



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

*He Is Risen*



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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](http://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 31, 2024

### READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

**He is risen!** The Easter Season is the time of mystagogical catechesis, which allows us to experience the sacraments of initiation through those who have participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and have now entered the church through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Those of us previously fully initiated into the Church have the opportunity at Easter Mass to renew our own Baptismal promises. This vital part of Easter Mass reminds us that Baptism truly means new life! We may ask; to what newness of life does Christ call us? Newness of life in Christ is our answer! For us to be able to accept this newness of life means that we must die to ourselves, our habits, sinful desires in order to accept resurrection in Christ.

Sunday Reflections  
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Christ's salvific action for us is the source of new life. We first see this new life in his resurrection on the third day, which we celebrate on this Easter Sunday. This transformation from physical death to new life plays out before our eyes on Easter. The renewal of our baptismal promises reminds us that we, baptized into Christ's death, will rise to new life when the struggles of this world are completed.

Each Sunday of Easter Sacred Scripture allows us to experience what this new life can be like. Each Sunday's readings concentrate on some aspect of the mystery of the sacraments of initiation that lead us into new life in Christ. Let us pray for ourselves and for each other, that we remain open to Christ's salvific action this Easter Season.

Blessed Easter,

Fr. John Kurgan

## Mass Intentions

### Host, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp

Herbert & Angeline Silvestri

### 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

### Monday, April 1

7:45AM Donald Benedict / Ron & Diane DeLuca

### Tuesday, April 2

7:45AM Joanna Boulé / Denny & Gail Dougherty

### Wednesday, April 3

7:45AM Tony Kotz / Kathy Kotz

### Thursday, April 4

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

### Friday, April 5

7:45AM Mass League Intentions

9:15AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Saturday, April 6

9:00AM Liam Zoghby / Mary Pat Mehlek

4:00PM VIGIL Tim Haley / Nina & Family  
AND Donald Benedict / Tony & Kay Sgarlata

### Sunday, April 7

7:30AM Don Foster / Family

10:30AM Kris, Phyllis, & Robert Reid Sr. / son

5:00PM Fr. Charles Aho / Elaine Lustombo

# News & Events

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## Parish Office Closed Easter Monday

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter. Daily Mass will still be at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

## Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

**TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024 | 8:15 AM**

Help us feed the hungry and those in need of shelter in Syracuse! Come make a variety of sandwiches with us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, April 2 at 8:15 AM to be delivered to Catholic Charities Men's Shelter.

## Needlework Group

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 | 1:00 PM**

The next Needlework Group (sewing, quilting, knitting) gathering will be on Thursday, April 4 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.

## Men's Group

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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, April 4. Please join us! Contact Dc. Dare with any questions at [dare@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:dare@holycrossdewitt.org).

## Monthly Luncheon

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden at 3147 Erie Blvd E on Thursday, April 11 at 12 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Tuesday, April 9. Call Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

## Earth Day Town Cleanup

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 | 9AM - 12PM**

In celebration of upcoming Earth Day, we will be having a Day of Service on Saturday, April 13 to give back to our neighborhood and community. Come help clean up our common home. Plan to meet at Ryder Park Pavilion at 9AM on Saturday, April 13! To sign up, please email [gmaewithlove@gmail.com](mailto:gmaewithlove@gmail.com) to ensure we have enough cleanup supplies for everyone.

## Caring Crusaders Bottle Drive

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024**

Start saving your bottles and cans and drop them off to the Caring Crusaders at Holy Cross School on Wednesday, April 17, from 8 AM - 9 AM or 2 PM - 3 PM. Look for signs to help direct your drop off. Thank you for your support of our students and their faithful service!

## April Food Giving Weekend

**NEXT WEEKEND | APRIL 6-7, 2024**

Our March collection was amazing! Thank you, thank you for your donations and for your efforts to assist.

Our next collection is April 6 & 7. For those who would like to provide groceries after collection weekend, we are happy to get them to the food pantry later in the month.

Helping hands are requested before and after Saturday 4 PM Mass, and after 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses. Families are welcome to help; we have a variety of tasks! Also, Sunday at 9:30 AM we pack two cars if anyone is available at that time (<30 minutes).

Our three pantries are in need of the standard items and are especially in need of:

- **Tuna Fish**
- **Soup**
- **Cereal**
- **Ramen noodles**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Condiments (mayo, ketchup, salad dressing)**
- **Pasta & Sauce**
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Dried beans & Lentils
- Canned fruits & veggies
- Laundry detergent, small
- Laundry detergent pods

\* If donating after collection weekend, items in bold are needed most.

# 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.



[eucharisticcongress.org](https://eucharisticcongress.org)

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## Eucharistic Revival

“The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The Revival officially launched in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.”  
(USCCB) [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)

### PRAYER FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, do not love You.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

– Fatima Prayer of the Angel of Peace



Learn more about our parish participation and how to get involved in the National Eucharistic Revival

[holycrossdewitt.org/eucharist-revival](http://holycrossdewitt.org/eucharist-revival)

## 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 Adoration Chapel from 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM. Come start your week in quiet reverence and stillness with the Lord. All are welcome to attend.

# 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](https://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](https://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

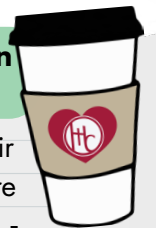


### STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 12-14, 2024

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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/illuminate)

### Faith Formation Parent Breakfast – APRIL 2, 3, & 4

Faith Formation Registration  
2024-2025 opens April 2!



Each semester, we create some time for faith formation parents to come and have breakfast with their kids. This week, parents are invited to join their kids for coffee and pastries during breakfast time before all morning faith formation classes (Tuesday/Wednesday: 6:45 AM - 7:00 AM, Thursday: 7:45 AM - 8:00 AM). After breakfast, kids will be dismissed to their regular classes. We hope you'll join us!



### 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. Winner receives 50% of proceeds. Need not be present to win. Save the date for the Holy Cross School Auction on Saturday, May 18. Tickets are available for purchase online at [hcschooldewitt.org/store](https://hcschooldewitt.org/store)

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Connie Chase, Carol Dwyer, Sue Fillinger, Chuck Harty, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give)



## FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FOR MARCH 24: REPORTED IN NEXT ISSUE

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL THIRD COLLECTION

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: APRIL 28, 2024

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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](mailto: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, APRIL 1

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church

**8:15 AM Holy Hour**, Chapel

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12)**, Y. Hall

**6:45 AM Parent Breakfast (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, APRIL 3

**6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8)**, Y. Hall

**6:45 AM Parent Breakfast (5-8)**, Y. Hall

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church

**7:00 PM Adoration**, Church

**7:00 PM Reconciliation**, Church

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church

**7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4)**, Y. Hall

**7:45 AM Parent Breakfast (1-4)**, Y. Hall

**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 Choir Rehearsal**, Choir Room

**7:00 PM Middle School Group**, Room 1

**7:00 PM Men's Group**, Conference Room

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**7:45 AM Daily Mass**, Church

**9:15 AM School Mass**, Church

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**9:00 AM Daily Mass**, Church

**3:00 PM Reconciliation**, Church

**4:00 PM Vigil Mass**, Church

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**7:30 AM Mass**, Church

**9:15 AM Adult Ministry**, Rooms 12-13

**10:30 AM Mass**, Church

**3:00 PM Divine Mercy & Reception**, Church

**4:30 PM Confirmation Group**, Yeazel Hall

**5:00 PM Mass**, Church

Get the latest event details at  
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# Our Story

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## 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

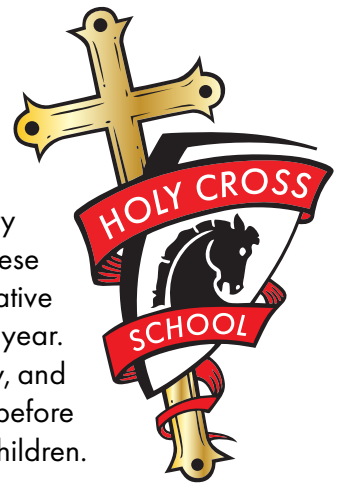
Because of continued growth in the area, a new church building was needed to accommodate the people and activities of Holy



Check out our gallery of historical photos at [holycrossdewitt.org/about](http://holycrossdewitt.org/about)



# Holy Cross School



## Educated Minds • Faith-Filled Hearts

Holy Cross School is a private, Pre-K through 6th grade Catholic educational community associated with Holy Cross Parish in Dewitt, New York and part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse. At Holy Cross School, our students get a superior education in an innovative learning institution that produces outstanding overall academic performance year after year. They also learn lifelong values that never change including faith, service, honesty, courtesy, and compassion. Since family is a key value, we also offer flexible hours for busy parents with before and after school programs, are conveniently located, and foster a safe environment for children.

Nationally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. To learn more or schedule a tour, visit our website at [www.hcschooldewitt.org](http://www.hcschooldewitt.org) or give us a call at (315) 446-4890.



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- HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

## Connect

We invite you to get connected with our Holy Cross family. There are many opportunities for all walks of life, and we hope you'll find or create an opportunity to connect with others in our community.

### Community Events

Events and special activities throughout the year help connect our parishioners and build community with one another. Events include festivities like our Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa, and Parish Picnic. These events are always open to all, and we invite you to use them as an opportunity to deepen your friendships, meet new people, and invite others into our community. We also provide unique experiences for our youth like retreats, pilgrimages, vacation bible schools, and youth conferences. Visit our website to see what's coming up next!

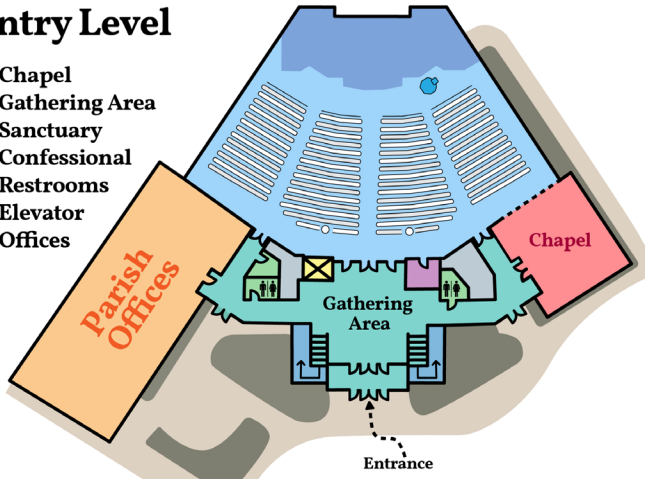


# Parish Office

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 is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

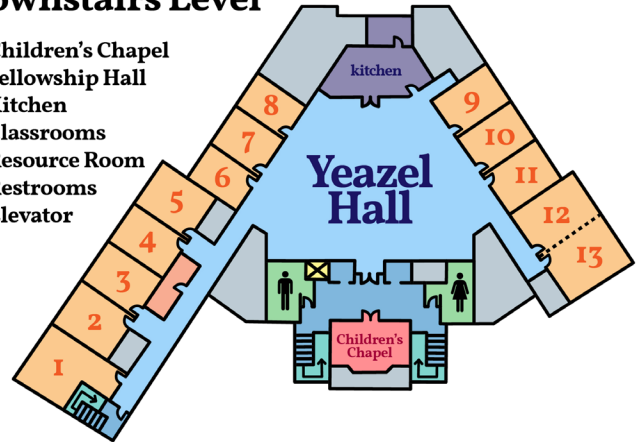
## Entry Level

- 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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