



Our youth and families had such an amazing summer full of fun, faith, and friendship. From the Steubenville Conference for our high school friends and trips for middle school students like Niagara Falls to Totus Tuus day camps and evening retreats for all of our youth and discipleship events like paintball and frisbee tournament, we are so grateful for all of these amazing, smiling faces and the families they represent. You all make this community a warm and welcome place to be. Thank you to our clergy, staff, and volunteers for making it all happen. Look for more exciting news about our programs for this fall coming out this week!

**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. May your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents to consider a vocation and let Your grace sustain them.*

*Amen.*

**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](http://holycrossdewitt.org)**

**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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



**Upcoming Events:**

**Please check page 4 of the bulletin for information on the events.**

**Check [holycrossdewitt.org](http://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., August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Frank & Mary Cushman/  
Raemarie & James Light

10:30am Scott Burtch/ Frank  
5:00pm Thomas Dadey Sr./ Smith Family

## Monday, August 23<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Alyce & John McNamara/ Family  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

7:45am William Pole/ Kathy Kotz  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Mary Carsello/ Family  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Dr. Naumann/ David Pida & Leslie Farrand  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00am John McNamara/ Family  
4:00pm Leonora Stach/ Loretta Nowicki  
3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Sun., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Ludwig Vita/ Family  
10:30am Bill Sovik / Dare & Mary Beth Dutter  
5:00pm Saamyendu Shekhan Chowdhury/  
Leslie & David Pida

## Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, August 22, 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

We find a challenging parallel in our readings today, particularly in the Book of Joshua and in the continuation of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse in the Gospel of John. Joshua is urging the Lord's flock in his midst to make a choice: forsake false gods, leave behind sin and all the things that keep them enslaved to what does not truly sustain, and choose life instead - choose the Lord who has led them, provided them, and freed them to be his own. The crowd around Jesus, too, has a choice before them—take Jesus at his word and follow, or grumble, give up, and say what Jesus offers is too hard...“who can accept it?” (Jn 6:60).



Today, reflect on where you stand in this same crossroad. If what Jesus says really is true, then ultimately his Word must take the highest priority in our hearts and in our life. His flesh and blood, His Word, gives us Spirit and life. He guides us and sustains us not only now, but also for eternal life. Don't walk away! Don't return to your “former way of life” (cf. Jn. 6:66). Confidently entrust yourself and your family to the loving embrace of the Lord of Life! “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Jos 24:15). “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” (Jn. 6:68-69).

Fr. Brendan Foley



### 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**

\$16,881.50 Collection of August 15<sup>th</sup>

**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](http://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 22, 2021

- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Friday:** St. Monica
- Saturday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

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

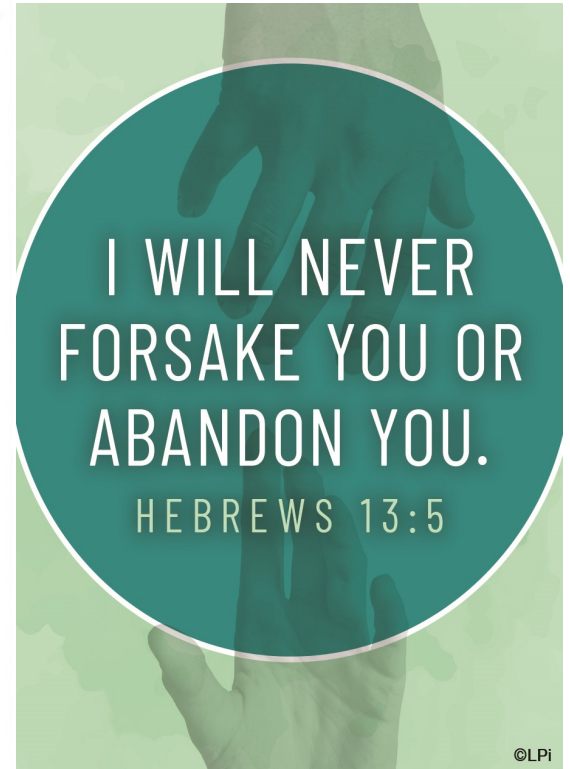
#### Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Church

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.



### "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 the Divine Mercy. It is informal, & open to anyone who would like to pray.



### 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.



## 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.

### 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. 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.



### A Note From James Buttner

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone for your welcome and support during my time here at Holy Cross. Thank you for welcoming me into your parish community, for your generosity, your kind words of encouragement and support, and especially your prayers. Your faith and charity this year have helped me to be able to continue saying "yes!" to the Lord's call for me in my own life. A special thank you also to all who helped with my Rite of Candidacy and the reception afterwards.



Please continue to pray for me, and be assured of my prayers for you as well. I look forward to my next visit to Holy Cross!

Sincerely,  
James Buttner

Below is James' address. I'm sure that he would love to hear from you while he is away at the seminary.

James Buttner  
401 Michigan Ave. NE  
Washington, DC 20017

### Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Our journey of faith and the fullness of our relationship with God is well worth the care we put into it. RCIA conversations include fruitful, sometimes challenging, conversations that participants want to engage in. There are two sides to becoming a Catholic – receiving instruction in the faith, and taking part in the services of a local Catholic community. You can start with one or the other, but you will need to have completed sufficient instruction AND be attending regular services before you can becoming a full member of the Catholic faith.

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



### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

**FORMED:** 8/22 Feast of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Listen:** (Children/Family) Walking with Jesus: The Rosary Prayers in Song

**Watch:** Struggle with the Rosary (Fatima Gems)

**Study:** Footprints of God: Mary

**Study: Lectio:** Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles

**Watch:** Augustine: A Voice for all Generations with Mike Aquilina (8/28)

**Listen:** No Imitations: Saying Yes to Authentic Love by Chris Stefanick

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

6:30 PM Care For Creation Meeting - outside

#### Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

#### Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

#### Saturday, August 28<sup>st</sup>

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12 & 13

### Yeazel Hall Closed

Yeazel Hall is closed for our annual maintenance until Friday, August 27. All events have been cancelled or moved to a different location during this time.



### Monthly Movie

Tuesday, August 31 at 1:00pm - Church

This month's feature will be the musical **42nd Street**. Peggy Sawyer is from a small-town America and just a face in the chorus line of 'Pretty Lady', the new show from legendary director Julian Marsh. But when leading lady, Dorothy Brock is injured, Peggy's dreams of stardom just may come true.

Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

### Knitting Group

The next time that the Knitting Group will be meeting on Thursday, September 2.



### 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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new address.



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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe)



Summer 2021 Faith In Action Opportunities

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 8/23, 6:30-7:30pm

During the month of 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.



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.

Holy Cross Church is Hiring!

We are looking for a full-time Communications/Administrative Assistant who is committed to helping others and is solution-oriented with a strong and confident command of language. Someone who appreciates a meaningful spreadsheet, jumps in enthusiastically to new tasks and loves organization, consistency, and good design is an ideal candidate. We are a team of people who love to do great work and prioritize kindness, gratitude, and the celebration of our faith-filled community. We hope you will too! To learn more and apply for this position, visit our website at https://www.holycrossdewitt.org/jobs.

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.



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Do you shop on Amazon? There is no cost to you but just by signing up, your shopping will make a difference and help Holy Cross School. Sign up today and do your regular Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3789417 and Amazon donates to Friends of Holy Cross School.

EDUCATE - A - KID

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education. Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or in part. Your contribution will help us to provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,650.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." - Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you interested.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,650)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

### Bulletin & Scheduling Information

• If you would like to include an item for the bulletin, please submit the article in to the parish office before the deadline on Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines will change when there is a holiday. Preference is given to Holy Cross events and are approved by Fr. Kurgan. If there is extra room, other announcements will appear. Send your announcements by E-mail to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org). All announcements are subject to editing.

• Anyone who would like to hold an event or activity at Holy Cross should contact Peg at the parish office. Yeazel Hall and classrooms are open to parishioners for meetings & special events. Any others may submit a request. Priority is given to parish events, parishioners & diocesan events. For non-parish groups, proof of insurance may be required. All requests must be approved by Fr. Kurgan prior to inclusion on the Holy Cross calendar.

Thank You



### Pastoral Council Summary

Pastoral Council met on August 8. The following agenda items were discussed: commemorative plaque, volunteerism, refugee support, parishioner input to Council, youth program, fall festival, rosary after Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, CDC guidelines, Bishop Lucia's synod, Pope's recent communique, Holy Cross School, church finances, communications and hospitality. Council minutes contain specific details for all discussion.

One shout out discussed was to our Maintenance Staff for the excellent job they have done to keep our school and church safe for students, staff and parishioners.

Most important, if anyone wants to volunteer for any church or school organization, we welcome it. Please contact the Holy Cross Church Office at 315 446-0473.

You may have noticed that we have greeters at the doors and are handing out bulletins at the close of Mass. If you are interested in helping, please contact a Council member or the Church Office.

A special note: with the existing Mass schedules, Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, September 14, 7:00, so both priests can attend.

We welcome anyone to our meetings if you wish to attend.

## 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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### Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15  
Rev. Brendan Foley, ext. 16  
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. 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  
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](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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E-Mail: [rmccrone@syrdiocese.org](mailto:rmccrone@syrdiocese.org)

### Staff ~ Name and Title

Robert McCrone, School Principal  
Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse