



# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” - Mt 4:8-9

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## **LENT - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**The season of Lent– what is its purpose?** It is a time of preparation for both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful are led to renew their baptismal promises through a spirit of repentance brought about by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

### **Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

**OUR MISSION** “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.”

### **Stay connected with your parish family!**

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox.

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## **Mass Times**

<b>Daily Mass:</b>	7:45am
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am
<b>Penance:</b>	Wed. 7-8pm
	Saturday 3:00pm
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	
<b>Vigil Sat.:</b>	4:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30am
	10:30am
	5:00 pm

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Pizza Sale Pickup**

March 7 & 8 - after Masses

### **Francis House Pin Sale**

March 14 & 15

### **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**

March 17 - 12:00pm

### **Confirmation Retreat**

March 20 - 22



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>-First Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM Dave Woodmansee/ Dad and Judy  
 10:30AM Ronnie Ellithorpe/ Jean & Ashley Blasland  
 5:00 PM Betty Galletta/ Tom & Mary Lee Muench

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross  
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45 AM William Poli/ Kathy Kotz  
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Silvaggio, Farnett & Magnarelli Families/  
 Claude & Mary Anne Pilon  
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Joseph Maio / Maio Family  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Mass League  
 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Paquita B. Mission/ Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio  
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance  
 4:00 PM Frank Loguidice/ Family

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory/ Margaret Ingraham  
 10:30 AM Jill Gallagher/ Delores Petta  
 5:00 PM Dorothy Schuyler/ Diane Harrington

**March 1st, 2020  
 1st Sunday of Lent**

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.



What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a child-like trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

**First Friday Mass League**

**What is the Mass League?** Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Cost is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

**First Friday Mass League Enrollment**

Rush Limbaugh ~ Caryn Scuderi  
 Betty Galletta ~ Rose Tout  
 Dominic Tirinato ~ Rose Tout

Spring  
 FORWARD



Daylight saving time begins next weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

**This weekend's 2nd collection is:  
 Black & Native Americans**

**PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH**

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

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**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give)

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

**\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

\$17,471.52 Collection of February 23  
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT  
 OF YOUR PARISH!**

**Activities For Lent**

**Day of Reflection**

Day of Reflection is on **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in Yeazel Hall. Day will include a talk by Deacon Dare Dutter along with prayer & Benediction. Questions call Jo (446-3328).

**Conclusion to the Bible Study Offered in The Book of Romans: “The ‘Gospel’ of Salvation”**

David V. Hines will facilitate the last four sessions on this pivotal book of the New Testament. The study will be taught by the theologians Andrew Swafford, Ph.D. of Benedictine College and Jeff Cavins. The sessions run from 7:00- 8:30 pm with a 25 minute video and a discussion following. The dates for the study are Tuesdays: 3 March, 10 March, 24 March and 31 March. Study begins on March 3 at 7:00pm. **If you haven’t signed up yet please email David Hines at DV Hines51 @aol.com**, be sure to put 51 in the address, or call the Holy Cross office at 315-446- 0473. This spring **All are welcome to attend, even though you were not in the study last fall.**

**CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization**  
**Mondays during Lent 6:00-7:30pm**  
**Register Today!**

Father Matthew Rawson will facilitate this series which begins on March 2 and will be held in Yeazel Hall. Register by contacting the office @ 315-446-0473 or at [holycrossdewitt.org/lent](http://holycrossdewitt.org/lent). This series, created by Bishop Robert Barron, explores the Church’s mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Dinner is included. There is no cost.

**“Boundless Compassion” by Joyce Rupp**  
**Lenten Book Group with Beth Schafer**  
**Begins Sunday, March 1 at 9:00am**

Joyce Rupp offers a guide through prayer, daily reading & weekly group reflection. You will be encouraged to explore personal and professional expressions of compassion, & to re-energize your ability to offer loving kindness to those around you. To sign up, contact Beth: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org). or just come on March 1.

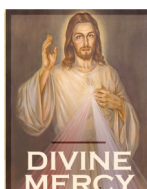
**Lenten Reflections**

Walk with the Lord daily this Lent. Sign up at <https://formed.org/daily> to receive daily reflections directly to your inbox. Be inspired & renewed each morning with clips from Catholic authors, speakers, movies, talks, & more. FORMED Daily will turn into LENTEN REFLECTIONS on Ash Wednesday.

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:**

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will continue each Thursday at 9:00am in room 6 in Yeazel Hall.

All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Soraya Andrews (447-4954) to secure materials used during the sessions.



**Masses and Devotions**

**Stations of the Cross**

We will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8:15am (except Good Friday) and 7:00pm .

**Daily Mass:** 7:45am weekdays & 9:00am Saturday

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** (Chapel)

Weekdays: 8:15am to 3:00pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance:** (Church)

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

“Light Is on For You” - Monday, April 6 ~ 3-7pm

Wednesdays: 7-8pm & Saturdays ~ 3:00pm (except April 11)

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

Listen: Confession: Answering Common Objections

Listen: Keep Holy the Sabbath

Study: Lectio Salvation

Have you signed up for FORMED Daily video reflections from esteemed scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray. You don’t have to be a FORMED subscriber to view these short 3-minute videos on [formed.org](http://formed.org). Registration opened February 10th. Sign up now at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent).

**Catholic Media Kiosk**

**CD:** “Love, Sacrifice, Trust: He Showed Us the Way” by Fr. Michael Schmitz - Fr. Schmitz held my attention and helped me to consider Jesus' saving death in a new and complete way. Any suffering I have is nothing considering the agony Jesus endured for the love of us. The (bonus segment on the) Stations of the Cross were dramatic and thought provoking. I plan to listen to both again, especially during Lent. Rita - Hideaway, TX

**A Family Perspective:**



In today’s gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; “one does not live on bread alone.” Let Lent 2020 be a time when you are “led by the Spirit” to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

**If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.**



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS**



First and second graders at Holy Cross School illustrated winterscapes in their art class. They learned about different woodland animals and the types of tracks they leave in the snow. Using their imagination, students speculated on what animals may have passed through their snowy scene. The students also experimented with the use of light and shadow in their composition. Their art is proudly on display in the school foyer. It's a warm reminder to find ourselves in the stillness of winter and reflect on the beauty and wonder of God's creation.



**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Next weekend Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Area

**FAITH FORMATION**

Julie Sheridan - DFF grades 1-6  
446-0473 x 12 Julie@holycrossdewitt.org  
Steve Nepil - DFF grades 7-12  
446-0473 x 18 Steve@holycrossdewitt.org

**Middle School Youth Retreat**

All 6-8 grade students are invited to an overnight youth retreat that we are planning here in Syracuse! We are collaborating with several other parishes and the Diocese to host an incredible retreat that includes transformative talks, exciting games and skits, small group time in our parish, opportunities to make friends from all over the Diocese, worship, Adoration, confession, & Mass. The retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat House (just up the road from our parish) from **Friday evening, May 8 to Saturday Evening May 9th**. The cost is just \$35 and registration is now open. We have a limited number of spots, so sign up soon! To register visit our website at [holycrossdewitt.org/youth](http://holycrossdewitt.org/youth) or for more information email [Steve@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Steve@holycrossdewitt.org)



**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Girl Scout Cookie Sale - Gathering Area
- 9:00 AM Boundless Compassion - room 9
- 9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - room 10
- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
- 3:00 PM 11th & 12th Grade Discipleship - rooms 1-2

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 10:00 AM Day of Reflection - Yeazel Hall
- 6:00 PM Catholicism- The New Evangelization - Yeazel Hall
- 6:30 PM Refugee Assistance Meeting - room 9

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
- 8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
- 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9
- 7:00 PM Bible Study - The Book of Romans - room 8

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation
- 10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Members Home
- 6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11
- 7:00 PM NA & Narnon Meeting - Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
- 7:00 PM Penance - Church

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
- 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 6
- 1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM HC Men's Group - room 9
- 7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room
- 7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/ Youth Group - Rms 10-13

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Food Giving Weekend**

- 9:30 AM Marian Book Group - room 9
- 1:30 PM First Sacraments Children's Workshop - Yeazel Hall
- 3:00 PM Penance - Church

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Food Giving Weekend**

- Pizza Sale Pickup- Gathering Area
- Raffle Ticket Sale - Gathering Area
- 9:00 AM Boundless Compassion - room 9
- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
- 3:00 PM Discipleship (11th & 12th grades) - rooms 1 & 2
- 3:30 PM Confirmation Group Sessions - rooms 7-10

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon – Tuesday, 3/17**

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day by joining us for this special luncheon at 12:00 noon in Yeazel Hall. As a special treat - Liam Fitzpatrick will sing Irish songs for your enjoyment. A corned beef & cabbage luncheon will be catered by Theresa. If you would like to participate you **must** call Jo Oliva (446-3328) by noon on 3/10 with your order. **Cost is \$15** (checks payable to Holy Cross) & payment can be made at the office.



**Girl Scout Cookie Sale This Weekend and March 21 & 22**



Holy Cross Girl Scout Troop 60500 will be selling cookies before and after each Mass this weekend. Your purchase helps the girls learn and give back. The troop donates 23% of its earnings to nonprofits. You can also purchase cookies for donation to help the

Holy Cross Church Food Ministry. To pre-order your cookies for pick-up, please text 315-383-3148 with your name, order, and Mass time. The cookies will be waiting for you in a gift bag. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Spiritual Works of Mercy in March**

This month we invite you to join our Faith Formation class collection of non-perishable food; this will enhance our 1st week-end food collection. Donations will go to local food pantries. The items requested include specific needs at this time of year. Class time will focus on the *Spiritual Works of Mercy during the second week in March.*

*The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional & spiritual needs: to instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive & bear wrongs patiently. A list of requested food items can be found on the tables by the doors. It includes canned tuna, kidney beans, canned fruit or vegetables, egg noodles, ramen noodles or elbow macaroni, gluten-free cereal or pasta. Please return your donation to the baskets by the doors before March 24th.*

**Refugee Assistance Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 6:30-8pm**  
Join us to learn some of the ways that our parish seeks to advocate for & to support refugees. Donations to the Refugee Resettlement closet are collected at the bottom of the stairs, inside the coat closet near the water fountain.

**First Tuesday Sandwiches: March 3rd, 8:15am**  
Join us downstairs after daily Mass to prepare sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. We make more than 300 peanut butter & jelly, egg, tuna & chicken salad sandwiches. Stop by to join us when you have the time-no sign up is necessary.

**Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast: Mar. 29th, 6:30-8am**  
Several times a year we bring our griddles to Catholic Charities homeless shelter to prepare a hot pancake breakfast. Join us to share the morning with men who need a hot meal and a friendly smile. It will make your day brighter to know you extended a hand to a person in need. To sign up, contact Carolyn Smith: [cjsmith5255@gmail.com](mailto:cjsmith5255@gmail.com)

**Road to Emmaus Meal: Thursday, April 9th, 4-6:30pm**  
Join a small group of 8-10 volunteers as we serve a hot meal provided by Emmaus ministries. Volunteers help in the kitchen or serve the meal to South side residents who rely on this ministry as a source of social interaction as well as physical nourishment. Contact Beth to sign up: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Samaritan Center Dinner: April 26th, 12:30-3pm**  
On Sunday afternoon bring your family members or friends to our local soup kitchen to help serve approximately 200 hungry people in Syracuse. (An earlier time period (11am-12:30pm) is set aside for families with children under 12 years old. Please sign up in advance by contacting Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
Do you have a need for help? Our email group offers to assist you after surgery or illness by providing a meal for a limited time-or we could shovel your walk or provide a ride to Mass if a volunteer is available. If you would like someone to help you with one of those tasks, call the parish office & ask for Beth (see # above).

**Knitting Group**

We will meet on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> -1PM** downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome.



**Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend**

Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.



**Pizza Sale Pickup**

Stop by the Gathering Area next weekend.

**Francis House is back!**

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Easter or anytime gifts! We have beautiful one-of-a-kind stained glass earrings, pendants and pins - - all for \$20 each. Along we our beautiful Shamrocks, we have butterfly pins! We also have specially designed note cards for \$10 per set. All sales benefit the ministry and mission of the Francis House.

Come see us after each Mass the weekend of March 14 & 15. "Francis House provides a home and extended family to persons with terminal illnesses so they can die with dignity surrounded by the unconditional love of God."

**My Faith Journey - Lenten Series**

Join us for our journey of faith as we reflect on shared insights from Geralyn Saya, Karen Pullano & Deacon Michael Colaburo at 6:30pm in Blessed Sacrament Church, 3127 James Street. Includes reflection, prayer and benediction. Date & Topics:

- March 8 Karen Pullano "Faith and Healing"
- March 29 Dc. Mike Colabufo "In God's Time"

ALL ARE INVITED

**Fish Fry at Blessed Sacrament Church**

St. Vincent's/ Blessed Sacrament Lenten Fish Fry every Friday except Good Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria, 3129 James Street. Eat in or Take Out available from 4:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a delicious meal and some great fellowship.



**A companion for your journey**

Grow in your faith. Connect with your community.

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Envelopes can be found in your contribution packet or on the tables near the exits.

**2019 Tax Contribution Statements**

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information to [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF March 7<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup>**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS –B</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michael Read	H1 Mary Relihan	CH1 Gayle Resetarits	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Dennis Cole
		H3 Terry Doohar	CH2 Deacon	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
		H4 Claudette Tanner		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Peter Demlein	H1 Teresa Koulouris	C1 Ronald Naumann	Cecila Lombardi	Ed Coolican
		H3 Al Highducheck	C2 Robert Brunette	Lindsay Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Charlene Hughes		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Ellyn Lubel	H1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	CH1 Rita Bergamo	Meghan Malay	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Karen Kirkman	CH2 Deacon	Jack Wysocki	Don Brown
		H4 Marilyn Engle		Max Wysocki	Peter Bergamo
					Mike Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Emma Deehan	H1 Nancy Tourville	C1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Declan Reed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
		H3 Joan Snyder	C2 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Rayna Reed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
		H4 Stephanie Heath			

**OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**St. Matthews:**

- Daily Mass: Friday 9:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm

**St. Vincent de Paul**

- Daily Mass - M ~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

**St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)**

- Daily Mass: Mon. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

**St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)**

- Daily Mass: Wed. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

**Blessed Sacrament**

- Daily Mass: Chapel M - F 8:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm (vigil) Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 4:45pm

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

**Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

**Penance** ~ Wednesday, 7-8PM Saturday, 3:00PM

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
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- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
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- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
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- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
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- Matt Stano, Maintenance

**PARISH INFORMATION**

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change) E-mail preferred; please send to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

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Website: [hcschooldewitt.org](http://hcschooldewitt.org)

E-Mail: [moleary@syrdiocese.org](mailto:moleary@syrdiocese.org)

**Staff ~ Name and Title**

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse

**Holy Cross Elementary School  
Annual Auction 50/50 Raffle**

**CASH Prize**

**1 ticket = \$10**

**3 tickets = \$25**

**Live Drawing on May 16, 2020 at the  
Holy Cross Auction Dinner at Yeazel Hall**

**Ticket holders do not have to be present to win!**



**Cash Prize Jackpot is NOW**

**\$1,317**

**Tickets will be available at Holy Cross Church after Mass on  
March 7-8, March 21-22, April 4-5, April 25-26 and May 9-10**

**Tickets are also available at Holy Cross School, Dewitt, NY ph. 315-446-4890**



HOLY CROSS

## STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

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Volume VIII

Sunday

March 1, 2020

### LATEST STEWARDSHIP RESULTS

Parishioners of Holy Cross are continuing to positively respond to our Parish Stewardship Appeal. To date, over 150 families have returned their stewardship cards. The average offertory commitment from these families is approximately \$40 per week. Once again, Father John and the parish committee extend a sincere thank you to these families for their commitment and sacrifice to Holy Cross.

### OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL...

As we begin to journey through this Lenten season, we have a great opportunity to accept the challenges of Stewardship. When we do this, it means that our Parish Offertory will be able to meet all of our needs, present and future.

Stewardship is a way of life. It is fully a Christ oriented life. Christ must share in every phase of our existence. In the true spirit of Stewardship, we find great joy in sharing with God. Our return of Time, Talent and Treasure is an external demonstration of our faith, love and devotion. Love gives, and if you have never experienced the happiness and satisfaction of really sharing your life with Christ, you must try it or you are not sharing in the joy He promised.

The offertory collection is part of the Liturgy of the Mass. We present our financial gifts as a symbol of offering ourselves with Christ. As for the measure of our return to God, at one time many turned to a measure that was presented by God Himself back in the day of Abraham; a tenth for Tithes. This measure served as the standard through Old Testament times and for more than nineteen centuries of the history of the Catholic Church. Today, however, we realize that a "tithe" of 5% or perhaps one hour of our weekly pay may be a more realistic commitment for many.

If you have not already done so, now is the time to respond to the needs of our parish. **Please remember that your commitment card is not a legal pledge. It is simply an indication of how much you as an individual or family feel that you can dedicate to the support of the Church. It is carefully outlined so that, in the event your income changes, you can adjust your commitment at any time.**

*Please return your commitment card today!*