



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY

OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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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 24, 2024

READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1—15:47

And so begins our most solemn week of the year! I've always been intrigued by our entrance to Mass today. With the Sacred Triduum just days away we of course know what's coming...and so because of the looming passion and death of the Lord, it just feels superficial or maybe even forced when we sing 'hosanna' and praise to Jesus the Messiah and King. We know and experience in today's Mass that this momentary joy flees.

St. John Henry Newman says not even Jesus could enjoy or receive the "hosannas" in this moment, because he himself knew he had not yet suffered, which is what he came to do: "This [entrance into Jerusalem] was but a vain and hollow pageant, nor did our Lord take pleasure in it. It was

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a shadow which stayed not, but flitted away. It could not be more than a shadow, for the Passion had not been undergone by which His true triumph was wrought out. He could not enter into His glory before He had first suffered. He could not take pleasure in this semblance of it, knowing that it was unreal."

Newman goes on to remind us that before our very eyes this week we see Jesus when he is most powerful, and specifically it comes when he allows himself to be powerless (so-to-speak). Power is stripped away from him, he is anointed with the spit of passersbys, hailed with shouts to crucify him, and the attendants at his 'throne' of the cross are thieves...all unthinkable.

Yet, if this is where we see Jesus' greatest power on display, especially in his power to suffer, why do we feel such defeat when we experience the reality of the cross in our lives? In our experience of the cross, we inevitably

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Mass Intentions

Host & Wine

Herbert & Angeline Silvestri

Saturday, March 23

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

Monday, March 25

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, March 26

7:45AM Edward Ramin/
Sansone Family

Wednesday, March 27

7:45AM Katy Nappi /
Mary Beth & Deacon Dare Dutter

Thursday, March 28

7:00PM Priests of the Diocese

Friday, March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(no Masses)

Saturday, March 30

8:00PM VIGIL RCIA Candidates

Sunday, March 31

7:30AM Deceased Members
of Holy Cross Church
10:30AM Deceased Members
of Holy Cross Church
5:00PM Deceased Members
of Holy Cross Church

News & Events



Joseph's House

Joseph's House Baby Bottle Drive

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank you for your support throughout Lent! It's the last weekend for the Baby Bottle Drive for Joseph's House for Women to 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! You can still give online at www.jhfw.org/baby-bottle-drive. Your prayers and support make all the difference!

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. Give online at holycrossdewitt.org/give

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.

Easter Food Blessing

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Come and have your Easter food blessed! We invite you and your family to participate in this special tradition. Bring a basket of your Easter provisions to the church sanctuary to be blessed on March 30 at 12:00 PM.



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**

“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

March 29, 2024

Serving those in need in the Holy Land

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

Reflection

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confront a powerlessness in not having the ‘control’ that we’d like—e.g., a change in health, the loss of a job, fractured trust in relationships, frustration or bitterness toward children or families—these things and more often bring us to a place of desperation. When at one point we might have had it all together, in another, we’re humbled and hopelessly in need.

St. Paul’s beautiful hymn captured in his letter to the Philippians is one that should be visible in an icon of our lives, because it teaches us how we experience the wisdom of God alive and accompanying us when we feel powerless and defeated while striving to live our discipleship. Jesus, though he was in the form of God (though he had it all), he emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. Yet because of this, God greatly exalted him (cf. Phil 2).

So for us, we must keep our heart and our mind fixed on Jesus, who knew the suffering, rejection, and desperation that we experience. While our temptation might be to turn inward or toward helpless discouragement, there is power for us when we allow Jesus to conform our hearts to his in the midst of our powerlessness. Jesus’ complete surrender, trust, and communion with the Father is what brought him through the Cross and grave to the glory of the Resurrection. So will be the case for you and me, if we allow ourselves to be carried by Christ. This is not something to be feared, but rather this is how he fills us with life.

Peace,

Rev. Brunda Foley

Stations of the Cross

**GOOD FRIDAY
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 on Good Friday as we travel through the stations and identify with Jesus’ journey to Calvary. Join us on Good Friday at 7:00 PM.





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 EVENINGS

Every Wednesday, the parish community has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in the main church from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. 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 from 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM.

Or come pray privately in the Adoration Chapel whenever the church building is open. Find facility hours on page 9.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, 2024

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, 3:00 PM

On Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us at Holy Cross Church in DeWitt for a prayer service, which will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, beginning at 3:00 PM. Join us after the service for coffee and refreshments!





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



On behalf of the "TEAM LYNCH"—a huge THANK YOU to all the faithful parishioners and friends of our Holy Cross Community and beyond.

In the words of Todd and Nicole Lynch, they were "blown away by the love and extremely generous support" offered in such a short amount of time. You have helped to greatly ease some of the financial burden to their family. And, the prayers especially, during this medically and emotionally stressful time, are of tremendous support.

Abrielle struggles day to day but is still fighting—taking things in stride. The family takes nothing for granted, counting every moment as a blessing from above.

Christ continues to inspire in many ways, big and small, revealing himself—through random acts of kindness, a smile to warm a heart, generosity towards a stranger, and heartfelt prayer—Thank you!

Please join us at a benefit to support ABRIELLE LYNCH

Abrielle, our strong, vibrant 10-year-old, has bravely battled Neuroblastoma for 4 years, enduring surgeries, intense treatments, and multiple relapses. Despite the challenges, her spirit, filled with God's love, continues to shine. Abrielle's infectious joy, mature demeanor, and deep faith impact everyone she meets. Now facing an extensive relapse, we seek a miracle and appreciate the love and support from our community. Join us in praying for Abrielle's healing and peace on this challenging journey

Saturday, April 13th 2024
1:00pm - 5:00pm
VFW
2000 Lemoyne Ave
Syracuse, NY 13208

Admission:
\$20 Advance
\$25 at the door
Kids 10 and under are free

50-50, basket raffles, music food & Cash Bar!

Abrielle Strong @Abrielle-Strong



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all proceeds go towards the family

Contact us at:
AbrielleStrong4@gmail.com

Donations and tickets sales

Be There When God Moves

THE CHURCH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

July 17-21, 2024, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. This historic moment is called the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. will be in Indianapolis for this transformative gathering, and YOU are invited to represent our parish at this pivotal moment!

Whether you join us for the full experience or one day, you'll enjoy world-class teaching from some of the most trusted Catholic voices in the United States. Come encounter and worship Jesus in a new way, and be anointed to share those graces with our community when you return home.

More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America.

Scan the code to learn more about the event and explore the full schedule for each day. The more people who register at once, the lower the cost becomes! Contact our parish office for more information about registering with your fellow parishioners.



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Our Story

Our History

Holy Cross parish began as a mission of Our Lady of Solace, in 1943. The mission was founded by then pastor of the parish, Monsignor Edward P. Buttimer. A small house at 4112 East Genesee Street was purchased on October 30, 1942. It became home to the mission church and catechetical center. The first Mass was said on Pentecost Sunday, June 13, 1943.

In May 1944, the property between the house and St. Mary's Cemetery was purchased from Dr. G. Leslie and Miss H. Leslie with the intention of building a church on the site. Because of the scarcity of building materials during World War II, ground was not broken until September 11, 1949, and the church was dedicated on April 23, 1950.

In November of that year, Reverend Joseph I. Ritchie was named as the first pastor, which he held until his death on March 18, 1964.



The house used as the mission church and catechetical center, 1943



The church dedication on April 23, 1950

Cross. In 2002, then pastor of the parish, Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel and the Parish Council voted unanimously to build a new church. On September 14, 2006, that church was dedicated on the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Today

Today, Holy Cross continues its tradition of being a caring community devoted to the needs of our families, neighbors, and society. We value our faith and the food God gives us for the journey. We are committed to our families and youth, to providing a safe environment to form their faith. We build our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer. We serve and accompany our neighbors in need and those on the margins. We share our faith with others to spread the Gospel. To be faithful stewards of Holy Cross, we are accountable to God for responsibly sharing our time, talents and treasures. We work as a parish to establish and implement our goals and objectives, mindful of our diverse community and ever-changing needs.

As DeWitt and the surrounding area developed and grew over the years, so too did the community at Holy Cross. Due to the generosity of this community, Holy Cross saw the expansion and addition of land, buildings, and staff. Construction of a rectory was finished in March of 1951. A convent was added in 1957. And Holy Cross School opened its doors to students in September of 1958.

Our Church Home

Because of continued growth in the area, a new church building was needed to accommodate the people and activities of Holy

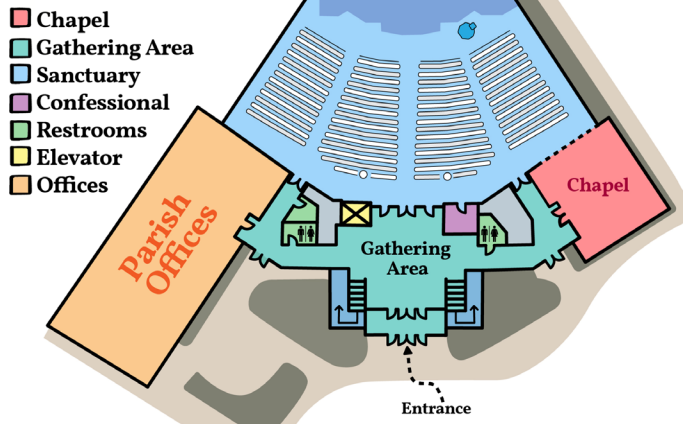


Check out our gallery of historical photos at holycrossdewitt.org/about

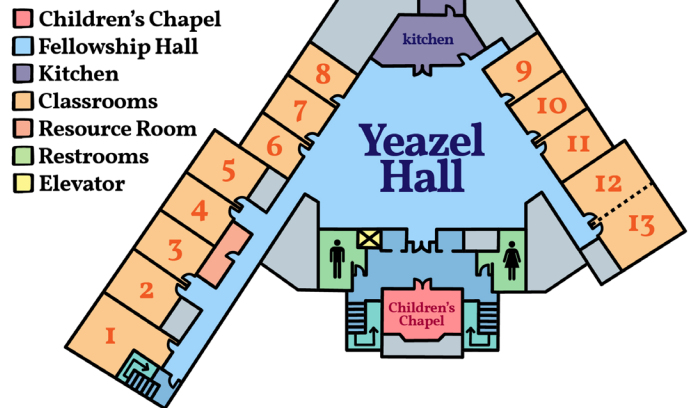
Location & Facilities

Come visit us at 4112 East Genesee Street, DeWitt, NY. You will find us located between Paddock Drive and St. Mary's Cemetery. The church sanctuary is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM. 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.

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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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 17:	\$16,864.44
COLLECTION FOR CRS:	\$835.00

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 25

7:45 AM Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
4PM - 7PM The Light is On, Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
4PM - 6PM Confessions, Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

HOLY THURSDAY

7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4), Y. Hall
7:45 AM Morning Prayer, Church
7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass, Church
8:00 PM Lux Mundi Church Hopping
8:00 PM Adoration until 10 PM, Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

7:45 AM Morning Prayer, Church
2:30 PM Passion of the Lord, Church
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 AM Morning Prayer, Church
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food, Church
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM Easter Mass, Church
10:30 AM Easter Mass, Church
5:00 PM Easter Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
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