



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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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, APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
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READINGS

Acts 4:32-35
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Today's readings show us the way life that faith-filled Christians could experience in our world when people are of the same mind and heart in Jesus. In our first reading we read of the ideal way of living the Christian message – everyone united in faith, looking out for one another, and sharing their possessions for the good of all. In this setting, the individual differences of the people are minimized, and they begin to live for one another, giving freely of their possessions and seeing others as brothers and sisters.

In the Gospel from John, this faith-filled way of life is continued except for one person; Thomas the doubter. All the other apostles are of one mind having seen and heard the risen Jesus and experiencing the Holy Spirit.

Thomas, who was absent when the first meeting took place is somewhat of an outsider when he expresses his disbelief until he can prove to himself that Jesus is risen by examining the wounds that were inflicted by the torture and crucifixion he went through for our salvation—and Thomas's as well.

If we want to experience the peace and joy that those first believers did, we simply need to trust Jesus in a more steadfast way than Thomas did before his eyes and ears beheld the truth of Jesus' resurrection. In a manner of speaking, Thomas is our eyes and ears, and he certifies for us any doubts we may have. His report of Jesus' authenticity is something that we can rely on. We all doubt from time to time—as did Thomas—but Thomas represents each of us and received the proof on our behalf. Therefore, with him we are called on to say, "My Lord, and my God."

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6

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

Monday, April 8

7:45AM Margaret C. Ross / Family

Tuesday, April 9

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, April 10

7:45AM Marion Pilon /
Claude & Mary Anne

Thursday, April 11

7:45AM Daniel LaClaire /
Jack & Marian Glisson

Friday, April 12

7:45AM Romeo Pilon /
Claude & Mary Anne

Saturday, April 13

9:00AM James Tomczak /
The Staff of Holy Cross
4:00PM VIGIL Jeffrey Cox / Austin Family
AND Madge Maffei /
Debbie & Dara Maffei

Sunday, April 14

7:30AM Marilyn Rowland / Family
10:30AM Rosemary Evans /
John & Jennifer Evans & Family
5:00PM Ray Cariseo /
Rita Bush & Family

News & Events

April Food Giving Weekend

NEXT WEEKEND | APRIL 13-14, 2024*

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our food collection has been postponed until next weekend, April 13 & 14. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

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

Helping hands are requested before and after Sat. 4 PM Vigil Mass, and after 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. Families are encouraged to attend; we have a variety of tasks for all ages. Also, Sunday at 9:30 AM we pack 2 cars if anyone is available at that time (<30 minutes).

Our Holy Cross community is truly generous! Thank you, for your donations and for your efforts to assist.

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

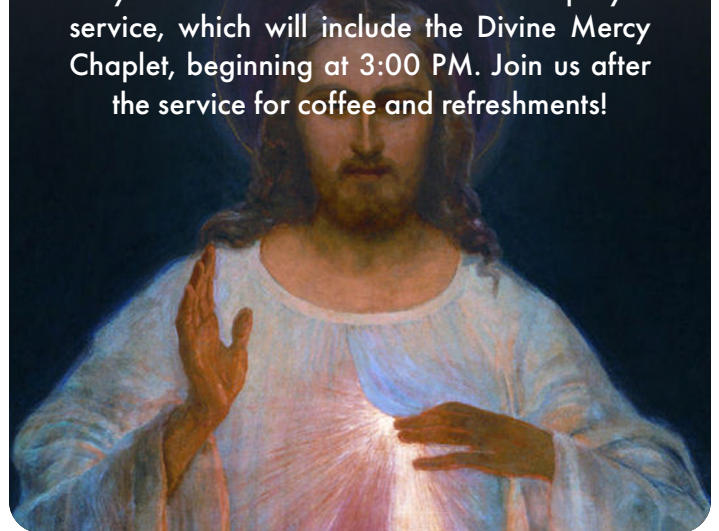
In celebration of upcoming Earth Day, we will be having a Day of Service on Saturday, April 13 to give back to our neighborhood and community. Come help clean up our common home. Plan to meet at Ryder Park Pavilion at 9AM on Saturday, April 13! To sign up, please email gmaewithlove@gmail.com to ensure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

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!



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!

If day/times don't work for you, new this year, you can drop off directly at

Minoa Bottle & Can Return - just be sure to ask them to add it to the Holy Cross School account.

330 Costello Parkway
Minoa, NY 13116
Next to Colonial Laundromat
check website for hours
www.roseadon.com/minoa

* We can only accept drop offs at school on April 17th, please do not leave earlier



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: OFFERTORY WATER AND WINE

We resume our Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass, now at the Offertory. The bread and wine are placed on the altar by the priest or deacon. The priest, speaking silently* or aloud, says the prayers over the bread and wine. These are the prayers that begin, "Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer You: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life."

Then as the priest holds the chalice: "Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the wine we offer You: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink." If the priest prays these out loud, we respond by saying, 'Blessed be God forever!'

As the wine is prepared, drops of water are added to the chalice, praying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.' At the Mass, we offer our lives in union with Christ. In all our weakness, in all our smallness, we pray to be inseparably united to the divine. The drops of water symbolize us. As the water becomes inseparably united to the wine, we pray we may become inseparably united to Jesus Christ" ("A Study of the Mass," p. 11 – 12).

What a meaningful moment! A transition time in the Mass, these brief prayers sometimes said *silently provide a great invitation for our prayer:

Jesus, help my heart to unite more perfectly with Yours. I feel at times so far from You, but You give of Yourself so that I have this opportunity to be more closely united with You. Help me to be attentive in this moment and bring my heart joy from knowing You will soon be truly present on the altar, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist!

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 35,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, August 11, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Reflection

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There is a different way of living that comes to life when someone believes in the risen Jesus. We are able to treat one another more gently, to be kinder, more generous and less troublesome to each other through the combined efforts of faith and the Holy Spirit. Let us emulate those first Christians and learn to love one another through the help of our risen Lord. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Peace,
Deacon Dare

Council Update

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES | MARCH 21, 2024

Upcoming Elections for Pastoral Council: New candidates are being solicited & vote is in June.

Communications Committee: Videos regarding the Eucharistic Year were discussed.

Diocesan Pastoral Council Update: the DPC discussed key topics from the Council of Bishops. Regional Vicariate Goals & priorities were discussed. This was of particular concern for Fr Kurgan as Vicar General: topics included consolidation of mass schedules & buildings, shared staff & multi parish cooperation.

HC Choir Director/Organist job opening: Tim Verney is the new temporary organist.

SEEK: fundraising is planned for next year's journey to the St Louis young adult conference.

Holy Cross School: School Auction is Saturday, May 18th. Enrollment is up: 30% higher than last fall. New security guard. Students joined Bishop Lucia to record the Easter Mass. Sixth grade teacher retiring; a new teacher position is open.

Finance Trustees: The Hope Appeal campaign is well above our goal, \$80,000 will be coming back to the parish. The parish is getting ready to contribute to Diocesan settlement fund. Our required contribution went up a bit from previous estimates: Holy Cross will pay \$2,580,891. Syracuse Diocese will pay \$50 million, \$45 million from parishes, \$5 million from other entities such as Catholic Charities, cemeteries, etc.

Next Meeting: May 30, 2024 at 5:30pm. We will begin with 3 minutes for Community Comments please join us!

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



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

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Registration for Faith Formation for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Go to holycrossdewitt.org/youth to sign up today! Calendars and more information are available online. **Sign up by June 1 to get your free House Shirt!** Confirmation & Sacramental Prep Registration is also open and now available.



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

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR MARCH 24: \$18,414.18

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

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 8

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

5:00 PM First Eucharist Practice, Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

NO MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

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

12:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon, Olive Garden

6:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Room 1

7:00 PM HC School Musical, School

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM HC School Musical, School

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

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