



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRTY-THIRD 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, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Whether we believe it or not, God has invested a great deal of time, effort and hard work in creating us to be the best we can be. In the same way as the master in Jesus' parable, God has gone on a journey and is trusting us to make some level of improvement on what he accomplished in us. We can be sure that someday God will come back to see what we have done with his creations—us. Our readings speak to the ideas that we can do well with what God has given us or we can do little to improve what we have been given with the time we given.

The first reading from the Book of Proverbs speaks about the perfect wife and what a treasure is to be found in her. She has clearly done a lot to maximize what God has given her, working with loving hands to raise a

family of faith filled children who will go on to live lives of discipleship. In the second reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul reminds us to be always ready for the Lord's coming because we do not know when it will happen. The gospel parable tells of a master who entrusted his property to others and went away expecting to return to some improvement on his investments.

The implications of our readings are clear; It is not enough for us to simply say that we believe in God – we must put that faith into practice and live it out in our lives so that we may give glory to God and help others to come to know him. In this way we will have taken what he gave us and improved on it and helped build up his kingdom. God has blessed us with abilities and skills that can help us to show love for God and for our neighbors. The two servants used their talents to improve on the master's investment, while the third was afraid to take a chance. Let us be brave and boldly put our talents to use as an investment in the Kingdom of God.

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18

4:00PM VIGIL Christian Hall /
Maureen Hall & Family

Sunday, November 19

7:30AM Irene M. VanNess /
Alice & Bill Brandt

10:30AM Dora & Vincenzo Mutone /
Daughters

5:00PM Lenora Stach /
Jerome & Ellen Pristash

Monday, November 20

7:45AM Jane Hanlon /
Pamela Cleland & Danna Newton

Tuesday, November 21

7:45AM F. Mark Wildrick /
Tony & Kay Sgarlata

7:45AM Stephen Quartier /
The Kinnan Family

Wednesday, November 22

7:45AM Stephen Oliva Sr. /
Wife & Family

Thursday, November 23

9:00AM In thanksgiving for the
priests who have served Holy Cross
Parish, living & deceased

Friday, November 24

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Saturday, November 25

9:00AM Lillian Maio /
Donna Newton

4:00PM Richard & Nancy Delorenzo
(67th Anniversary) / Family

Sunday, November 26

7:30AM Family of Carl & Pearl Thomas

10:30AM Alan Haley / Erin & Karen

5:00PM Nancy Niland Whitley /
Elaine Lostumbo

News & Events



Thanksgiving Day Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023 | 9:00 AM

Please join us for this special liturgy and Blessing of Bread on Thanksgiving Day. All will be invited during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh, homemade bread to share with family and friends at your Thanksgiving table. If you won't be able to join us in person, be sure to tune in to our livestream. Know that we are so grateful for you and your family. God bless and be well!

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, November 21 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!

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

No Faith Formation This Week

NOVEMBER 21-23, 2023

No Faith Formation classes this week due to the Thanksgiving break. See you next week at Parent Breakfasts!

Parish Office Closed

NOVEMBER 23-24, 2023

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. There will be no 7:45 AM Mass on Thanksgiving but there will be Mass at 9:00 AM. The church will not be open for private prayer. On Friday, November 25, daily Mass will be at 7:45 AM.

Giving Tree at Holy Cross

BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND | NOVEMBER 25

Christmas will be here before you know it! We're preparing for our 40th annual Giving Tree! Once again this year, we will provide gifts and gift cards to 8 agencies that work with those in need in our community. Many of the requests this year are for gift cards as agencies have found the families enjoy being able to choose their own gifts. Gift tags will be on the trees in the Gathering Area starting Saturday, November 25. Please plan to return your unwrapped gift/gift card with tag attached on Sunday, December 10 by 11 AM. Thank you for continuing to be the caring and generous community for which Holy Cross is known.

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 | 1-3 PM

Join us on Tuesday, November 28 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free movie viewing. All are welcome to attend! Refreshments provided.

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*. 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.

Plan to join us at Holy Cross Church on Wed., Dec. 6 at 9:30 AM for the Holy Cross School Nativity Play!



Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 3rd

Join us for a special celebration with Santa that includes a delicious breakfast and festive photos with the big guy!

Outreach

Parish Team at the Samaritan Center

I wish to extend my gratitude to all Holy Cross volunteers who gave freely of themselves to support the Samaritan Center in 2023, their commitment to assist the needy is truly inspiring. We look forward to working together as a parish team beginning again in 2024. God bless!

Thank you,
Rick Coughlin



CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE

NOVEMBER 15 & 18, 2023

Our children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of First Penance celebrated with their families on November 15 and 18, 2023. We are so thank all of our faithful community for your ongoing prayerful support. Be sure to join us in encouraging and celebrating the faith of these children and their families.

Nicholas Ascenzo
Gio Berardi
Max Blair
Leo Borer
Luca Borer
Will Cannon
Scarlett Centra
Teagan Chase
Luna Damato
Elyse DeMarchi
Hudson Di Peso
Charlotte Fallico
Aaliyah Frey
Emmet Garcia

Pierce Groat
Kendall Holdridge
Mila Jakim
Brynlee Kaelin
Joey Kasouf
Fitz Kilmartin
Hailey Lam
AJ Marko
Grace McNamara
Penelope Miller
Peyton Moore
Sloane Nesci
Jonathan Paulus
Dominic Perrone

Ellie Podkaminer
Kiki Podkaminer
Frankie Pribula
Henry Rowe
Giavanna Russo
Will Schneckenburger
Ellianna Searing
Leighanne Sumagaysay
Nadia Swan
Avi Thurston
Noah Tilly
Anthony Vavonese



*I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me.*

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 NOVEMBER 12	REPORTED IN NEXT ISSUE

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)	NOVEMBER 19
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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 20

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Church
12 PM Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass, Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

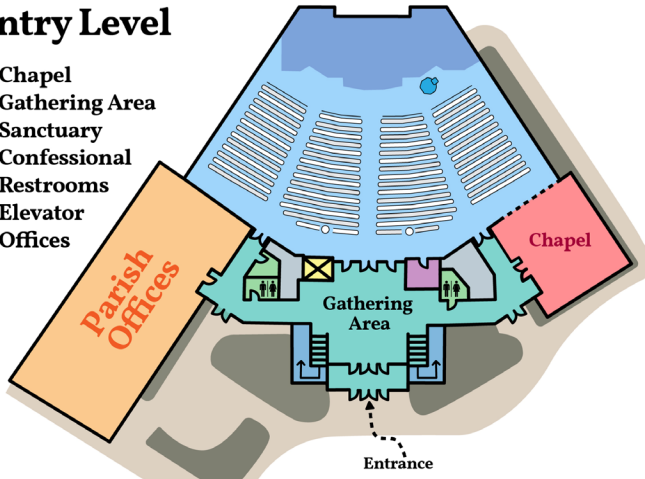


Parish Office

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.

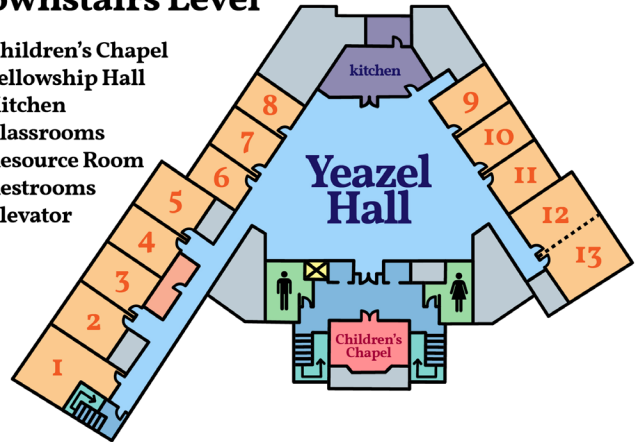
Entry Level

- 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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