



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 17, 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 17, 2024

READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

This weekend, we can feel the events of Jesus' great sacrifice on the cross beginning to pick up speed. When Jesus is asked to speak to some visiting Greeks, he responds with what seems like a very depressing statement: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." He begins talking about how he will glorify God with his death. The apostles, along with us, find this discussion to be sad and somehow difficult to hear. The other readings for this weekend seem to echo the same sense of upcoming doom and sadness. As we approach the events of Holy Week, we recognize that this sense will continue to grow.

The first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah is a little more hopeful; we see

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God telling his people that he will make a new and everlasting covenant with them which will be unlike any of the previous covenants. With this covenant, he will wipe away their sins and not call them to mind. In the second reading, St Paul reverts to the sadness once again, telling us that Christ obeyed the Father and suffered for us, and in that suffering he became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

As people of faith, we know that the everlasting covenant spoken of by Jeremiah is fulfilled in Jesus. His death and resurrection will have a powerful effect on our faith, helping us to truly believe that he is the embodiment of the new covenant. He tells us that sacrifice is necessary for the Kingdom of God to come to fruition. Our faith will enable us to sacrifice the selfish ways of life that we have practiced. We can learn to live for him so that we may yield the rich harvest which Jesus speaks of in the gospel.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

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

AND Ernie Camerota / Holy Cross Choir

5:00PM Bob Coughlin / Leigh Marquis

Monday, March 18

7:45AM Lillian Maio / Farrell/Giannino Family

Tuesday, March 19

7:45AM John McNamara

Wednesday, March 20

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, March 21

7:45AM Cookie Dunham / Pat Humpleby

Friday, March 22

7:45AM Mario Monterastelli / Family

Saturday, March 23

9:00AM Raymond Cariseo / wife, Eileen

4:00PM VIGIL Jeffrey Rose / mother, Eileen

Sunday, March 24

7:30AM Lillian Maio / Rita C.

10:30AM Aungier & McManus Families / Erin & Karen

AND Ernie Camerota / Holy Cross Pastoral Council

5:00PM Fred Alsante / CSV

News & Events

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!

Brady Fundraiser

TO SUPPORT HUNGRY FAMILIES THIS EASTER

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.

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 to contribute to the wholesale purchase of hams to be provided to the families. Drop your donation in the box in the gathering area or give online holycrossdewitt.org/give

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.

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY MARCH 19, 2024 | 8:15 AM

Help us feed the hungry in Syracuse! Come make sandwiches with us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, March 19 at 8:15 AM to be taken to Catholic Charities Men's Shelter.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Find fellowship and community during Coffee & Conversation on Tuesday, March 19 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Care For Creation Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Please join us on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in rooms 12-13 to plan for this year's Earth Day projects and plan for the future direction of our committee, which was formed in response to *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).

Needlework Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 | 1:00 PM

The next Needlework Group (sewing, quilting, knitting) gathering will be on Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome! Please call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.

Monthly Movie: *The Passion*

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Come watch Mel Gibson's, *The Passion of the Christ* on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. **Please note this movie is a graphic portrayal of the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem.** Discretion is advised.

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 20:** John 6:51-58, Romans 5:5-11, 1 John 4:7-16

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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Jesus' death was necessary so that sin would be conquered and Satan, "the ruler of this world" would be driven out. Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday is the embodiment of that victory over sin and Satan, but his willingness to obediently endure the pains of death was the key to God's plan. It is in his suffering that we triumph but only through our willingness to put aside the things of this world and take up our cross daily.

Keep the faith,

Deacon Dare



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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 Towey 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: anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: COLLECTION AND PROCESSION

The word offertory might make us think simply of the money offerings we place in the collection basket. While that certainly is part of the typical Sunday offertory, this is also an important spiritual moment for uniting ourselves to the offering on the altar.

In earlier times, the gifts would typically be things that people brought from their homes: food, bread, wine, and gifts for the poor. The bread and wine were used for the Mass, some food and money were given to the priest to provide for him, and the remainder of the food and money were divided up and given to the poor. In our modern day, to simplify the offertory, the ushers collect money. This money still symbolizes our gift: what we give to God for the Mass (bread, wine, candles, etc., are purchased for the Mass), what we give to provide for the needs of the priest and the upkeep of the church, and what we give to provide for the needs of the poor and those less fortunate.

Charles Belmonte teaches, "Together with Christ, we offer everything that we are and all that we possess, all that we have done or try to do. We offer our memory, intelligence, and will; our family, profession, hobbies, success, sufferings, failures, and worries; and our aspirations, [joys and hopes], and spiritual communions. Likewise, we offer our small and big mortifications: all those acts of love we performed yesterday and as many as we plan to perform today" (Understanding the Mass, p. 110).

Including your personal spiritual offering along with whatever you drop in the basket is a great way to join to the prayers the priest offers at the altar spiritually and a great way to deepen our unity with the perfect offering of Jesus!

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 34,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, August 8, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

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 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

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Connie Chase, Carol Dwyer, 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:	\$16,345.68
COLLECTION FOR MARCH 10:	\$18,716.18

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 PYXES

If you borrowed a pyx from Holy Cross are not currently using it, would you please return it to the church at your earliest convenience.

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 18

7:45 AM Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
12 PM St. Patrick's Day Lunch, Yeazel Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
12 PM Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall
7:00 PM Care for Creation, Rooms 12-13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church
9:00 AM Bishop Grimes Retreat, Y. Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY
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



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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.



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


Joseph's House
Baby Bottles for Change



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.**



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 12-14, 2024

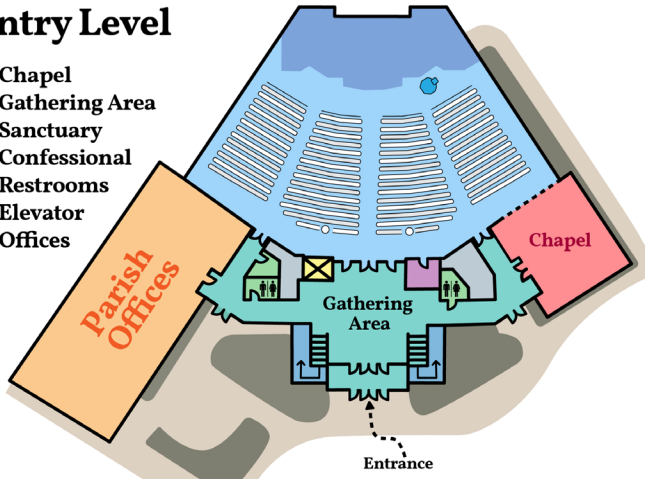
Join 9-12th grade students from our diocese for a weekend at Franciscan University packed with dynamic talks, uplifting concerts, transformative prayer & Adoration, and growing deeper through the Sacraments. holycrossdewitt.org/illuminate

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.

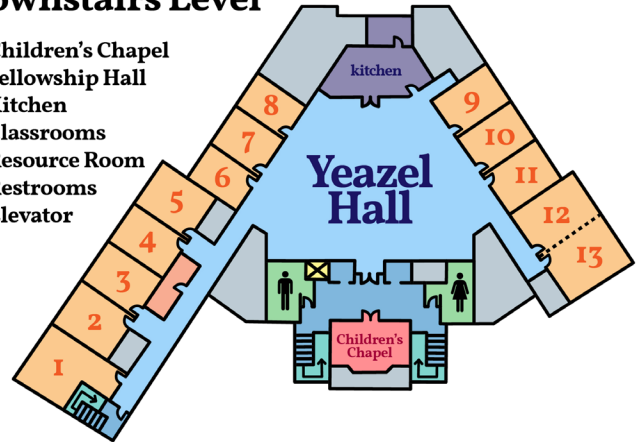
Entry Level

- 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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