



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”
- Mk 7:14-15

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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. 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.

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.

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

**Sun., Aug. 29th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Monday, August 30th

7:45am Ralph & Milburge D'Mello (Living Intention)
 57th Wedding Ann. /Family

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

Tuesday, August 31st

7:45am Margaret & Francis Ross /Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, September 1st

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

Thursday, September 2nd

7:45am Ibrahim Maksom/ Ebeneza & Pio Oliverio
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, September 3rd

7:45am Monthly Mass League
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, September 4th

9:00am Joseph & Marly Farnett/ Family
 4:00pm Kristin Blake/ Family
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Sept. 5th - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am John Laura/ Family
 10:30am Jorge Reguindin Fabunan/
 Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio
 5:00pm Christian Hall/ Lisa A. Langan

Sunday August 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Today, the Book of Deuteronomy instructs us to observe what we have been commanded. We are not to detract from the commandments, and we are not to add to the commandments with our own precepts.



Human beings are prone to exaggeration and often will enliven a story. In one way, I wonder if this is not what has happened to those in Israel? The Pharisees, we will see, have taken the commandments given them by Moses, and have exaggerated them to fit their own needs and desires. While they make the commandments "more stringent" and almost impossible to maintain, they place themselves as judge and arbiter of what is right and good.

On the other side of the argument, there are those who not only add to the commandments, they disregard the commandments entirely. They live life as though God does not exist.

We probably do not find ourselves exaggerating the commandments, but we may well find ourselves sidestepping the commandments, if not totally disregarding them. When we choose which commandment we shall honor or keep, we are making the commandments serve us, as opposed to us serving and following the commandments given by God!

Peace,
 Fr. John

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

\$16,683.65 Collection of August 22nd

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

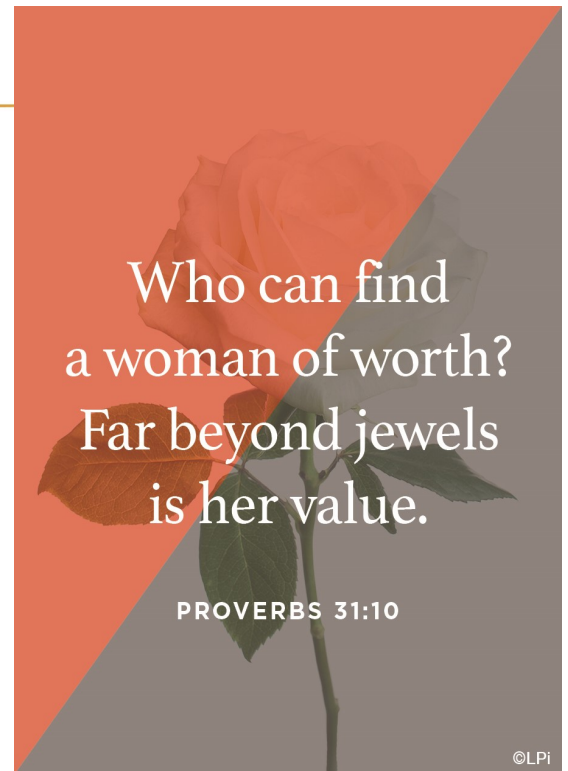
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 29, 2021

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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

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

Confession 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.



Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

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

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

- FORMED:** 8/29 Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Study:** Lectio: Eucharist, Session 3: Lamb of God
- Study:** The Wild Goose, Segment 3: Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire
- Watch with kids:** The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends
- Program :** Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching
- Listen:** The Rosary with Vin Scully



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.

A Family Perspective:

In today's gospel, Jesus warns, "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That is the good news! That can also be the bad news!



Summer 2021 Faith In Action Opportunities

Food Giving Weekend -September 4 & 5

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.



Creation

Celebrated annually, the Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through prayer, celebration, reflection, conversion, and action. **It begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of the Environment.** Pope Francis has invited all Catholics and people of good will to join in this annual celebration: "This is the season for letting our prayer life be inspired anew, to reflect on our lifestyles, to undertake prophetic acts for creation. It's a time to call for courageous decisions and direct our planet toward life, not death."

During this season, the Holy Cross Care for Creation team will post weekly messages on how we can help better care for God's creation through prayer, awareness, and action. If you are interested in attending a meeting to share your thoughts on Care for Creation, please contact Beth Schafer (schaferbeth97@gmail.com) or Ed Judge (judge@lemoyne.edu), or simply **come to our next meeting on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 on the patio next to our church.**

Sandwich Ministry

The fall First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will resume on **Tuesday 9/7 at 8:15 AM.** Please join us in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass to prepare our usual variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities homeless shelter.



New volunteers are always welcome.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 29th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12 & 13

Monday, August 30th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, August 31st

1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

Wednesday, September 1st

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, September 2nd

1:00 PM Knitting Group - office

Saturday, September 4th - Food Giving Weekend

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, September 5th

9:15AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13



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

We will meet on **Thursday, September 2nd - 1PM downstairs in room 12 & 13.** 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.



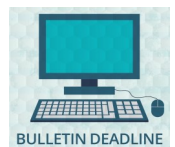
Sunday Morning Adult Ministry

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.



Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins

The deadline for the bulletin of **September 12** will be Tuesday, **August 31 at 9am.** All notices received after this deadline will be published in the following bulletin of September 19. Thank you!



FAITH FORMATION

Julie Sheridan - DFF grades 1-6
 446-0473 x 12 Julie@holycrossdewitt.org
 Steve Nepil - DFF grades 7-12
 446-0473 x 18 Steve@holycrossdewitt.org

Faith Formation Registration and Sacramental Prep is now open! We are excited to announce that we will be doing in-person, before-school morning classes again this fall, as well as the Fall Festival. But, this comes with a caveat, as we really need your help in order to accomplish this!

In October, we will begin our before school classes once again. And just like in the past, we will provide breakfast for kids and busing for JD students. Here are the days and times of classes:

Program	Day	Time
High School (Grades 9-12)	Tuesdays	7:00 - 7:40 AM
Middle School (Grades 5-8)	Wednesdays	7:00 - 7:40 AM
Jamesville & Moses-Dewitt (Grades 1-4)	Thursdays	8:00 - 8:45AM
Tecumseh Elementary & Others (Grades 1-4)	Fridays	8:00 - 8:45AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Fall Festival - Sunday, September 19
 - ◆ Purified - Chastity presentation for teens & parents. Tuesday, October 5 - 7-9pm
 - ◆ Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday, Oct. 23 - 1pm
- Watch for more detail in upcoming bulletins.

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 RCIA process at 315-446-0473

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@syrdiocese.org.



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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 \$ _____

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th to observe Labor Day.
- Private Prayer & Devotion will not take place.
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am at Holy Cross.



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

James Buttner
401 Michigan Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20017

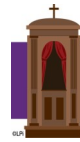
Parish-wide book read:**Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future**

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.

**Formation Workshop
for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO ASSIST AT YOUR PARISH AS A READER AND/OR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION? ARE YOU ALREADY INVOLVED IN THESE PARISH MINISTRIES BUT WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE?

Join the Office of Liturgy & the R.C.I.A for this workshop on the theology and practice of each ministry. Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 11 at Holy Cross Church beginning at 9am with Mass and ends after lunch at Noon. Cost is \$10. **To Register: Contact the Office of Liturgy at 315-470-1420 or email jhagan@syrдио.org by Tuesday September 7th**

**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

Mass at St. Mary's

On Monday, August 30 there will be a Mass at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville.

All are welcome!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

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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
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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
- 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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