



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

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Ernest J. Camerota

1944 - 2024

Ernest Joseph Camerota, 79, passed away on February 29, 2024 at his home in Minoa, NY. He was born in Syracuse to Joseph and Lorraine Camerota on November 8, 1944.

Ernie graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School and went on to pursue his passion for music at Syracuse University, where he earned his Bachelor degree in Music Composition and Piano with a minor in Organ. Music was his life's work. His musical talents were noticed at a very early age as he sang on the radio at the age of two and traveled the country performing on the Horace Height TV show (at 3-7 year of age) with our parents by his side on guitar and accordion. He lived for several years in NYC working for ASCAP. He taught Chorus and Music Theory at Bishop Grimes High School. He was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

God gifted Ernie with an incredible musical talent. Having perfect pitch and the ability to hear a song just once and be able to sit at the piano and play it was just a sampling of his skills. He could also listen to an arrangement or orchestration and accurately write out all of the parts. He served as organist and choir director at several churches; but has spent the last nearly 40 years proudly as Director of Music at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Dewitt, NY. Over the years, Ernie developed and directed a Folk Choir, Children's Choir (for which he wrote many musical pieces) as well as the full Sunday Choir. He earned the love and respect of the entire Holy Cross community.

Predeceased by his parents, Ernie is survived by his sister, Maurita Marley and husband Michael and brother Eugene Camerota and wife Laurie; along with several nieces and nephews.



Dear Holy Cross family,

As you know by now, our beloved long-time music director, Ernie Camerota, died suddenly on February 29. Ernie was an important part of our parish community, was instrumental in helping with the design of the current Holy Cross Church, and was a part of nearly every Sunday Mass, funeral, or wedding that occurred here at Holy Cross! He is remembered by so many!

As I write this, we are preparing for Ernie's funeral Mass on March 7th. Let us pray for the repose of Ernie's soul, for his family and friends who loved him so much, and especially for our choir members who have not only lost their director, but a good friend and inspiration.

May Ernie now rest in peace!

Fr. Kurgan



FOLLOW ALONG



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 10, 2024

READINGS


2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. The term Laetare is derived from the opening words of the Latin Mass, "Rejoice (Laetare) Jerusalem" (Is 66:10), which calls the church to joyful anticipation of the victory of Christ over death.

The primary theme in today's readings is the mercy of God. As we ponder the meaning of joyful anticipation, we should consider this theme of mercy from three aspects: God is rich in mercy; God's mercy lifts us up; and the Blessings of God flow from God's Mercy.

As faithful Catholic Christians, God calls us to be open to His mercy in all of its forms. I hope that we realize that even though we may not believe we are deserving of God's love and

Sunday Reflections
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mercy, it can lift us up out of times of despair when sin and weakness seem overwhelming.

God's mercy is abundant and available to us if we choose to allow it to work within us. This Lent let us open ourselves to the great mercies of God the Father. Let sin be forgiven and your relationship with our Savior take on new meaning as the church joyfully anticipates the victory of Christ over death. With Jesus Christ's victory over death comes our victory over death as well!

Peace,



Fr. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

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

Monday, March 11

7:45AM Joyce Cuskey/ CSV & PAF

Tuesday, March 12

7:45AM Nora Depperman /
Timothy Erwin

Wednesday, March 13

7:45AM Jeffrey Leonelli /
Joyce Leonelli

Thursday, March 14

7:45AM John Stach /
Jerome & Ellen Pristash

Friday, March 15

7:45AM Ray Cariseo / Kathy Kotz

Saturday, March 16

9:00AM Raymond Cariseo /
wife, Eileen
4:00PM VIGIL Ted, Bridget & Matt Kelly
/ Family

Sunday, March 17

7:30AM Steve Durkin /
Caryn Scuderi & Family
10:30AM Rev. Msgr. John McGraw /
Karen & Erin Markoff
5:00PM Bob Coughlin /
Leigh Marquis

News & Events

Needlework Group

***THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 | 1:00 PM**

The next Needlework Group (sewing, quilting, knitting) gathering will be on Thursday, February 15 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.

*Please note the change in date.

Men's Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Catholic men! If you are interested in exploring your spirituality through reading books written by great Catholic writers and having thoughtful discussions about them, then the Holy Cross Men's Group is for you!

We meet on Thursday evenings in the office conference room at 7 PM and the discussions last an hour. Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 14. Please join us!

Pastoral Council Yarn Collection

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 through March 17. Thank you in advance for helping us remember Cookie and the many sisters who continue to serve our community!

Holy Cross Pyxes

PLEASE RETURN UNUSED, BORROWED PYXES

If you happen to have borrowed a pyx and are not cur-

rently using it, would you please return it to Holy Cross. They need to be purified and used by others. You may either bring it back to the office or give it to a priest or Deacon Dare. Thank you for your attention to this matter."

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.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, March 19 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Care For Creation Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Please join us as we revitalize our parish Care for Creation Committee on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in Rooms 12-13 Hall.

Help us plan for this year's Earth Day projects and plan for the future direction of our committee, which was formed in response to Pope Francis's Encyclical, Laudato Si.

Our mission is to educate ourselves and the parish in practical ways to implement sustainable lifestyle changes and to care for all of God's creation.

For questions, please contact Ed & Sue Judge (315-446-5332) or Roger & Beth Schafer (315-416-4576).

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free movie viewing. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

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.



**IGNITE[™]
2024**
CATHOLIC
MEN'S
CONFERENCE

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

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.

Outreach

Visit the Imprisoned

JOIN JAIL MINISTRY'S VISITOR ADVOCATES

Jail Ministry invites you to join our Visitor Advocates Program. Five weekly sessions begin on Monday, March 11 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Park Central Church, 504 East Fayette Street in Syracuse. Free parking available across the street.

Visiting the imprisoned is a work of mercy. Jesus Christ teaches us to love our neighbors, regardless of their past actions or circumstances. By visiting the imprisoned, we are demonstrating compassion and kindness toward those who may feel forgotten or marginalized by society.

Look into your heart. Perhaps this work of mercy can suffuse your life. If so, join us for our qualifying training. Learn the guidelines and safety protocols set by Jail Ministry and the Sheriff.

VISITOR ADVOCATE TRAINING: MONDAYS, 6-8 PM

- March 11, 28, 25,
- April 1, 8

To sign up or request more information, contact Keith at JailMinistry@gmail.com or text or call 315-440-6407. Please leave a message if there is no answer.



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.**



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

TOTUS TUUS 2024

Totus Tuus is a vacation bible school day camp and evening youth retreat run by trained college students at Catholic parishes during the summer. It is extremely fun, energetic, and engaging while bringing youth to the depths of the faith. See more & sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/tt

Holy Cross is hosting Totus Tuus the end of July!

- ☀️ **Grades 1-6**, day camp, 9 AM - 3 PM | Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2
- 🌙 **Grades 7-12**, evening retreats, 7 PM - 9 PM | Sunday, July 28 to Thursday, August 1



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



HOLY WEEK

– AT HOLY CROSS –

Monday – MARCH 25, 2024

Daily Mass, 7:45 AM

The Light is On For You, 4 PM - 7 PM

Tuesday – MARCH 26, 2024

Daily Mass, 7:45 AM

Confessions, 4 PM - 6 PM

Wednesday – MARCH 27, 2024

Daily Mass, 7:45 AM

Adoration & Reconciliation, 7 PM

Holy Thursday – MARCH 28, 2024

Morning Prayer, 7:45 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM

Good Friday – MARCH 29, 2024

Morning Prayer, 7:45 AM

Passion of the Lord Liturgical Service, 2:30 PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday – MARCH 30, 2024

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM

Easter Food Blessing, 12:00 PM

Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday – MARCH 31, 2024

Mass of Easter Day, 7:30 AM

Mass of Easter Day, 10:30 AM

Mass of Easter Day, 5:00 PM



EASTER DINNERS FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES IN NEED



BRADY
MARKET

Brady Fundraiser

TO SUPPORT HUNGRY FAMILIES THIS EASTER

This Lenten season, Holy Cross is supporting Brady Market in their goal of providing hungry families a delicious and dignified holiday meal! For the third straight year, the Brady Market is taking the lead in providing 220 families in our inner-city community a full Easter Dinner with a delicious ham, all the side dishes, and a sweet potato pie for dessert.

Each nutritious and wholesome meal will serve 8 - 10 people. Brady Market is collaborating with 20 neighborhood organizations to ensure that together we are supporting the families who need it the most.

Holy Cross will take up collections this Sunday and the Fifth Sunday or Lent to contribute to the wholesale purchase of hams to be provided to the families. You can also donate on our website at

holycrossdewitt.org/give

“I was hungry
and you gave me
something to eat.”

MATTHEW 25:35



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: ALTAR SETUP

After the Liturgy of the Word, we sit down while the preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist take place. The General Instruction for the Roman Missal reminds us that certain items are needed for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (GIRM, 117–118):

- Two to six lighted candles
- A crucifix on or near the altar (the altar should be covered by a white cloth)
- The Missal. This book contains words in black, words that the priest says, and red ink, instructions for the priest.
- Corporal: This is a square white cloth that is unfolded and placed on the altar.
- Chalice: This special cup is made of precious metals (generally gold-plated or silver-plated) to honor Jesus.
- Purificator: This is a long, narrow white cloth used to wipe the rim of the chalice.
- Paten: This item which looks like a small plate is also generally gold-plated or silver-plated and is used for the large host which the priest holds up during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Ciborium: This is another gold or silver-plated item that has a matching lid and which holds the smaller hosts. When hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, they are typically kept in a ciborium.
- Pall: This is a square white cloth stiffened with cardboard that is used to cover the chalice. This cover prevents other things from getting into the chalice.
- Chalice veil: This is a cloth cover for the chalice. It not only can protect the chalice when not in use, but it also helps heighten our sense of mystery.

There are many items used for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, each with purpose and meaning.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 33,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, August 2, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Adoration

“Be still and know that I am God.”

— PSALM 46:11

WHAT IS ADORATION?

From the earliest teachings of the Church, the Catholic Church has understood that Jesus, on the last night of his life, took bread and wine and in a literal way changed it into his actual Body and Blood. He commanded the Apostles to continue to do this in his memory. The cornerstone of the Early Church will become the continual practice of doing this fulfilled Passover meal, and it will come to be known as “the Mass.” From the last night of Jesus's life, the Church has continually, for over 2,000 years, celebrated this mystery of changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Even today, the Church teaches that the Eucharist is no symbol, but actually God himself. The Church developed a special time of prayer with the Eucharist. Taking a piece of consecrated host, the Eucharist is placed in the center of a display case, known as a monstrance, in order for the faithful to gaze at Jesus and to pray within his midst. This exposition, or praying before the Eucharist is called Adoration and is one of the most intimate and personal methods of prayer for many Christians.

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Every Wednesday, the parish community has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in the main church from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. You are invited to come to this hour for as long or as little as you like. This will be a great opportunity during the week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. The hour will conclude with Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at 7:45 PM followed by Solemn Benediction at 8:00 PM. Bring your family and friends. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is also offered during this time.

MONDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Monday mornings following daily Mass for a Holy Hour in the church sanctuary, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM. Come start your week in quiet reverence and stillness with the Lord. No reservations necessary. All are welcome to attend.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Connie Chase, Kathleen Crouch, Sue Fillinger,
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 MARCH 3: REPORTED IN NEXT ISSUE

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 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
9:00 AM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10
7:00 PM HCS PTO Meeting, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
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 14

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 Men's Group, Conference Room
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
1:00 PM Confirmation Retreat, Yeazel Hall
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



FOLLOW ALONG

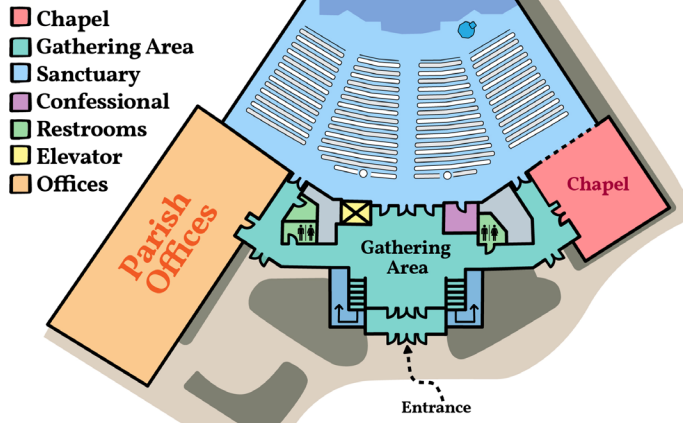


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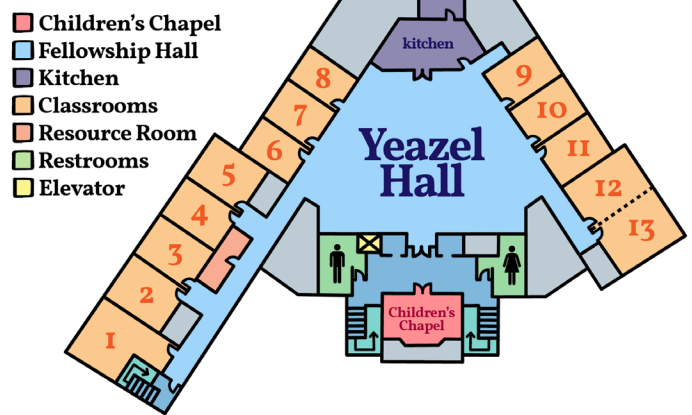
Parish Office

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



Downstairs Level



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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