



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JANUARY 21, 2024

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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, JANUARY 21, 2024

READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:15

On September 30, 2019, the feast of St. Jerome (d. 420), Pope Francis addressed to the Church his desire for each year the third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be a day dedicated to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. Appropriately chosen on this day because St. Jerome most famously reminds us of a deep truth which governed his whole life: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

A simple invitation for us that if we respond to this call and pick up the Gospel, we have in our hands direct contact with God's self-revelation. We come to better know and understand who he is, and this can only draw us deeper into friendship. We might better consider how much time

we sit with His Word before our eyes, minds, and heart open to receive. How much media we allow to go in and out of our head each day! Imagine if just 15 of those minutes were replaced by time for the Lord to speak to us through his Gospel. We'd quickly find that those 15 minutes become far more fruitful than the 15 minutes of scrolling through the internet we would've otherwise done.

St. Ephrem (d. 373): "Who is able to understand, Lord, all the richness of even one of your words? There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. Your word has as many aspects as the perspectives of those who study it. The Lord has colored his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word all treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what he or she contemplates"

As we continue to be early on in our liturgical year, notice that we are beginning our trek through the Gospel of Mark, to which we will devote a

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20

4:00PM VIGIL Stephen Quartier/CSV

Sunday, January 21

7:30AM Kathleen Nappi /
Patty & Tom Quartier

10:30AM John Joseph McDonald /
Schappert Family

5:00PM John P. Wagner /
Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, January 22

7:45AM Jane Hanlon /
Caryn Scuderi

Tuesday, January 23

7:45AM Florence K. Brandt /
Alice & Bill Brandt

Wednesday, January 24

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, January 25

7:45AM James Duffy /
Carl & Pearl Thomas

Friday, January 26

7:45AM Eileen Ferrara /
Holy Cross Altar Rosary

Saturday, January 27

9:00AM Drew Pelletiere /
The Beeler Family

4:00PM VIGIL Sister Bernadette Mary
/ CSV

Sunday, January 28

7:30AM Living Intention of Jared Mace/
Sherry Mace, Mother

10:30AM William L. Leiker / Family

5:00PM Angeline Silvestri / Family

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



News & Events

Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner! We'll be celebrating our amazing community all week long. There will be many spirited and creative activities as well as service projects, games, and fun for our students. Look for more details to come.

- Follow along at hcschooldewitt.org/CSW

Holy Cross School Open House

JANUARY 28, 2024 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Invite your family & friends to come and get to know the caring and compassionate educational & faith-filled community at Holy Cross School! Are you an alum of Holy Cross? Stop by and see how your legacy lives on and how our school has progressed over the years. We hope you will join us!

- Learn more at hcschooldewitt.org/open-house

Monthly Movie: *Music of the Heart*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *Music of the Heart*, a dramatization of the true story of Roberta Guaspari (played by Meryl Streep) who co-founded the Opus 118 Harlem School of Music and fought for music education funding in New York City public schools.

- We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Save the date for our annual Bread & Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 14. You can look forward to a delicious variety of hot soups and homemade breads! We are looking for volunteers to help with food prep on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the day.

- Contact Julie to help: julie@holycrossdewitt.org



World Marriage Day Mass

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 2:00 PM AT CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia invites all married couples & their families to join him in celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Mass and opportunity for all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

If celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ year anniversary in 2024, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia. Call us at **315-446-0473** or info@holycrossdewitt.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024 | CANANDAIGUA, NY

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is planned for February 23-25, 2024 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register online at wwme.org.

The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.

- Application fee is \$100. For more information, contact Mike & Kathy Williams, applications@wwme-wny.org or 585-872-5432.



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: COLLECT

After the Gloria, the priest invites us to pray. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes, "Next the Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the priest pronounces the prayer usually called the 'Collect'. Charles Belmonte notes it is "called the Collect because it sums up and gathers together all the intentions of the day's sacrifice" (Understanding the Mass, p. 65).

According to Belmonte, the Collect has a standard structure of four parts: an invocation to God, the grounds on which we base our confidence (or a reference to the feast of the day), a petition, and a conclusion (see p. 66). For example, we see these four parts in this Collect: "O God [invocation], who teach us that You abide in hearts that are just and true [grounds for confidence], grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to You [petition]. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever [conclusion]."

During the Collect, the priest extends his hands and arms outward in what is called the "orans" position, a position of prayer. This was used by our Jewish ancestors and adapted for Christian prayer. With an historical note from the early Christian writer Tertullian, Belmonte observes that Christians adjusted how the hands are held "so as to resemble those of the Lord on the cross" (p. 65). During the Mass, the priest uses this gesture to indicate that we are all praying together; he is collecting all our prayers and offering them up to the Father. At the end of this prayer, the people respond by saying, "Amen." in affirmation of this prayer in their name.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 12,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, January 31, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Reflection

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lot of time in Cycle B of the Sunday Lectionary. Consider reading it cover to cover. Today we find ourselves still early in the first chapter, but already we are hit with Mark's style that will be the tone for the remainder of the Gospel: vivid, almost breathless, one event to the next, urgent, and above all, it is very much Good News for us. Mark 1:1 doesn't mess around but gets right to the point of who we meet in this living word: The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Consider now the urgency with which Mark quickly communicates, why we must be attentive to this message, and return to today's Gospel. John the Baptist is arrested, immediately Jesus now is on the scene. This (Now) is the time of fulfillment, the Kingdom is at hand and breaking in (Now), repent and believe in the Gospel (Now). Jesus passing by the fishermen busy doing their daily tasks, Jesus calls and they respond and drop everything. Come follow me (Now). We hear something that mattered then and matters equally for our ears now. Something was powerful in Jesus' words, in the expression of his voice, his captivating appearance. Those who heard him responded immediately. What are we waiting for? Let's listen to His word and respond boldly...

Peace,

Rev. Brenda Foley



Middle School Youth Retreat!

Thirty youth from the Holy Cross youth group, Holy Cross School, and morning Faith Formation went on retreat last weekend in the Catskills. We had fun with snow-basketball, youth group games, and even some indoor archery. They also had talks, confession and Adoration. Many thanks to all our peer leaders, volunteers, and especially Fr. Foley for the help! We look forward to our retreat next year!

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 JANUARY 14	\$18,782.00

Contribution statements for 2023 will be available starting on 1/23/24 by calling the office 315-446-0473 or by emailing peg@holycrossdewitt.org

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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 22

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
5:30 PM Pastoral Council, Rooms 12-13
7:00 PM Middle School Youth, Room 1
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 AM Mass, Church
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
10:30 AM CSW Mass, Church
11:30 AM Open House, Holy Cross School
1:30 PM Open House Ends
4:30 PM Confirmandi & Sponsor Mass & Dinner, Church & Yeazel Hall
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, Laura Suarez,
and John Toole

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY JAN 28 11:30AM-1:30PM

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COME SEE OUR PK3 – 6TH GRADE

You're invited to come get to know the caring & compassionate community at Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School!

Learn lifelong values of faith, service, honesty, courtesy, and compassion while achieving academic excellence

Expand creative thinking in our STEAM lab and innovative Library Media Center

Collaborate with peers using integrated 1-to-1 classroom technology

Receive support with Resource & Academic Intervention when you need it

Connect with classmates during our accommodating before and after school programs

Nurture your talents and skills with our wide range of student activities, clubs, & special areas

Enjoy a safe, welcoming, & convenient location

Discover and develop with a caring, faith-filled community where everyone knows your name!

See more at hcschooldewitt.org

