



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 28, 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](http://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 28, 2024

### READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are called to focus on the healing that God does for us in our lives. In today's gospel, we see Jesus casting out a demon and teaching with authority in the temple. The scribes and the people present were amazed at how someone could command and teach with such authority. Our gospel acclamation reminds us today that the people in darkness have seen a great light. Even in our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy we see Moses speak of "one who will be raised up from your own kin and speak my words into him..." Even in the Old Testament the life and ministry of Jesus is foretold and revered.

How often are we like the scribes and those who do not see the workings of

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Christ in our lives? This is not to say that we completely shut out God in our lives, but simply fail to see how he works with in them and heals us as he heals the man in the temple today in the gospel. We all have darkness in our lives and need healing. Let us take some time this week and ask God to help us see that darkness and ask him to help us heal.

Let's face it: the darkness in our lives can at times consume us and take our focus away from God. This is where sin and temptation come in, and we must remain close to God. How can you remain close to God today in your life? As we continue in this ordinary time of our liturgical year, let us continue to find God in the everyday, mundane times of our lives. Take some time this week and let God bring you his healing whether through meditating on Sacred Scripture, receiving the Eucharist, or simply coming to Mass this weekend or during the week.

Peace!

## Mass Intentions

**Hosts, Wine, & Lamp**  
Angeline Silvestri / Family

### Saturday, January 27

**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

### Monday, January 29

**7:45AM** Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Tuesday, January 30

**7:45AM** Mary Carello / Chuck & Regina Harty

### Wednesday, January 31

**7:45AM** Joyce Naples / The Lennons

### Thursday, February 1

**7:45AM** Marie Damico / John Mirabito

### Friday, February 2

**7:45AM** Mass League Intentions

### Saturday, February 3

**9:00AM** Luke Morrisroe / Niece

**4:00PM VIGIL** Dinita Machlin / Carol & Don Scullion

### Sunday, February 4

**7:30AM** Kathleen Foley / Leiker Family

**10:30AM** Dan Glauber / Jack & Marian Glisson

**5:00PM** Living Intention of Frank & Linda Ridzi / Frank & Anna & Kids

#### MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Kathleen Foley / Fr. Kurgan, Dc. Dutter & Staff of Holy Cross

Joseph & Elaine Scuderi & Family /

Caryn Scuderi & Family

Maureen E. Tessier / Family

# News & Events

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## Catholic Schools Week

**JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

This week is Catholic Schools Week! We'll be celebrating our amazing community all week long. Our school students will help lead our 10:30 AM Sunday liturgy. There will be many spirited and creative activities as well as service projects, games, and fun for our students. See all the activities on page 5.

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## 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!

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## 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*. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

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## Needlework Group

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 | 1:00 PM**

The next Needlework Group (sewing, quilting, knitting) gathering will be on Thursday, February 1 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.

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## Men's Group

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

Join men from our parish in getting together regularly to discuss life and topics of the faith. Meetings are every other Thursday at 7:00 PM in the parish conference room. Upcoming dates: 2/1, 2/15, 2/29. Contact Dc. Dare ([dare@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:dare@holycrossdewitt.org)) to get connected.

## Food Giving Weekend

**FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024**

Wow, Holy Cross we did it again! In the midst of the January snow event, we came through and provided what our pantries needed. Many donated early, some donated more, and many made it in through the snow - we thank you all! And our volunteers were stellar, thank you!

We are always in need of a few sets of hands in Yeazel Hall, to organize the items, even 15 minutes helps:

- Next Saturday: 3PM - 4PM, 5PM - 5:30 PM
- Next Sunday: 8:30AM - 9:15AM, 9:30AM-10AM to load, after 10:30AM & 5PM Masses.

For February, the pantries need easy-to-prepare warm foods, household, and personal items:

- Oatmeal
- Beef stew
- Canned Pasta
- Ramen noodles
- Macaroni & cheese
- Hot cocoa, coffee, tea
- Laundry Detergent, small
- Chili
- Pasta & Sauce
- Soup & crackers
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned fruit/vegetables
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo, body wash

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## 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](mailto:julie@holycrossdewitt.org)



Don't miss the fun, friends, and the faith that brings us all together! Registrations for summer programs for youth of all ages are now open. Learn more & sign up today!

- Visit [holycrossdewitt.org/summer](http://holycrossdewitt.org/summer)



## Parish Eucharistic Revival

### THE MASS: LITURGY OF THE WORD

Every Mass, after the Collect, we sit and begin the Liturgy of the Word, which includes:

First Reading (usually taken from the Old Testament), a sung or recited Responsorial Psalm, (on Sundays and Solemnities:) a Second Reading from the New Testament, the Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation, a reading from the Gospels, a Homily, the Profession of Faith (Creed), and the Prayers of the Faithful with a concluding prayer.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "For in the readings, as explained by the Homily, God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ Himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful. By silence [listening to the readings] and singing [responding] the people make this divine word their own, and affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith; finally, having been nourished by the divine word, the people pour out their petitions by means of the Universal Prayer for the needs of the whole Church and for the salvation of the whole world" (GIRM, 55).

Sunday readings are divided into a three-year cycle. (The readings for daily Mass are on a two-year cycle with one reading from various parts of the Bible and a Gospel reading each day.) For the Sunday readings, Cycle A focuses on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Cycle B on St. Mark, and Cycle C on St. Luke. The Old Testament readings correspond to the subject of the Gospel. For example, if the Gospel is about Jesus being persecuted, the First Reading might be about one of the prophets conflict with people. Or, if the Gospel is about the Eucharist, the First Reading might be about manna, a sacrifice, a shared meal. The Gospel of St. John is used during Christmas, Lent, Easter, during the summer Sundays of Cycle B, and it also usually has a corresponding First Reading from the Old Testament.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 13,  
Fr. Luke Spannagel, February 7, 2023  
[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## Rite of Welcome

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 | 5PM MASS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the ancient process through which adults journey together while seeking to be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. OCIA is not a class, nor is it a race to see how much information about the faith individuals can consume over the course of a year or more. Rather, it is primarily about one's relationship with the Lord and how he or she is being invited deeper to share in his body, the Church. Individuals will certainly grow in knowledge of the faith, but also they must grow in prayer so as to deepen their readiness to receive the invitation to the divine life in the Sacraments that Jesus offers to all of us.

This journey is marked by certain rites along the way both for the individuals and for us, the Church they will soon be welcomed into. The timing of these various rites mark their readiness to take the next step and invite our prayerful support as members of their family. This is truly the mission of the Church alive and at work!

This Sunday at the 5:00 PM evening Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome, a public display of the desire these individuals have to join the Church. It demonstrates a transition from simply an interested inquirer to active Catechumen (not yet baptized) or Candidate (already baptized). As seen in the intentionality of this rite, quite literally, a public step for these individuals takes place as they physically "cross the threshold" into the Church for the first time to be seen by our community. After their sponsor, a helpful friend and mentor in the faith, introduces them to us, we question what it is they are seeking. Their answer is "faith," faith that offers "eternal life." After this initial inquiry, these individuals also receive the Word of God. Each receives a Bible to take for themselves, to be nourished daily with the very Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, we as the Church take their intent very seriously by assuring them our prayerful support.

This year Holy Cross Church hopes to welcome these individuals whom the Lord has been actively at work helping them to hear his call in their lives. Please greet them warmly and welcome them to our faith community whenever you see them! Above all, please accompany them with your prayers that they may continue to know and be transformed by the Lord's grace already at work within them. They are a gift to us!

The RCIA journey is designed for all people looking for answers about the Catholic faith. If you would like to know more or know someone that may be interested, please invite them to get in touch with us!

# Catholic Schools Week

## AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

**JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 2, 2024**



### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** † CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

**MASS AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 10:30 AM** 🙏 All students are encouraged to attend with their families and asked to dress in their school uniforms.

**OPEN HOUSE** 🏠 Immediately following Mass from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Holy Cross School will open our doors for new students, prospective families, and alumni who wish to see the school. Spread the word!

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 29** † CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

**SPORTS DAY** 🏆 Wear your favorite team shirt!

**BOWLING (GRADES 4-6)** 🎳 4th-6th grade students visit Green Lakes Lanes, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**VISIT TO THE MOST (GRADES 1-3)** ✨ 1st-3rd grade students visit the Most, 9:15 AM - 11:00 AM

**PRESENTATION BY G&G ANIMALS (K & PK)** 🐸 Wildlife Rehabilitation Center visits HC, 10:00 AM

**PACKED WITH LOVE** 📦 Students will pack backpacks for children entering foster care. See flier for details.

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30** † CELEBRATING STUDENTS

**WACKY TACKY DAY** 😜 Wear silly clothing combinations, but please dress appropriately.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 🥞 Breakfast with buddies in Yeazel Hall from 9 AM - 10 AM

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31** † CELEBRATING THE NATION

**PATRIOT DAY** 🇺🇸 Wear red, white, & blue! Students to perform patriotic songs learned in music class.

**DOWNBEAT DRUM** 🥁 Performing at 1:00 PM in HC gym for students and staff. Parents are welcome to attend.

**CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS** 🇺🇸 Students to make cards and letters for veterans/armed forces. Presentation by Purple Heart recipient, Nathan Jerauld.

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1** † CELEBRATING VOCATIONS

**CAREER DAY** 👷👷👷 Dress like a career or future self. Students visit with parent volunteers to learn about various career paths and opportunities. Students will write thank you notes to their teachers.

**VOCATIONS ASSEMBLY** 🙏 School wide prayer and teaching from Fr. Foley

**REGAN'S ACTS OF KINDNESS BOOK DRIVE** 📖 Students to collect and donate new books. See flier.

**SNOW TUBING AT FOUR SEASONS** ❄️ Families are invited to enjoy an evening of snow tubing fun from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Students must be accompanied by an adult. See separate flier.

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2** † CELEBRATING FACULTY, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

**RED AND WHITE DAY** 🎈 Parents are invited to attend! Games begin at 1:00 PM. Teacher vs Students relay competitions, Buddy event, and the parent vs. 6th grade basketball game!

**TEACHER BREAKFAST** 🍷 Parents to provide breakfast for teachers.

**PARENTS VS. 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL GAME** 🏀 This long-standing Holy Cross tradition will begin at 2:00PM immediately following Red and White games.

**ERIN'S ANGELS BIRTHDAY CAKE BOXES** 🎂 Service project to benefit Erin's Angels. See flier.



# 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give)



## FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED:	\$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 21:	\$15,424.00

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 29

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall  
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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, FEBRUARY 1

7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4), Y. Hall  
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall  
7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Room 1  
7:00 PM Men's Group, Yeazel Hall  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 AM Mass, Church  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13  
10:30 AM Mass, Church  
2:45 PM First Eucharist Workshop  
5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at  
[holycrossdewitt.org/events](https://holycrossdewitt.org/events)



## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following  
people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Connie Chase,  
Sue Fillinger, Ann Kronner, Elaine  
Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Marianne  
Mallaber, Liz and Tony Mollica, Faith  
Muller, Nancy Patane, Laura Suarez,  
and John Toole