



18th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33

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., Aug. 1st - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Members of the Colao Family/
Deborah & Jim Stewart

10:30am Dr. Carl Austin/ The Austin Family

5:00pm Leonora Stach/ Nina Charette

Monday, August 2nd

7:45am James Gibbons/ Carol Gibbons, wife

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

Tuesday, August 3rd

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, August 4th

7:45am Bill Sovik/ Kearney Family

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

Thursday, August 5th

7:45am Amelia Wright/ Marc, Marco & Jon

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

Friday, August 6th

7:45am Mass League

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

Saturday, August 7th

9:00am Hazel Elizabeth Shaw/ Carolyn Williamson

4:00pm Cara Christensen/ Mom

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Aug. 8th - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Bill Sovik/ Sue & Jan Farr

10:30am Thomas Gaeds/ Peter & Antoinette Badera

5:00am Robert Witz/ son-in-law of Ray & Eileen Cariseo

12:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving - Fr. Michael Lombardi

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday August 1, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

John 6: 24-35

Today, in the Book of Exodus, the entire Israelite community is upset with Moses and Aaron. We need to realize the Israelite community had been complaining that the rulers of Egypt were discriminating against them and were causing life to be difficult. They cried to the Lord God for help.

As a response to their outcry, Moses and Aaron led them out of the land of Egypt, out of captivity, to freedom. Now, the Israelites complained that they have no food. "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!" They long for what they had desperately prayed to escape.

This lack of food allows the Lord God to say the following to Moses. "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."

The Lord God gave the Israelites to eat, quail in the evening and bread in the morning. Moses instructed the Israelites, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." Were they happy? How often do we complain about our situation in life? We ask God to help us, and so often we complain about the help that God gives, or perhaps we cannot identify God's help when it is given. We are like the Israelites, we complain and God helps, and all too often, we complain again. Perhaps the greatest blessing is understanding and forgiveness that God shows all of us!

Peace,
Fr. John



Banns of Marriage

Maureen Ann Scoville & Scott Walter Thompson



Week of August 1

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Herbert Silvestri

Requested By: 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.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 average weekly need

\$17,489.50 Collection of July 25

**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 AUGUST 1, 2021

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-
22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/
Jn 6:41-51



The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary August 14 & 15

“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”~St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina



Pray the Rosary! August 14, 4:00PM (chapel) and August 15, after all Masses on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (church). We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Bring your Rosary. If you need one, blessed Rosaries will be available as you enter Church. How to Pray the Rosary sheets and pamphlets will also be available to pick up.

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.



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

We begin the hour in the church with Adoration Eucharistic & 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.



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.



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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rite of Candidacy - August 14 - 4pm Mass

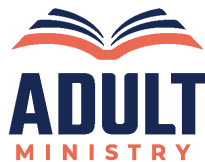
As he concludes his Pastoral Year at Holy Cross, our seminarian James Buttner will be celebrating the Rite of Admission to Candidacy. This is a special moment in his discernment and seminary formation when the Bishop receives him as a candidate for future ordination. James will express his intention to complete his formation and move toward ordination to the priesthood. Join us for this exciting occasion as part of the 4pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, August 14th. Reception will follow.

Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon Mark Your Calendar

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Wednesday, August 11th at 12:00pm at Tullys. Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than the Monday morning, August 9th** to let her know you will be coming. She will need a count for the restaurant reservations.

Sunday Morning Adult Ministry

We are a group of parishioners who are interested in learning more about our faith. **In August we will meet at 9:15am on Sunday, Aug. 1, 8 & 29** downstairs in rooms 12 and 13. We are starting a book called The Story Of A Soul, the autobiography of St. Terese of Liseux. Please join us.



Men's Group Meetings

We will be meeting on Thursday, August 12th. We are studying Pope Francis' 2020 Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti—A Meditation On Brotherly Love. Please join us in the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 1st
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
Monday, August 2nd
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
1:00 to 7:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive - Yeazel Hall
Tuesday, August 3rd
8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
Wednesday, August 4th
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
Thursday, August 5th
1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
Saturday, August 7th
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
Sunday, August 8th - Food Giving Weekend
9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

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.



Teacher Needed

Holy Cross School is looking for a part-time music teacher to work 1.5 days per week. It's the perfect opportunity for someone just starting out or perhaps someone who has retired. If you know of anyone, please have them contact the school at (315) 446-4890, or have them email the principal, Bob McCrone, at rmccrone@syrdioocese.org.



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**

Tuesday, August 2 - 1:00pm to 7:00pm
This drive is being led by CBA high school student Julia del Pino. For every blood donation, they will raise \$10 toward the CBA girls softball team! A win-win for all!

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

Summer 2021 Faith In Action Opportunities

Sandwich Ministry:

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 month of 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 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.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED: Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori (Patron of Vocations) (8/4 The Cure' d'Ars, 8/5 Dedication of St. Mary Major, 8/6 Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Watch: Light of Love (Vocation Video)

Read: The Young People's Book of Saints

Study Youth: YDisciple: Called, Session 3: Called to Holy Orders

Watch: Jubilee: 700 Years Seeking Forgiveness

Study: Lectio: Peter, Session 6: In the Shadow of the Galilean

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Season 2: Divine Revelation

School Supply Collection Begins this weekend thru August 15

Mothers & children in Crisis is a Syracuse based advocacy group supporting families in the court system. The Holy Cross community helps to support their children by offering a backpack and needed school supplies to set them off on the right foot each school year. This is our 6th year!



Our collection needs include: backpacks, #2 pencils, erasers, colored pencils, sharpeners, pencil cases, notebooks, glue sticks - all levels of school supplies from pre-K to high school. More info is available at the collection bin in the vestibule.

Thank you so much for your support!

Food Giving Weekend

August 7 & 8

Our Food Giving Weekend will be next weekend. Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses.



Thank you to everyone who faithfully support the Jamesville Food Pantry with food or money. It is always so appreciated.

MASS LEAGUE

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Mary Alice Purcell/ Debra & Neal Pascale
Sheila Guinto/ Fr. Kurgan & HC Staff
Anna D. Nguyen/ son Nguyen
Hilda & Frank Loguidice/ Rose Tout
Sheila Guinto/ Doris & Frank Arkinson

A Family Perspective:

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect, which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These true treasures are worth working and dying for.



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 formationforministrysy.org or call 315-470-1479.

"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@syrdio.org or call (315) 446-2680

The Third Option -

A program to build better marriages

"RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD BAGGAGE SAVES MISUNDERSTANDINGS" Meeting is online **Sunday, August 15**, from 7:15 to 9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [sstewart@syrdio.org](mailto:ss Stewart@syrdio.org) or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.

Branch Out & Grow - For Separated and Divorced

Join us this summer from the comfort of your home for online Zoom meetings:

August 4th - Family & Friends

August 18th - Financial and Legal Issues

September 1st - Conflict

Meetings are 1 hour long and start at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information or to participate contact Deacon Dean Brainard at dbrainard@syrdio.org or 315-472-6754 ext.4



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

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Maureen McManus, Sacristan
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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
- 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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