



Read a book to someone	Hold the door for Somebody	Tell Someone why they are special to you	Offer to help Somebody clean up	Do a chore for Someone you love
Let a classmate go first	Do a secret act of kindness	Send a card to a Soldier	Sit next to Somebody new at lunch	Share something with a classmate
Talk to somebody new at school	Draw a picture for Somebody	Let Somebody go ahead of you in line	Smile at everyone you see today	Pick up a piece of trash
Help make dinner	Give Someone a high five	Give Somebody a compliment	Clean up without being asked	Leave a thank you note for the mailman
Thank someone for something they did for them	Take turns with Somebody	Invite Somebody to play with you	Encourage Somebody	Make a card for Someone



On Ash Wednesday, Mrs. Burn's first grade students at Holy Cross School started their 30 Days of Kindness Challenge in conjunction with the beginning of Lent! Everyday, these students are committed to completing an act of kindness. Some acts they've already include complementing another person, leaving a happy note for someone to find, & helping make dinner. On Monday, they made cards for our service men & women! The Kindness Challenge is a program offered by Regan's Acts of Kindness, a charity whose mission is to spread joy and kindness in Regan Shetsky's name. Thanks to these students we have so many great ideas of how we can share joy and charity. How do you plan on sharing kindness and charity this Lent?

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. Visit www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to see more.



Mass Times

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

Upcoming Events:

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
March 17 - 12:00pm

Confirmation Retreat
March 20-22

First Sacrament Workshop
March 28 - 1:30pm

Monthly Movie
March 31 - 1:00pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8th - 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

Monday, March 9th

7:45 AM Paul Flanders/ Brenda Casinella
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, March 10th

7:45 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life/
 Joyce A. Kotch
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 11th

7:45 AM Intentions of Margaret Ingraham/
 Margaret Ingraham
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 12th

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

Friday, March 13th

7:45 AM Samuel Dispenza/ The Loguidice Family
 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 14th

9:00 AM Dr. Leonor Rivera Calimlim/
 Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance

4:00 PM Betty Galletta/ John & Jen Evans & Family

Sunday, March 15th - Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Genevieve Zappla/ Joann & Tommy Smith
 10:30AM Special Intention of Sebastian Carotola/
 Highducheck Family
 5:00 PM Bob Coughlin/ Leigh Marquis

**March 8th, 2020
 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.



We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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Week of Marc 8th

Host and Wine

*In Memory Of: Frank Cappelletti
 Requested By: Wife & Family*



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.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$20,640.47 Collection of March 1

\$ 3,481.12 Churches in Eastern Europe

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
 OF YOUR PARISH!**

Activities For Lent

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 has turned into LENTEN REFLECTIONS on Ash Wednesday.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Watch: Ready Reasons: Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

Listen: The Healing Power of Confession

Watch: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle (Children/Family)

Audiobook: The Trials of St. Patrick (feastday March 17)

Watch: In the Footsteps of St. Patrick

Catholic Media Kiosk

A Family Perspective:



Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!



Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of which hospital and their room number. The priests or deacon would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. Thank you.



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. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

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)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.**



We begin the hour in church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions on Wednesday Evenings

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every Wednesday between 7 & 8pm. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the Stations of the Cross and identify with Jesus' journey to Calvary.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations are at 8:15 am (following 7:45 am Mass) and at 7:00 pm.

Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers



As part of preparing the new schedule (starting April 4/5 thru May 30/31), we would like to know if you have any changes to your information or a change in the time or dates you would like to be scheduled. Please email Peg at peg@holycrossdewitt.org.

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. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

From the Kindergarten Class

I'm happy to share with you the fun and exciting things going on in kindergarten at Holy Cross.

We have recently started the 30 days of kindness challenge/Regan's Acts of Kindness, to connect with Lent. Students have their own grids and color in boxes as they complete each act of kindness. We have done many of these at school to include:

Leave a happy note for someone, Make a card for someone, Sit next to somebody new at lunch, and Draw or color a picture for someone. Students were encouraged to help make dinner at home as well. We will be making paper smiles to use for smiling at everyone you see.

Students are focusing on letter sounds, vowel sounds, and tapping out one syllable words. They are focusing on counting to 100 and memorizing 100 sight words by April 4th, for a party to celebrate their hard work. Recent Lesson topics in Reading include: Weather-What do animals do when the weather changes?, Animal bodies-How do animals use their different body parts?, and Animal homes-Where do different animals make their homes?

In Math: Students are learning to count by 10's and composing and decomposing numbers 11-19. We just started analyzing two and three dimensional shapes to include squares, triangles, circles and hexagons.

Our Social Studies included celebrating Black History Month (Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.) and our first president (George Washington)

Our Promises Pflaum Gospel weeklies educate and remind my students that they are a part of a Christian family here at Holy Cross.



RAFFLE TICKETS

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

Oratory Contest

Syracuse Right To Life Oratory Contest will be on Sunday, March 29 from Noon to 3pm at the Holiday Inn @ 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. Students will speak 5-7 minutes on a pro-life issue (abortion or euthanasia). 11th and 12th graders vie for \$250 first place and \$150 and \$50 2nd & 3rd place. 9th and 10th graders vie for \$50 first place. For an application call Jim Dooher at 315-446-6168.

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 with 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."

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 8th 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

Monday, March 9th

- 6:00 PM Catholicism-- The New Evangelization - Yeazel Hall

Tuesday, March 10th

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

Wednesday, March 11th

- 6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation
- 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 12th

- 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
- 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 6
- 10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Members Home
- 7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room
- 7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/ Youth Group - Rms 10-13

Saturday, March 14th

- 3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, March 15th

- Francis House Pin Sale - Gathering Area
- 9:00 AM Boundless Compassion - room 9
- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
- 3:00 PM 11th & 12th Grade Discipleship - rooms 1-2

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.



Pizza Sale Pickup

Stop by the Gathering Area after Mass this weekend & pick up your pizza that was ordered from the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support!



Girl Scout Cookie Sale Update

Thank you Holy Cross! This weekend the Holy Cross Girl Scout Troop 60500 sold 358 boxes of cookies after Masses! Parishioners purchased 121 boxes for donation: 36 for women veterans (who the girls will meet in Albany), and 85 for the Holy Cross Food Ministry. We appreciate your generosity!

We will be selling after each Mass again the weekend of March 21 and 22. If you would like to have your order waiting for you in a gift bag in advance, please text 315-383-3148 with your name, order, and Mass time. Thank you again!

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

"What we repeatedly think shapes our world. Out of compassion, substitute healthy thoughts for unhealthy ones." The Wise Heart, Jack Kornfield

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 (315) 446-0473.

Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast: March 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

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

Samaritan Center Dinner: Sunday 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

Jail Ministry Movie: Tuesday, April 28th, 7pm

An annual fundraiser in support of Jail Ministry is an April movie night at the Palace Theater, 2364 James St. in Eastwood. This year's movie is Chariots of Fire, the 1981 film won 7 Academy Awards. \$10 Tickets are available in the parish office or contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

The Spiritual Works of Mercy Food Collection

During the month of March we invite you to join our Faith Formation class collection of non-perishable food; this will enhance our 1st weekend 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.

Be sure to check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.

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.



A HC Family Meal

Thank you to all who supported the Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner. It was a good start to the Lenten Season. It was only possible with the help of a "soup-er" team of volunteers. Thank you to Roz, Trish, & Sue for making wonderful soups, to Sue Judge for 25 leaves of homemade bread, & to all those who helped make the evening a success. Jo, Anne, Julie, Kathleen, Rita, Soraya & Peter, Bill & Stella - you are the best. A special thanks goes out to Steve & the teens, who gave of their time & energy to help out the old folks. We could not have done this without the effort and leadership of Maureen. Thank you!



Life Matters

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE/EUTHANASIA

"Proponents of doctor assisted suicide are pushing their agenda in New York. These policies are dangerous for patients, caregivers, & vulnerable populations such as the elderly & disabled persons. Suicide & euthanasia are NOT medical care. "Please tell your senators & representatives that you oppose these dangerous & deadly practices. For more details & to take action, visit www.nys.catholic.org, then click on Take Action. Its easy." (source: Catholic Action Network, NYCC & RC Diocese of Syracuse Respect Life Office.

Syracuse Lenten Retreat for Women

"Pray, hope, and don't worry" -St Padre Pio
Saturday March 21st, 2020 Holy Cross Church in DeWitt
Reflection by Fr. Joe O'Connor
Retreats includes Mass, Breakfast, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, the Rosary & Private Prayer!
For more information visit www.syracusecatholicwomen.org

IGNITE 2019 Catholic Men's Conference

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 12th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is "Take Refuge In The Lord". There are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. You can be part of it on Saturday, March 28th at the SRC Arena & Event Center for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. You can register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org or with Anthony Grasso, parish captain, at AnthonyJGracco@yahoo.com. Sign up now.



Know, live, and share your Catholic faith.
The Catholic Sun will help you dive deeper into your faith this Lent.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SUN TODAY!

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF March 14th & March 15th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony Ortega	H1 Gretchen Lane	CH1	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Martha O'Leary	CH2	Nicholas DiBiase	Claude Pilon
		H4 Kay Sgarlata		Simon Farranto	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Paul Mooney	H1 Kathleen Bullion	C1	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Mary Touchette	C2	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Timothy Conan		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Theresa Beaty	H1 Rita Bergamo	CH1	Joshua Gleasman	Neil Bourcy
		H3 John Fix	CH2	Oliver Gleasman	Don Brown
		H4 Chris Moltion		Gabriel Yang	Peter Bergamo
					Mike Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Ridzi Family	H1 Margaret Ingraham	C1	Rayna Reed	Volunteer Needed
		H3 Pat Ryan	C2	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
		H4 Volunteer Needed			

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

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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
- 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
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- 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
- 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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Staff ~ Name and Title

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



HOLY CROSS

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

Volume IX

Sunday

March 8, 2020

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parishioners of Holy Cross are continuing to positively respond to our Stewardship in Faith Appeal. Over 180 families have returned their commitment cards. The average offertory pledge for 2020 from those who returned their card remains at approximately \$40 per week. The results to date are encouraging and we are very thankful to our supporters for their commitment and sacrifice to Holy Cross Parish. There are extra confidential return envelopes, commitment cards and brochures available at the exits of the church for those who may need new materials. The stewardship commitment card may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket.

Stewardship Story - The Man Who Gave 90 Percent

R. G. LeTourneau (1888 – 1969) was a Christian industrialist who dedicated his life to “being a businessman for God.” He was hugely successful, designing and developing his own line of earth moving equipment. LeTourneau was the maker of nearly 300 inventions, and had hundreds of patents in his lifetime. As he succeeded financially, he increased his giving to the point where he was giving 90% of his income to the Lord’s work. LeTourneau once quipped, “I shovel out the money, and God shovels it back—but God has a bigger shovel.”

You may be thinking, “I could give 90% too if I was a multi-millionaire.” Maybe so, but LeTourneau didn’t start out wealthy.

A gentle challenge: Whatever percentage of your income you are currently giving, make a lifelong plan to increase that percentage with every opportunity.

Why do we need Stewardship?

Stewardship is no longer a new concept in our parish. In fact, we have had similar appeals through the years. However, stewardship needs to be commemorated because we need to celebrate all that God has done for us and all that we owe to God. We need to be reminded frequently. Just as we celebrate Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent and Christmas annually, stewardship is an important part of our faith that should be regularly recognized and celebrated. This year’s stewardship appeal is a time to call all parishioners to greater faith and trust in God. This is not something we do once. This is something we should do constantly.

Please return your commitment card today