



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Foley and Deacon Dutter celebrate
Mass with Holy Cross School community
led by our fourth grade students on April 5

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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 21, 2024

READINGS

Acts 4:8-12

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

What does one who saves look like? We often think of the act of saving as requiring a weapon in order to ward off a foe. In this way of thinking, the savior wields power arising from his use of force against evil. So why did many people not believe who Jesus was?

It is important for us to realize that many of the people Jesus is encountering are looking for a military type of Messiah because an earthly enemy has overrun them. Many of these people have had their homes and property taken away.

Jesus, however, was not a mighty warrior who presents his power through an array of military force in order to restore earthly justice, but is gentle. He continually teaches

and encourages those around him so they would receive the power of knowledge and therefore the gift of salvation, perhaps not from earthly forces, but certainly from the power of sin! These people are not thinking of heavenly glory, but of earthly revenge and restitution. The enemies of Jesus hunted him down, hung him naked on a tree and left him there to die in apparent shame. Many people did not see this as an action a Messiah would undertake.

So, where do we fit in? Do we find ourselves focused on earthly possessions and concerns? Have we turned our eyes of faith toward the heavenly realm? If we focus more on our earthly life here, perhaps this Easter Season of glory can help us begin to focus on the real reason God the Father sent his only begotten Son to Earth, namely, to save us for the kingdom to come!

God Bless you and Happy Easter!

Fr. John Kurgan

Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Raymond Cariseo by Terry & Bill Middleton

Saturday, April 20

4:00PM VIGIL Helen Barry /
The Frank Read Family

Sunday, April 21

7:30AM Michael Rachtett a /
Ed & Lola Gualtieri

10:30AM Cookie Dunham /
Karen & Erin Markoff

5:00PM Ray Cariseo /
Terry & Bill Middleton

Monday, April 22

7:45AM Brenda Smith /
Sansone's Family

Tuesday, April 23

7:45AM Ann Doherty /
Patty & Tom Quartier

Wednesday, April 24

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Thursday, April 25

7:45AM Ernie Camerota /
Marilyn Leiker

Friday, April 26

7:45AM Charles Mirucki /
Loretta Nowicki

Saturday, April 27

9:00AM Jayne Williams /
Noni Burgen & Judy Bell

4:00PM VIGIL Francis Giacobbi /
Jo Oliva & Family

Sunday, April 28

7:30AM Stephen Talbott /
Hoffman & Davis Family

10:30AM Alan Haley /
Jo Oliva

5:00PM Irene DiFlorio /
Cindy Gamage

News & Events

Holy Cross Church Security Update:

In an effort to offer increased security to Holy Cross Church parishioners and staff, we will be locking the outside doors when services or activities are not in progress. If you find the church doors locked please proceed to the far left set of doors and ring the bell and the staff will let you in.

Due to the staff lunch hour, the doorbell will not be answered between the hours of 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM weekdays.

Fr. Kurgan

Holy Cross School Raffle

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES & ONLINE

Holy Cross School students are selling raffle tickets after Masses and online to benefit their annual Holy Cross School Auction, the school's only major fundraiser to support and benefit our faith-filled educational community. Individual tickets are available for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Winner receives 50% of proceeds and need not be present to win. Drawing will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Auction!

Syracuse Chorale Spring Concert

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Come enjoy the music of Libby Larsen, Florence Price, Chen Yi Jacob Narverud, Randall Thompson, Brandon and Boyd as sung by the Syracuse Chorale! Tickets are just \$15 (under 18 are free) and can be purchased at the door or online at syracusechorale.org.

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, April 30 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, a film, adaptation of Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic family musical. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

Faith Formation Registration

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. See details on page 4.



Earth Day Cleanup

Our Parish Care for Creation Group, led by Joyce Rossi, collected trash on Saturday, April 13. Joyce was joined by Beth Schafer, Donny & Addison McCoy. The weather was rainy, cold and wet, but many bags of trash were filled to improve the roadside near the bike trail at the corner of Bridge St & Erie Blvd, a major crossroads in our local area. Thank you for love and care for our common home!



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: INCENSE

According to the Catholic Source Book, "Frankincense... is the main ingredient in the incense used in today's liturgies. A resin produced by a family of desert trees that grow in southern Arabia, it is derived from sap that dries, forming crystalline lumps of an amber/gold color. For Christians, it has a rich prayer and purification symbolism. From the earliest Christian days, it has been associated with Christ, beginning with the Magi's gift (Matthew 2:10-11)".

Incense is mentioned in the Book of Numbers 7:14 as part of an offering for the dedication of the altar. Deuteronomy 33:10 makes reference to "the smoke of sacrifice." Exodus 30:34-38 describes blending aromatic substances with pure frankincense in equal parts, even describing how it should be ground into fine dust. In Revelation 5:8, St. John tells us the elders had "gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones." In another reference, Revelation 8:3-4 describes an angel with a gold censer: "He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones... The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God..."

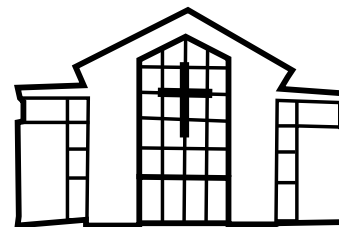
There is a connection between incense and prayer and sacrifice. In the Mass, our prayers are joined together, and the incense gives us a visual reminder of those prayers being offered to God.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 38,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, September 6, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Adoration

Opportunities for Adoration at Holy Cross Church:

- Monday mornings at 8:15 AM in the chapel
- Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church
- Praying in the church or Adoration Chapel any-time church is open, most days 8 AM - 3 PM.



Youth Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep SIGN UP TODAY!

Registration is now open for our youth & family programs for the 2024-2025 school year including Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep. Learn more & register at holycrossdewitt.org/youth

FAITH FORMATION - GRADES 1-12

Faith Formation classes are available for students in grades 1-12 and take place one day a week before school and include breakfast and busing to schools in JD Central School District. Register before June 1 to get your free house shirt!

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Youth discipleship builds on the intellectual foundation found in Faith Formation and creates opportunities for fellowship and deeper spiritual growth. Youth discipleship groups for middle school and high school students are usually bi-weekly throughout the school year and also include some fun events and trips. Contact Steve (steve@holycrossdewitt.org) for info.

FIRST COMMUNION PREP - 2ND GRADE

Preparation and celebration for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist is a complementary process that typically take place during a child's second grade year. First Penance is celebrated in the fall, and First Eucharist is then celebrated in the spring. *Deadline to register is September 1, 2024*

**A prerequisite to First Penance & Eucharist Prep is that students have attended and continue to attend a Catholic school OR participated in a Faith Formation program in first grade and participate during prep.*

CONFIRMATION PREP - 9TH & 10TH GRADES

This year we will begin to confirming youth a year earlier, in the 9th grade. As a result, our class this year will be a double class of next year's 9th and 10th graders. We have designed an amazing and dynamic program for your child to prepare for Confirmation. Visit holycrossdewitt.org/cdp to sign up.

**A prerequisite to Confirmation Prep is that students have attended and continue to attend a Catholic school or participated in a Faith Formation program the previous year & continue to participate during prep year.*

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

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Holy Cross School Raffle Tickets

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PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Frank Colao, Chuck Harty, Ann Kronner,
Margaret Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Liz and Tony Mollica, Faith Muller,
Nancy Patane, John Toole, and Jim Walvin

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 APRIL 14: \$16,045.72

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 22

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church
7:00 PM Syracuse Choral Concert

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM Mass, Church
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
10:30 AM Mass, Church
5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



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