



First Holy Communion

Join us in celebrating and praying for all of our First Communicants! Last Saturday and Sunday, twenty-eight children received their First Holy Eucharist. Thank you to all of our parents, families, volunteers, clergy, and staff for helping these young people prepare and celebrate this precious sacrament!

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

Become a member of our faith community

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you! Please take a welcome packet from the church entrance racks or contact the Parish Office.

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
- Reconciliation:**
 - Wed. 7:00-8:00pm
 - Sat. 3:00-3:30pm
- Sunday Mass**
 - Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm
 - Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

Watch Masses online at holycrossdewitt.org

Upcoming Events

Please check page 4 for this week's schedule.

Check holycrossdewitt.org for information on Masses and events, registration, and safety protocols for attendance.



Sunday, May 9th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Ann Lowney/ Family
 10:30am Dorothy Poppleton/ daughter, Ellyn
 5:00pm Chuck Gedney/ Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, May 10th

7:45am Rose Gamello/ Patricia Perry
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, May 11th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, May 12th

7:45am Joseph Farnett/ Claude & Mary Anne
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, May 13th - The Ascension of the Lord

7:45am John McNamara / Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 5:30pm John Passonno/ Janet Butkins

Friday, May 14th

7:45am Susan Halleran / Jo Oliva
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, May 15th

9:00am Shirley Lonobile/ The Sansones
 4:00pm John Stach/ James & Carmella Conte
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, May 16th – Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/ Family
 10:30am Anne DeSantis/ The Dutter Family
 5:00pm Dan & Agnes Broader & Rev. Patrick Keating/
 Mary Ellen Brown

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, May 9, 2021

Acts: 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



The message that Peter delivers in the Acts of the Apostles tells us that God loves all people, and that he favors no one nation of group. Peter said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” The Acts of the Apostles goes on to tell us that those who were believers, and were following Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

It is understandable that people would want to think that God was only for them, that they would have some control over God and that God would show favor toward them. It is similar to how small children want all the attention of the parent, and will often compete with each other for that attention. What people fail to realize is that God creates us all, and loves us all, and that God can be equally present to all of us at one time. As we strive to understand this we should remember that if God creates all of us, and loves all of us, perhaps we should all see others as equals and treat others in that way!

Peace,
 Fr. John Kurgan

Week of May 9

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva Sr.

Requested By :
 Wife & Family



Next weekend’s second collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign

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.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$33,651.00 Easter Collection
 Collection of May 2 will be reported on May 23.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!



Easter Offerings

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new & familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent & financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website & locate the donation link or complete a paper authorization form.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

- SUN 5/09** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- MON 5/10** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- TUE 5/11** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- WED 5/12** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- THR 5/13** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- FRI 5/14** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- SAT 5/15** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- SUN 5/16** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday:** St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Wednesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima
- Friday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
 From the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.

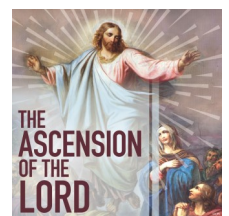
The Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 13th

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are :

- * 7:45 am
- * 5:30 pm
- * Watch Mass online

There will be no Vigil Mass

Please remember to sign up for Mass at holycrossdewitt.org/signup or call the parish office at (315) 446-0473



Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Ken Lu, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler and John Toole.

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.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel
- By Appointment

MAY CROWNING

Sunday, May 9 @ 10:30am Mass



The First Eucharist children are requested to honor and serve as Mary's court leading the procession. The children are invited to wear their First Eucharist attire. All are invited to join in the May Crowning procession as we pray for Mary's guiding light to continue to shine brightly.

Rosary and Benediction

On **Thursday, May 20** at 6pm, we will have the recitation of the Rosary followed by Benediction. All are invited to stay for coffee. This is a great experience and a time of great blessing for all. Come pray with us!



**Monthly Movie Returns on
Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00pm - Church**



This month we will be showing "Fatima". *Fátima* is a 2020 film based on the 1917 Our Lady of Fátima events. 10-year-old shepherd, Lúcia dos Santos, and her two young cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, report having received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site to witness what became known as the Miracle of the Sun. Movie features the original song "Gratia Plena" ("Full of Grace"), performed by Andrea Bocelli.

All are invited to come. Movie is free and will be shown in the Church. Remember to wear your mask.

"Pray the Rosary Every Day"

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children. She urged the children to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, & the end of the war (WWI)." Mornings after daily Mass & on weekends a group gathers to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. It is informal, & open to anyone who would like to pray.



MARY
Mother of the church

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Watch: Be Not Afraid Family Hour Ep.2: Jesus Exceeds Expectations

Watch: Fatima, A Message of Hope (May 13, 1917 First Apparition)

Kids: Watch: The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

Listen: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told: Understanding Mary's Role in Your Life by Father Michael Gaitley

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 9th

10:30 AM May Crowning - Church

Monday, May 10th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, May 11th

7:00 PM Book Study - rooms 12 & 13

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 12th

7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Saturday, May 15th

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

5:30 PM HC School Auction - Parking Lot

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours

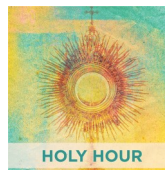
The Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm). You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

Knitting Group - May 20



We will meet on **Thursday, May 20th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. **Reservations are required;** call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328 to reserve.

Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM



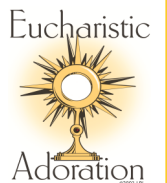
Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Church.

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

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

**Confessions Wednesday Evenings –
Chapel**

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.



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

Samaritan Center Thank You!

Thank you to our volunteer coordinator, Rick Coughlin & our scheduler, Kay Keough! Many thanks to all who helped to serve dinner at our local soup kitchen during the past year! Our Samaritan Center crews are faithful and dedicated despite Covid restrictions that create challenges for everyone. Thank you to our local Wegman's for their donation of boxes of fruit for the Sunday meal and to Trish Lowney for faithfully delivering two boxes of bananas each month! Please mark your fall calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, September 19, 2021. For more info about the Sunday meals & to sign up, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com



Third Tuesday Sandwiches: May 18th, 8:15am

Join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall by the kitchen to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's shelter. We will be required to maintain social distance and wear masks. Peanut butter & jelly donations are appreciated. Please sign in when you arrive or contact Beth for more information: (315) 416-4576.



Refugee Assistance Meeting: Monday, May 24th, 7pm

Over the past 4 years, the Refugee Assistance group has been working with a single Mom and her 9 children. Thank you to the many generous parishioners who gave their time, talent and treasure to this warm and loving family! The refugee committee is grateful to the parish for supporting our parish bake sales to help with the utility bill, and for all those individual parishioners who donated gift cards or money, food, rides, lawn mowing, soccer gear and birthday gifts. If you participated in any way with refugee assistance during the past year, please contact Beth any feedback or suggestions that we might use as we reflect back and plan future refugee assistance activities: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Care For Creation Online Convening: May 25-27th, 7-9pm

You are invited to participate in an exciting online event! Next month our Laudato Si Circle will participate in an effort to encourage prayer and action regarding care for the environment. The Diocese of Syracuse and of Ogdensburg are offering a 3-part online program that will include prayer, reflection by prominent members of both Central New York dioceses. To sign up for this exciting event contact Beth for registration info: beth@holycrossdewitt.org



Denim and Diamonds

23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Next Weekend

Join us on Saturday, May 15th at 5:30pm for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. In-Person or Virtual setting to be determined. Questions? Email thehesauction@gmail.com

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

Holy Cross School students will be selling raffle tickets this weekend after the 4 p.m. 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses to support the school. Raffle tickets are one for \$10.00 and 3 for \$25.00. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area.

Spiritual Adoption Program -Month Nine

“Here I am!” Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month—nine months after his/her mother conceived him/her. The only change is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than he/she before birth except that the baby breathes and eats differently. He/she is truly a miracle. The baby began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all the little babies that you cared enough to pray for and for their mother. **Happy Birthday Baby!**



A Family Perspective:



Today's gospel challenges us to “love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus is our model and he asks us to “lay down our life” (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.





- **Unplanned Movie showing on May 14th at 6:30pm.** Unplanned is a movie about former Planned Parenthood Director, Abby Johnson. It is an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry and also shares Abby's transformation from a passionate advocate for choice to an even more passionate advocate for life. The movie will be screened at **St. Joseph the Worker Campus - Parish Center, 1001 Tulip St., Liverpool on Friday, May 14th at 6:30 pm.** To comply with COVID guidelines, please register: www.epiphanyparishliverpool.org/faith-formation---adult.html or by calling Jen at 315-451-5070 ext 108. This event was made possible in part by the Diocesan Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry.
- **Family Rosary for Vocations - Sat., May 22 at 10am** on Zoom. Pray the rosary for our clergy and religious and an increase in vocations! Register at: [nfpfamilyrosary.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by May 14 to receive your gift package! For more info contact 315-472-6754 x 6 or email nfp@syrdio.org funded program.

Check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.

- The Third Option** - A program to build better marriages - May 2021 Schedule
- “UNDERSTANDING EXPECTATIONS CAN TRANSFORM YOUR MARRIAGE”. Meeting is online, Sunday, May 16, 2021 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at ssewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.
 - “REDEFINING POWER STRUGGLES IN MARRIAGE: Getting on The Same Team.” Come learn about how when I win, my marriage loses! Meeting is online, Sunday, May 23, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at ssewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.
 - “COPING WITH CONTROL ISSUES IN MARRIAGE: It Doesn’t Have to Be That Way.” Meeting is online, Sunday, June 6, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at ssewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal

Save Hyde. Save Lives.

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS? Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. TAKE ACTION Sign the petition to Congress! <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

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

Reconciliation ~Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
Or by appointment

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 24
- 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. 21
- 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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