Intention) / Jo Oliva

7:45AM Sr. Mary Obrist / Jo Oliva

Saturday, November 11

9:00AM William F. Lynn / Sister / Collins Family

4:00PM VIGIL Durwood H. Cook / Margaret Cook

Sunday, November 12

7:30AM James F. Collins / Wife/Children

10:30AM Joseph Wilczynski / Carol Dwyer

5:00PM Keith J. & Hall / Elaine Lostumbo

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

NOVEMBER 4 - 5, 2023

This weekend we are collecting the standard supplies for our food pantries, along with canned pumpkin and gravy for Thanksgiving baskets. We are in need of volunteers after Saturday 4 PM and Sunday 7:30 AM Masses; and at 9:30 AM to load the food into our volunteers' vehicles. Other volunteer opportunities exist, please stop by the food collection or contact the parish office. Your generosity is very much appreciated! Thank you all.

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.

Veterans Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Holy Cross Parish Offices will be closed on **Friday, November 10** to honor the Veterans Day holiday which falls on Saturday, November 11.

There will still be Daily Mass on Friday at 7:45 AM.

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.

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 8:15 AM (following daily Mass) to prepare a variety of sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. No need to sign up or RSVP ahead of time. New volunteers are always welcome!

Knitting, Needle, & Sewing Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, November 16 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.

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.

Holy Cross School Nativity Play

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 | 9:30 AM

Students at Holy Cross School are faithfully preparing for their upcoming performance of a nativity musical, *The First Christmas*. Kindergarten students are getting into their roles as characters. Fourth grade students will be singing and narrating, and our fifth and sixth grade students will be caroling. The Holy Cross School community joyfully invites you to come experience the story of the first Christmas as told through the heartwarming voices of our amazing students. So save the date and plan to join us at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 AM for the Holy Cross School Nativity Play.



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: GENUFLECTION

“As we arrive at the church to join together with Christ in his perfect offering to the Father, our first gesture once inside the church is to bless ourselves with holy water. After we have recalled our Baptism by making the Sign of the Cross with water from the font, but before we slide into the pew, we genuflect, we touch our right knee to the floor to honor Jesus, who is really present in the tabernacle! If genuflecting is physically difficult, a bow is a reverent substitute.”

“ The next time you enter the church, allow your eyes to be drawn to the sanctuary, altar, and tabernacle. A candle is kept burning next to the Tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. Seeing the candle, a sanctuary lamp, we can recognize that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and give Him the great honor that He deserves. When we genuflect, we make an act of humility that acknowledges the greatness of God and confesses that Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist is God with us.”

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog, Fr. Luke Spannagel, part 2
November 28, 2022

ADORATION

Adoration is defined as, “The act of religion by which God is recognized as alone worthy of supreme honor because He is infinitely perfect, has supreme dominion over humans, and the right to human total dependence on the Creator. It is at once an act of mind and will, expressing itself in appropriate prayers, postures of praise, and acts of reverence and sacrifice.”

Modern Catholic Dictionary by Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ
(Eternal Life Publications)

Opportunities for Adoration at Holy Cross Church:
Monday morning 8:15 AM in the Adoration Chapel
Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the church
Praying in the church or Adoration Chapel anytime
church is open, weekdays 9AM - 3PM.

Reflection

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modeling the law of the Gospel, but the readings also invite a sincere examination of self. Are there disconnections between what I hold true in faith and the lived expression of my life? Is the discipleship of my life exercised with gentleness (cf. 1 Thes 2: 7b) or is it more like that of Jesus’ concern toward the pharisees ‘do what they tell you, but don’t follow their example’ (cf. Mt. 23:1-12)?

Maybe if we want to live out or experience anew this peace that only comes from the Lord, we should in humility reflect on our own spaces where we choose hardness of heart and return to find the necessary nourishment of God’s mercy especially as found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. With the divine life of God restoring us to health, our resolve to live in authentic relationship with the Lord and with our brothers and sisters is always strengthened. Doing so we permit Jesus to be our Lord, our master, our model, our hope, and our consolation.

In You, O Lord...in communion with your ways, your life, your Gospel, your image...I will be led to eternal peace.

Peace,

Rev. Brenda Foley

Outreach

Thank You from the Caring Crusaders

The Caring Crusaders would like to thank everyone who participated in the children's clothing drive to support Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program. The outpouring of donations was heartwarming! The clothing closet was restocked weekly as donations came in. Thank you for your generous support.



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 29:	\$13,804.00
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:	\$1,143.00

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, NOVEMBER 6

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
9:00 AM Diocesan Teacher Mass & PD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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, NOVEMBER 9

7:45 AM Elementary Formation, Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:30 AM Jesus & the Eucharist, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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
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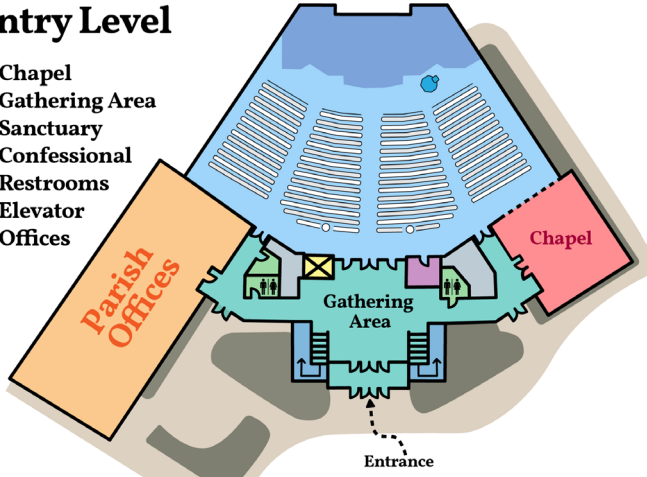


Parish Office

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.

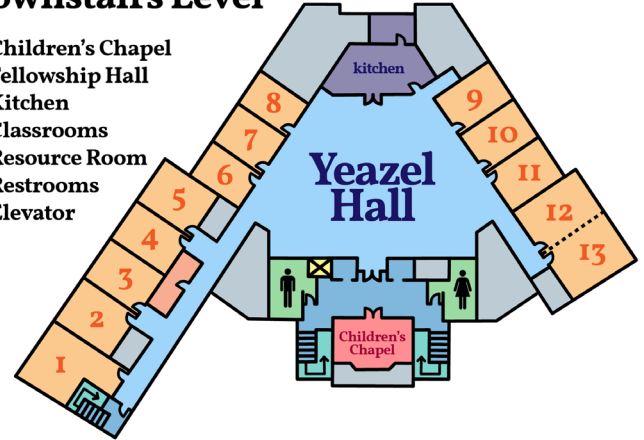
Entry Level

- 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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