



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

READINGS

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

As Christians, we live in the midst of conflict, both in our daily interactions with the world, and within ourselves, which we might know as spiritual conflict. As we live with conflict, we may find ourselves becoming victims of situations that are beyond our control. As we experience these conflicts, we often will find ourselves feeling alone and abandoned, perhaps even losing faith. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus struggling, as we do, with temptation. The reading we hear today accurately depict what we all experience at times in our life, including the human side of Jesus.

So what do these struggles have to do with Lent? Lent is a time for us to realize that God desires a relationship with each one of us. When our lives seem to be going well, accord-

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ing to our own desires and plans, it may be easy to forget God, but when we struggle and deal with temptations, we can turn back to the ultimate comfort, a renewed relationship with our creator. Why do we not desire to live in that relationship permanently, instead of often choosing to walk through life alone?

This Lent we have the opportunity to give over the struggles, doubts, and conflicts that we experience to our loving God. We have the opportunity for inner conversion. We can walk with Christ, witnessing how he carried the Cross-for us, not just for a moment in history, but to this day. Will we allow another Lent to slip through our fingers as time passes by, or will we choose to be involved in prayer and devotion, constantly reflecting and thanking God for giving us His only begotten Son?

Peace,

Rev. John Horgan

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM VIGIL Angelina Corbi /
Holy Cross Knitting Group

Sunday, February 18

7:30AM Sehl Burns /
Chuck & Regina Harty
10:30AM Katy Nappi /
Loretta Nowicki
5:00PM Dr. Robert Slavens /
Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, February 19

7:45AM Andy Gambuzza /
Frank Sorenno

Tuesday, February 20

7:45AM Patricia Madsen /
The Sarros

Wednesday, February 21

7:45AM Debbie DiFino /
Kathleen and Stephen Davis

Thursday, February 22

7:45AM Joseph Farnett /
Claude & Mary Anne
AND Anthony Kolinski / Family

Friday, February 23

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Saturday, February 24

9:00AM Jack DeSantis / Kathy Kotz
4:00PM VIGIL Sister Bernadette Mary
/ CSV

Sunday, February 25

7:30AM Kathleen Murphy (Living
Intention) / Diane Temple
10:30AM Sal Angotti / The Davidson
Family (Matt, Suzanne, Maura
Kate, Luke, Lydia, and Madeline)
5:00PM Lillian Maio / Loretta
Nowicki

News & Events

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

HELP SUPPORT OUR HOLY CROSS TROOP!

It is Girl Scout Cookie Time! Holy Cross Girl Scout Troop 60500 will be selling Cookies February 17-18 after the 4:00 PM, 10:30 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses. The girls annually give 10% of their earnings from Holy Cross sales to the Educate-a-Child Fund and donated boxes of cookies go to the food pantry. To have your order ready for pick-up, please call/text Kira at 315-383-3148 or email her at kkrstrategy7@gmail.com.

Parish Office Closed

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

The parish office will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM with Holy Hour following. The Lenten Day of Reflection begins at 10:00 AM.

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, February 20 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!

Monthly Movie: *The Hill*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 31 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *The Hill*, The remarkable true-life story of Rickey Hill's improbable journey to play Major League Baseball. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

Holy Cross School Raffle Tickets

Holy Cross School students are selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support our annual fundraiser, the Holy Cross School Auction. Tickets are available for purchase online at hcschooldewitt.org/store

Safe Environment Training

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY CROSS

All diocesan, parish, and school employees and volunteers working with children, young people, or vulnerable adults must attend initial safe environment training, and then subsequent recertification every 5 years. Trainings are offered at parishes across the diocese throughout the year. Holy Cross is hosting the following trainings:

EPDR - RECERTIFICATION

- March 6, 9:00 AM March 6, 5:30 PM

PGC - INITIAL TRAINING

- March 13, 5:30 PM & March 20, 9:00 AM

Visit syracusediocese.org/safe-environment to learn more and to register.



THIS SUMMER... 🙌☀️

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



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 12-14, 2024

Join 9-12th grade students from our diocese for a weekend at Franciscan University packed with dynamic talks, uplifting concerts, transformative prayer & Adoration, and growing deeper through the Sacraments. holycrossdewitt.org/illuminate

LENT



Scripture Reflection & Adoration

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT | 6:30 PM

Join Fr. Foley on the Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 PM leading into our regularly scheduled hour of Adoration and Reconciliation as he unpacks scriptural insights each week. Visit holycrossdewitt.org/lent to get the scripture readings ahead of time.

Evening Prayer

SUNDAYS IN LENT | 4:40 PM

Looking to add some more time for prayer this Lenten season? Join us for Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4:40 PM (just prior to 5:00 PM Mass). The Liturgy of the Hours, or The Divine Office, is the ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, especially the Psalms.

Come pray with your parish community, and consider making this simple, solemn practice part of your Lent this year!

The Light is On

Join us at Holy Cross for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy Cross Church will be open for quiet prayer, reflection, and confessions.

- Monday, March 25, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, March 26, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross

**FRIDAYS IN LENT
8:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the stations and identify with Jesus' journey to Calvary. Stations are on Fridays at 8:15 AM (following 7:45 AM Mass) and at 7:00 PM.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible



JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING IN LENT

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible, followed by an engaging small group discussion led by one of our facilitators.

We have three different small group sessions, so pick one that works well for your schedule. Materials are only \$15.

Go to holycrossdewitt.org/unlock to sign up!

SESSIONS OPTIONS:

TUESDAY MORNINGS | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Facilitator: Dc. Dare Dutter

Feb 27, March 5, 12, April 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS | 12 PM - 1:30 PM

Facilitator: Dc. Dare Dutter

Feb 29, March 7, 14, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9

THURSDAY EVENINGS | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Facilitator: David Hines

Feb 29, March 7, 14, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: THE CREED

According to the Catechism, a creed is "a brief, normative summary statement or profession of Christian faith. The word 'Creed' comes from the Latin *Credo*, meaning 'I believe,'" (CCC, Glossary, s.v. "Creed"). The Catechism continues that two creeds have a special place in the Church's life: the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. "The Apostles' Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith" (CCC, no. 194). "The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day" (CCC, no. 195).

As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "Through the Creed, we as a community of believers stand and profess the foundations of our faith. Another gesture the Church asks of us as we profess the Creed, as we say '[and by] the Holy Spirit [was incarnate] of the Virgin Mary and became man,' we are to bow in adoration of the Incarnation and birth of our Lord. Interestingly, on those respective solemnities (Annunciation and Christmas) we are to retain the ancient custom of genuflecting during those lines" ("A Study of the Mass," p. 10). In a very practical way, standing is another way of giving our assent, as when a crowd stands in applause. Bowing while we recall the Incarnation acknowledges in a humble way how much we honor that significant moment in world history. Genuflecting on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and Christmas adds even more solemn praise to the joy of that moment, reflecting our adoration of our Lord who took on a human nature, becoming man for our sake.

As we profess our faith together, we are joined in a unity that began at our Baptism. "As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the 'standard teaching,' let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith."

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 27,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, June 21, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org



Outreach

Parish Team at Samaritan Center

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 3

The Samaritan Center is an interfaith effort of community members committed to serving the hungry and those in need in order to promote their welfare dignity and self sufficiency.

Join our team of parishioners that prepare and serve a meal on Sunday afternoons at the Samaritan Center. Holy Cross teams provide & serve the meal about once a month. Prep shifts start at 11:30 AM and meals begin at 12:30 PM. Clean up is usually concluded by 3:00 PM.

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful and important outreach program. Often families will choose to do prep shift together and many students who use this opportunity to fulfill any necessary service hours.

Upcoming dates for our parish team:

- **Sunday, March 3, 2024**

To join our team of volunteers on specific date and time or if you have any questions, contact Rick Coughlin at philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Joseph's House Baby Bottle Drive

GRAB A BOTTLE FROM THE GATHERING AREA

This Lenten season we are holding a Baby Bottle Drive at Holy Cross Church! Help support pregnant women and those parenting young children who are facing homelessness at Joseph's House for Women! Your support provides a warm and nurturing home and the hope for a brighter future! **Pick up your baby bottle in the church entryway, fill it with your cash, check, or change, and return it to the designated containers at Holy Cross by Palm Sunday, March 24.**

Visit jhfw.org/baby-bottle-drive to give online and learn more.

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 FEBRUARY 11:	\$16,375.59

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN:	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:	MARCH 10, 2024

Contribution statements for 2023 are available by calling the parish office at 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.

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

PRESIDENTS' DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

10:00 AM Lenten Day of Reflection, Y. Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Lux Mundi Movie, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

7:45 AM Mass, Church

9:00 AM Lux Mundi Movie, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Lux Mundi Movie, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

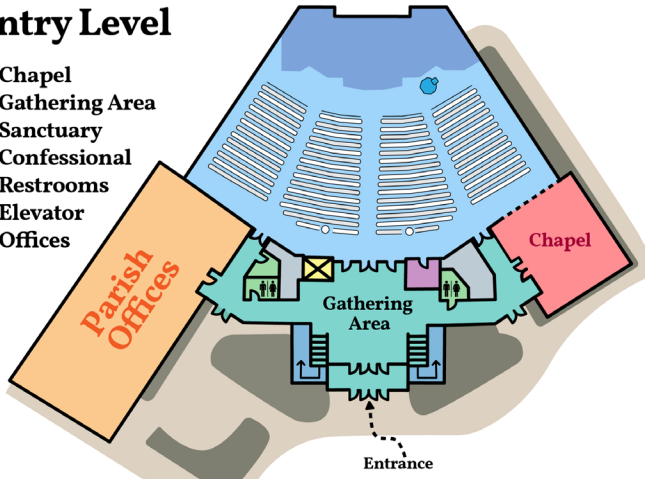
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Chuck Harty, Ann Kronner,
Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch,
Bob Maguire, Marianne Mallaber,
Liz and Tony Mollica,
Faith Muller, Nancy Patane,
Laura Suarez, and John Toole

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.

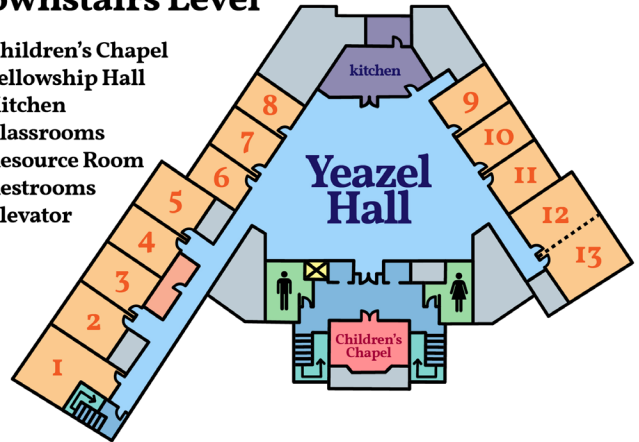
Entry Level

- 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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