



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



DECEMBER 31, 2023



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, DECEMBER 31, 2023

READINGS

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

There is a special quality to the Feast of the Holy Family that separates this Sunday from the rest of the year. The idea that each household is a domestic church unto itself lies at the center of this feast. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1655 speaks to this concept; "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity." To this end, we hear in this week's readings about how a father and mother should be honored by their children, and how mutual respect and love are the basic essence of the Christian family's life.

When Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph, one of the first things they did

was to take him to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord in accordance with Jewish law. It is an interesting scenario; the son of God being presented to his Father. Simeon knew that there was something special going on when he offered his prayer, known as the "Nunc Dimittis." He is now ready to move on to the afterlife knowing that the promise of eternal salvation that the Lord God had made was now being fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

The lesson for us this week is that our families are part of that first holy family in ways that we can continue to contemplate as we move through the Christmas season. Even though many families today have different structures than Jesus, Mary and Joseph's did, we still can share the love that both Sirach and Paul speak about in our first and second readings. If we fear the Lord and walk in his ways, we will be able to teach our children that God is at work in our world through the Holy Spirit and Jesus. That knowledge can be comforting to us if we trust in God's plan for our lives.

Peace,
Deacon Dare

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp
Raymond Cariseo

Saturday, December 30

4:00PM VIGIL Dr. Carl Austin /
Austin Family

Sunday, December 31

7:30AM Alan Haley /
Julia & Bob Maguire
10:30AM James Quartier /
Erin & Karen
5:00PM Frederick & Virginia Alsante/
Robert & Laurie Faiola

Monday, January 1

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross
10:30AM Daniel Gaworecki /
Noni Burgen & Judy Bell

Tuesday, January 2

7:45AM Catherine Collins Bona /
Family

Wednesday, January 3

7:45AM Richard Kleisle / Family
7:45AM Tim Peterman /
Scheibel Family

Thursday, January 4

7:45AM Marie Damico /
Rob & Diane Ruffolo

Friday, January 5

7:45AM Mass League Intentions
9:15AM Diane Messina /
Sansones

Saturday, January 6

9:00AM John J. Burns /
Elaine Lostumbo
4:00PM VIGIL Joyce Hinkle / Family

Sunday, January 7

7:30AM Edward McQueeney /
Relihan & Foraker Families
10:30AM Aungier & McManus
Families / Erin & Karen
5:00PM Stan Nowakowski &
Minnie Cerro / Family

News & Events

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

Join us for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Masses will be at Holy Cross Church at 7:45 AM and 10:30 AM. Please note that the Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year in the US in accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2.

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. – Canon 1246, §2

Parish Office Closed

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of New Year's Day and of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024* | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Wednesday, January 3 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!

**Please note the change in date*

Needlework Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, January 4 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.

Food Giving Weekend

JANUARY 6-7, 2024

Our next food collection is the weekend of January 6-7. The December collection was overwhelmingly perfect! Our pantries received all that they needed, and were so grateful. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity! Thank you to all volunteers who processed and transported all 200 bags of these wonderful necessities!

For January, our pantries have the greatest need for easy to prepare hot meals and personal care items:

- Oatmeal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Coffee
- Hot chocolate
- Chili
- Beef stew
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned pasta with meat, ravioli
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Soup & crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Dry milk powder
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body wash & soap

Monthly Luncheon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden at 3147 Erie Blvd E on Wednesday, January 11 at 12 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Tuesday, January 9. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

World Marriage Day Mass

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 2:00 PM

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 11th, 2:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All married couples who attend will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

Couples married 25, 50, or more years in 2024 will be recognized in a special way. Please contact the parish office so that we can send you a personal invitation. Call **315-446-0473** or send us an email at info@holycrossdewitt.org



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: FORMS OF PENITENTIAL ACT

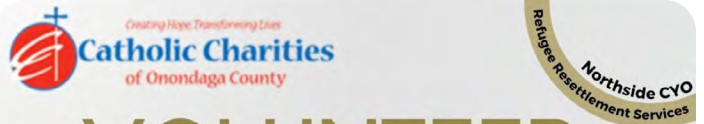
The Confiteor begins: "I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters..." This prayer helps us to express sorrow for faults we have committed in word and in action. We humbly acknowledge that we have done wrong and also that we have sometimes failed to do good. Then, recognizing that we all need help, we ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother, all the other saints, and our brothers and sisters around us. This is a great prayer for reminding us that we are all in the Christian life together.

We are instructed to strike the breast during the words "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault" (corresponding to the three "mea culpa" phrases of the Latin version), striking the breast is a gesture of humility and sorrow for sins. As Edward Sri observes, "The Confiteor also challenges us to consider seriously four areas in which we may have fallen into sin: 'In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do.' These four points serve as an excellent examination of conscience" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 33, 35).

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 9,
Fr. Luke Spannagel,
January 11, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Adoration

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.



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Refugee Youth Programs at the Northside CYO

Morning Academy Classroom Helper
Monday to Thursday 9 am - 12:30 pm

After School Program Assistant
Monday to Thursday, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Assisting with Teen Recreation Programs and Family Events
Hours Vary

FOR GENERAL INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT

Mairead Blatner

Youth Programs Coordinator

315-741-9444 (call or text), mblatner@ccoc.us

INTERESTED IN TEEN PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT

Rebecca Hayes

Making A Connection Coordinator

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Community Support Teams

Welcome Refugees to Syracuse

Support Teams

commit to one year of assisting new arrivals
by providing services not limited to:

- Housing Set Ups
- Initial Grocery Shopping
- Community Integration
- DMV Navigation

Learn more by contacting Valerie Hardy at vhardy@ccoc.us

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 DECEMBER 17	\$16,979.00
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 24	REPORTED IN NEXT ISSUE

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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.

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Mass, Church

10:30 AM Mass, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

6:45 AM FF Teacher Epiphany Party,

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:15 AM School Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following
people in prayer

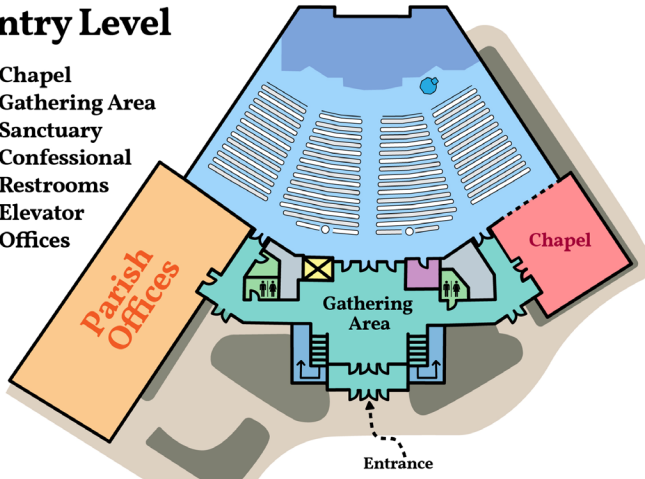
Margaret Blanchfield,
Connie Chase, Sue Fillingner,
Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner,
Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch,
Marianne Mallaber, Faith Muller,
Nancy Patane, John Toole,
and Dorothy Trust

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 and Adoration chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 8:15 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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