



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 3, 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, MARCH 3, 2024

READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

While I think it would be safe to say that we are not accustomed to nor comfortable imagining Jesus making a whip out of cords/driving people away from the temple, it is a matter of crucial importance for our reflection! Jesus is attentive to the space dedicated to the dwelling place of God, and he makes his concern known that the Temple is being defiled, abused, and neglected.

In our readings today, we can receive Jesus as the perfect embodiment of the commandments (Ex 20) and of the future or new Temple, not made with human hands—we see in him the presence of divine life on earth, and by the prediction he makes of his imminent 'destruction,' i.e. death and resurrection, Jesus is preparing us for

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worshiping the temple of his Body and for the new way he will continue his dwelling among us. Beyond our comprehension, this is, as St. Paul says "a hidden, mysterious, wisdom" that is stronger and greater than anything imaginable by our human knowledge (cf. 1 Cor 1-2).

As we have come to see, not only does Jesus invite us to pay full attention to him and his authority, through the institution of the Sacraments we are invited to become his living temples. The assurance of constant access to his life is offered to us through sanctifying grace (which will flow to us precisely from his Cross and Resurrection) —not just as something to be physically near, but very seriously is a source of life that can take up residence in us! Through Baptism, we quite literally become Temples that house the divine life that was poured into us, and the subsequent Sacraments will continually adorn the temples of our bodies. Incredible how close God chooses to come to us!

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Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Jan Farr

Saturday, March 2

4:00PM VIGIL Douglas Klepper /
Joanne & Ken Andrews

Sunday, March 3

7:30AM Ronald G. Kinney / Wife
AND John P. Lynn / Mary Lynn Collins
10:30AM Fran Giacobbi /
Holy Cross Faith Formation
5:00PM Daniel Glauber /
Tom & Bob Beaudoin

Monday, March 4

7:45AM Kenna Becker McCay /
Deacon Dare & Marybeth Dutter

Tuesday, March 5

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, March 6

7:45AM Frank Loguidice / Family

Thursday, March 7

7:45AM Bill Poli / Kathy Kotz

Friday, March 8

7:45AM Mass League Intentions

Saturday, March 9

9:00AM Charlotte Keller
4:00PM VIGIL Bob LaClaire /
Chuck & Regina Harty

Sunday, March 10

7:30AM Anita Huber Keller
10:30AM Virginia Menar /
The Davidson Family
5:00PM Fr. David James /
Elaine Lostumbo

MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Lucy McLean / Sally Talarczyk
Mary Linh Dang / Family

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

MARCH 2 - 3, 2024

The food pantries continue to need our help, and we continue to come through for them! Thank you for your prayers, your time, and your donations to assist our neighbors in need.

As the need continues to grow, so does our need for a few helping hands, mostly before and/or after Mass on collection weekends. Processing 200 bags of groceries goes really fast when there is a team effort. Every few minutes helps. We have lots of tasks, for all skill levels, and try to have fun! Stop by the collection to ask about our various tasks.

And thank you again for all that you do to assist in this far reaching ministry!

Joseph's House Baby Bottle Drive

GRAB A BOTTLE FROM THE LOBBY

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. 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 by Palm Sunday.

Visit jhfw.org/baby-bottle-drive to give online!

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

MARCH 2-3, 2024 | 4PM, 1030AM, 5PM MASSES

Our Girl Scouts are back this weekend at the 4PM, 1030AM, and 5PM Masses. Be sure to stop by their table to support our Holy Cross troop!

The girls annually give 10% of their earnings from Holy Cross sales to the Educate-a-Child Fund at Holy Cross School and donated boxes of cookies go to the food pantry.

To have your order ready for pickup, please call/text Kira at 315-383-3148 or at kkstrategy7@gmail.com.

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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!

Needlework Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 | 1:00 PM

The next Needlework Group (sewing, quilting, knitting) gathering will be on Thursday, March 7 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome! Questions? Please call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at Holy Cross! Come enjoy a delicious corned beef lunch in Yeazel Hall, along with festive specialties and treats. Price is \$23 per person.

- Please call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 by **Friday, March 15** to make your reservation.

Council Yarn Collection

THROUGH MARCH 17

In memory of Cookie Dunham, (a Holy Cross trustee who passed away this year) the Pastoral Council is starting a new annual tradition (something that Cookie has been doing for years) of collecting yarn for the Franciscan nuns at the Villa who knit items for newborn and youth in the hospital and for our diocese. If donations exceed the nuns' needs, the excess will be given to our own Holy Cross knitting group who knit for newborns and hospital patients. So, if you have odds and ends of yarn or happen to buy a few skeins of yarn, please drop them in the box in the church lobby. We will be collecting yarn through March 17. Thank you in advance for helping us remember Cookie and the many sisters who continue to serve our community!

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.

- **MAR 6:** Hebrews 9:11-15; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
- **MAR 13:** John 6:24-35, Ezekiel 34:11-16

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.



Reflection

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Now reconsider what we experience in Jesus' passionate concern for the wellbeing and sacredness of the Temple. How might we be profaning the sacred space of his dwelling place within us? Wouldn't you want Jesus to also drive away all that presents obstacles to his life flourishing within us? What consumes the once sacred space in your heart and soul that should be solely extended to him for residence? Is it resentment and bitterness perpetually harboring in us? Pride? Self-hatred or discouragement? Is it habitual sin? Disordered attachment to worldly goods? Insecurities and anxieties?...

If you're like me, you certainly know what most threatens your temple! But above all, remember the beauty of the powerful love from Jesus that comes from his insistence to fight for your purification. He fervently desires to abide in us for our freedom and peace...just imagine if we really allowed Jesus to actually cleanse us and make us whole again.

I suggest starting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the deep clean, and then let prayer and his life in the Eucharist do the rest. :)

Peace,

Rev. Brendan Foley

Lenten Reminders

Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as well as on all Fridays during Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When possible, the fast from Good Friday should continue until the Easter Vigil. This is called the "Paschal Fast." It is done to enter into the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully to celebrate his Resurrection.



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AND THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on how the parts of the Mass are united and complement each other. As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "The Mass consists of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed" (GIRM, 28, also cf. SC 56, 48, 51).

Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on the two tables of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, emphasizes the unity between them: "There is an intrinsic bond between the Word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the Word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf. Rom 10:17); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives Himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, 'from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives the faithful the bread of life.'" (Sacramentum Caritatis, 44).

In the Mass, we encounter Jesus both through the Liturgy of the Word and through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both tables bless us with growing deeper in our relationship with Him. Both lead us deeper in unity. Both invite us to share the fruits of that unity with one another. Both increase our hope for the perfect unity with Christ that awaits us in heaven. For now, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is coming in the Liturgy of the Eucharist!

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 31,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, July 19, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org



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2024
CATHOLIC
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IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

We are so excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back with a great lineup of speakers. They are going BIG AGAIN this year with Keynote Speaker, internationally renowned Chris Stefanick! Along with Chris will be Jim Towe and Deacon Ralph Poyo and of course Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass.

IGNITE is moving to Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar NOW. We are challenging everyone to not only register yourself but bring a family member or friend to share the day.

Visit ignitecatholicmen.org for more info on the speakers, schedule for the day and to register. Contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso with any questions: anthonygrasso@yahoo.com



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

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

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

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 18:	\$20,827.91
COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 25:	\$20,230.34

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL THIRD COLLECTION

HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY): MARCH 29, 2024

Contribution statements for 2023 are available by calling the parish office at 315-446-0473 or by emailing peg@holycrossdewitt.org

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, MARCH 4

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
9:00 AM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:00 AM Safe Environment, Yeazel Hall
5:30 PM Safe Environment, Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM Lenten Reflection, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
12:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10
1:00 PM Needlework Group, Yeazel Hall
6:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10
7:00 PM Middle School Youth, Room 1
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church
9:00 AM Bishop Grimes Retreat, Y. Hall
5:30 PM HCS Pizza Bingo, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS
7:30 AM Mass, Church
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
10:30 AM Mass, Church
4:40 PM Evening Prayer, Church
5:00 PM Mass, Church

CORRECTION

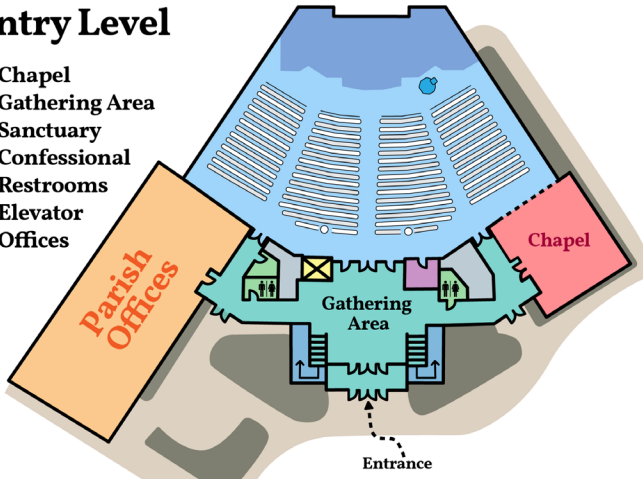
In our previous bulletin (Issue: Feb. 25), we inadvertently left off a member from the list of Pastoral Council in the Council Update column. Margaret Rieth should be included under voting members. We apologize for the omission.

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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