



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.
- Mk 6:34

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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.

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."

Would you like to join us as new parishioner?

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and we welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit 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 of the bulletin for information on the events of the week.

Check holycrossdewitt.org for the latest information on Masses, events, & changes in safety protocols. For information call the office at 315-446-0473.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., July 18th - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Victor Gaeds & Peter Badera/

Peter & Antoinett Badera

10:30am Michael Myatt/ Carol & Don Scullion

5:00pm Walter Wychules/ Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, July 19th

7:45am Catherine Collins Bona/ Family

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, July 20th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

7:45am Vincent Vitale/ Family (20th Ann.)

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, July 21st7:45am Intentions of the Parish Rosary Group/
Margaret Ingraham

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, July 22nd

7:45am Emilio Pascua/ Rita Chanthasensak & Family

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, July 23rd

7:45am Josephine DeRegis/ Jo Oliva

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, July 24th

9:00am Leonora Stach/ Kevin & Lucia Lombardi

4:00pm Robert Hinkle/ Wife & Family

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., July 25th - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Dolores Lennon/ Family

10:30am Rita Centra/ Family

5:00am Pamela Peters/ Fr. Kurgan

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday July 18, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Jeremiah 23: 1-6****Ephesians 2: 13-18****Mark 6: 30-34**

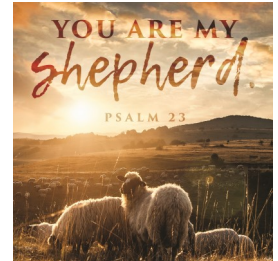
It is an un-nerving feeling that when we feel lost or abandoned. I think it has to do with us not being in control of our destiny at that particular point in our life.

Jesus realizes that the people who were seeking a savior were like lost sheep. They were going astray, not sure where to turn, and this was not just a few people but a large number who were seeking him out. This causes Christ to feel for them in their time of suffering. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

When we find we are lost and struggling it may be because we have decided to be our own shepherd. Personally, it may not be because I have chosen to reject Christ the Shepherd, but simply because out of bad habit, I have chosen to follow my own way. How do we return?

Simply, we recognize our fault and ask for forgiveness. Yes, this is humbling, but honestly, we should all be used to it, we have to, or should have done it enough. All Christ wants to do for us is guide us to the Father through his example. Why do we so often struggle to set our own course? Perhaps we just want to make sure that Christ, the Good Shepherd, will come after us and love us enough to lead us back to the flock.

Peace,
Fr. John

**Banns of Marriage**

Sarah Paulus & Jonathan Samuels

To get reminders for Mass, scripture readings, and daily reflections from our clergy, sign up for **The Daily Bread newsletter** — nourishment for each day's journey.

To sign up, visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe

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**

\$20,218.45 Collection of July 4

\$18,327.50 Collection of July 11

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

Your support is invaluable. Thank You

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give. Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

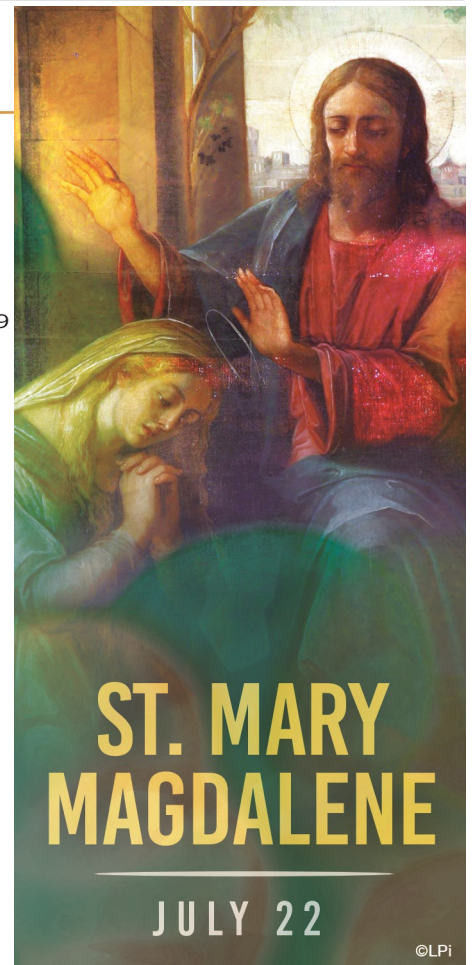
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/ Jn 6:1-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

- Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Mary Magdalene
- Friday:** St. Bridget, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



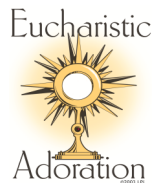
Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Richard Griffin, Sharon Kieffer, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Rev. Georg Stockert 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 include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

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

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



Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation is 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 Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.

Private Prayer Hours

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

"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.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

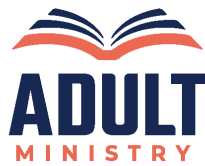
- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Church
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the Church
- By Appointment



Below are some the events that will take place later in July. All are welcome to join in. These are great opportunities to come back together and to meet new people.

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Adult Ministry has begun and meets at 9:15 in rooms 12 & 13. If you are interested in reading books about our faith and engaging in intense discussions, you are welcome to join us. We are reading "Orthodoxy" by G.K. Chesterton, a wonderful account of how faith comes to us through the Holy Spirit.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
Sunday, July 18th
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
Monday, July 19th
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
Tuesday, July 20th
8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting
Wednesday, July 21st
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
Thursday, July 22nd
1:00 PM - 7:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive - Yeazel Hall
Saturday, July 24th
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
Sunday, July 25th
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
7:00 PM Totus Tuus - Yeazel Hall

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

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.

ANGEL BLANKETS
Has been postponed until Sept. 21

Mark you calendar now and plan to come on Tuesday, September 21 at Noon.



Monthly Movie
Tuesday, July 20 at 1:00pm - Church

Golden Globe winner Richard Gere and Jennifer Lopez step out in a delightfully comedy with a sizzling all-star cast! John Clark is a meek workaholic who feels trapped in a dull, mind-numbing existence. But one night, his whole life changes when the sight of a beautiful dance instructor inspires him to break out of his mold and sign up for ballroom dancing lessons!

All are invited to come. Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, Aug. 5th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share. If you have questions call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328.



Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; please contact the Parish Office. You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.



E-Mail Request

In order to communicate even more efficiently & quickly, it would be a great help to have e-mail addresses. Please consider filling out this form & return it to the Parish Office by mail or email Info@holycrossdewitt.org. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! THANK YOU!**

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Summer 2021 Faith In Action Opportunities

Basic Needs Collection Thank you!

Thank you for your generous toiletry donations for Road to Emmaus Ministry! During the month of June we collected donations to support families in need on the south side of Syracuse. Thank you to Carolyn Smith for gathering the donations and transporting them to Emmaus! To learn about Road to Emmaus Ministry: emmausministry.org



Sandwich Ministry: July 20 & August 3, 8:15am

Due to church building maintenance, we have only two sandwich ministry dates this summer: pb&J sandwiches on July 20th -- and our usual variety of pb&j, tuna, egg & chicken salad sandwiches on August 3. Please join us in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass to prepare sandwiches for Catholic Charities homeless shelter. Drop by to join us!



Emmaus Sandwich Volunteers: Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30pm

During the summer months of July & August we are looking for additional volunteers to help make sandwiches on Wednesday afternoons at 12:30pm. Emmaus is located at 127 E. Glenn Ave. For info or to sign up contact Sheila: sAustin@emmausministry.org

Parish-wide book read:

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future

The Holy Father's recent book reflects on lessons learned during the pandemic, and yet it is light, uplifting & encouraging! Please join in a parish-wide book read of Pope Francis' book titled Let Us Dream-The Path to a Better Future. The Care for Creation Circle has purchased a limited number of copies to lend to Holy Cross parishioners. If instead you would like to purchase the book, copies are available at major booksellers. To borrow a parish copy, contact the parish office: (315) 446-0473.

Care for Creation Small Group:

Monday 7/12, 8/9 & 8/23, 6:30-7:30pm

During the months of July and August, join us for a book discussion of Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future. Meetings are held outside in front of the church or inside in case of poor weather. Drop by or let us know you can join us by contacting Ed Judge: judge@lemoyne.edu.

RCIA

When someone was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist...

The faith journey of each individual is unique, and the ability to walk with a person as they explore their relationship with God is a great privilege. After an appropriate pastoral formation adapted to the needs of the person seeking to participate in the sacraments, Confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated together when the person is ready. At that time, they will be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

If you are searching for answers and a deeper relationship with God, please contact our parish office and ask about the RCIA process at 315-446-0473.



CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce that Holy Cross will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, October 23rd at 1:00PM**. Bishop Cunningham will confer the Sacrament.

A Family Perspective:

In today's gospel, "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED:

Are you signed up for FORMED?

It's easy. Just go to www.formed.org and click on SIGN UP. Click on "Sign up as a parishioner" and follow the prompts from there. You'll have a wealth of Catholic movies, studies, books, audios and more. Get signed up today and feed the faith of your ENTIRE family!

FORMED: This Week on Formed - Check out past and current programs on This Week! There are programs, interviews, special presentations. Just check out the schedule.

"Hearing God's Voice in the Wilderness" - Men's & Women's Discernment Retreat

- August 13-15, 2021 (starts at 5:00pm Friday, ends at 11am Sunday) at Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Road, Syracuse
- Facilitated by: Chris Spilka, Director of Christ the King Retreat House & Mary Hallman, Director of Evangelization.

Come away to the beautiful grounds at Christ the King Retreat House to be renewed and refreshed! This retreat is for anyone who feels lost in the wilderness and is seeking the will of God for their life.

Register at ctkretreat.com/retreats. To learn more, email Chris Spilka at ctkretreat@syrдио.org or call (315) 446-2680

From St. Vincent de Paul Church

127th Anniversary of St Anne's Novena.

St. Vincent's is located on the corner of 342 Vine St & Hawley Ave. Church is air conditioned!

Sat July 24 4:00pm

Guest: Fr John Rose
Mass & Devotional Prayers

Sun July 25 7:00pm

Guest: Fr Severine Yagaza & Fr Charles Chukwuani
Special Mass of Anointing & Prayers

Mon July 26 7:00pm

Guest: Bishop Douglas Lucia
Mass, Candlelight Procession, & Rosary



American Red Cross

Severe Blood Shortage—Give Now!

Donors of all blood types are needed now to help avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Schedule your appointment today!

**Blood Drive
Holy Cross Church -
Yeazel Hall**

Thursday, July 22 - 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HCDEWITT to schedule an appointment

**Formation for Ministry/Deacon
Formation Information Seminar**

This information seminar will be held on **August 8, 1:00 - 3:30, Pope John XXIII, Liverpool.**

Is God calling you to serve the church as a lay minister or deacon? Find out how Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation can help you answer that call by attending an information seminar. Seminars include an overview of the Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon. Note Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon. Those interested in the diaconate should attend with their wives if married. Register at formationforministrysyr.org or call 315-470-1479.

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. Brendan Foley, ext. 16
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- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
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- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
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- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
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- 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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