



Our parish has a vibrant history of supporting Catholic education at Holy Cross School and ensuring no parish student is ever turned away from the opportunity to receive a quality education in our loving and welcoming faith-filled school. To care for our families who desire this opportunity but cannot afford the tuition in whole or in part, our parish family generously provides support through our Educate-A-Kid program. By offering to Educate-A-Kid, you join a long standing legacy of parishioners and clergy dedicated to seeing that Holy Cross School remain vibrant, accessible, and diverse. We are looking for continued support of this exceptional program and backing of our Crusader community. Read the Educate-A-Kid section at the bottom of page 5 or visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/give to make a contribution. Contributions can be made online or via check made out to “Holy Cross School” memo Educate-A-Kid. Some companies match contributions. If you are interested in learning how to match your contribution through your employer, please contact our finance office at 315-446-0473.

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 to see more.



Mass Times

View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at www.holycrossdewitt.org

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio &

Sunday Mass at 6:30 & 9:30am on channel 9

Upcoming Events:

Please check the Holy Cross Web site www.holycrossdewitt.org for up to date information.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Sunday, Aug. 30th–The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Henry and James Fiacco/ Family
 10:30am 56th Wedding Anniversary
 of Ralph & Milburge D’Mello (living intention)
 5:00pm Arthur Isherwood/ Mary Beth Smith

Monday, August 31st

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

Tuesday, September 1st

7:45am Ada Fayette/ Daughter
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, September 2nd

7:45am Jim Hughes/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, September 3rd

7:45am Josephine Scheibel/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, September 4th

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

Saturday, September 5th

9:00am John & Alyce McNamara/ Family
 4:00pm Stanley Blanchfield / Family
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Sept. 6th-The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am June Kelly/ Family
 10:30am J. Wesley Poland/ Mary Beth Smith
 5:00pm (Living Intention) Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel

August 30, 2020

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm 63

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27



I think there is one word that can best describe the feelings of the Prophet Jeremiah in our first reading today. That feeling is frustration. The laments of Jeremiah are the words that he speaks when he has been persecuted and despised for proclaiming God’s message to his people. As a prophet, Jeremiah had been chosen by God to bring God’s message to his people and speak to them and bring them to God. Jeremiah is at his wit’s end. His words today should remind us of our own frustrations with our faith and how we are to bring others to God. How often can we take to heart the words of Jeremiah today when he says; “Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message, the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day.” These are very harsh words to be uttering, but how often do we feel this emotion in some way? Maybe not to this extent, but maybe when we get angry with a spouse or a child. Maybe when we don’t get the answer we want from a friend or a co-worker.

We get angry and frustrated and begin making demands to God but there is a healthy way of doing this. As the psalms remind us, we can be angry with God, as well as praise Him and thank Him for his presence in our lives. The end of Jeremiah’s bout of frustration concludes with a resolution saying that even though he claims that he will never mention God’s name again or try and turn away from Him, “it becomes like a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” The change of tone in Jeremiah’s voice reminds us that even though we can be angry with God for a period of time we cannot allow ourselves to remain in this state. We are called to turn to God in our need even in the times of distress. How can you turn your frustrations and anger into a positive prayer to God and pray into those situations?

Fr Matt Rawson

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

- Frank & Theresa Frydrychowicz requested by Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz
- Joseph & Anna Stach requested by Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz

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
 \$13,095.00 Collection of August 23
 (\$6,609.88) Deficit

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

What about Mass Offerings?

We encourage you to 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 updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).



Thank you

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

- SUN 8/30** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- MON 8/31** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
- TUE 9/1** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
- WED 9/2** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
- THR 9/3** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
- FRI 9/4** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
- SAT 9/5** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
- SUN 9/7** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

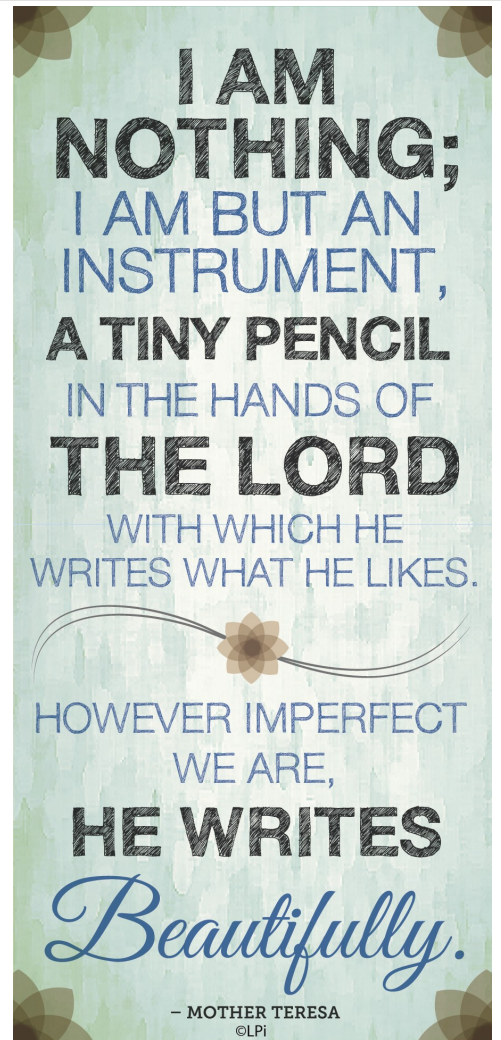
FORMED

- Listen:** Audiobook: The Restless Flame: A Novel about St. Augustine by Louis de Wohl
- Study:** Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 6: A Catholic Moral Vision
- Study:** YDisciple (Teens): True Strength: Chastity for Guys
- Watch with kids:** The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends (Brother Francis)
- Listen:** The Four Levels of Happiness by Fr. Robert Spitzer
- Listen:** Faith and Culture Podcast Episode 35 – The Confessions of Saint Augustine
- Study:** Lectio: Eucharist, Session 3: Lamb of God (8/29 Passion of St. John the Baptist)



"Pray the Rosary Every Day"

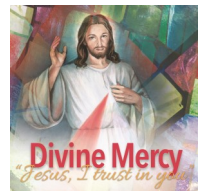
On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children. She urged the children to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war (WWI)." Mornings after daily Mass and on weekends a group gathers at Holy Cross' Outdoor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



DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will meet each Thursday at 10:00am in Yeazel Hall.

All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Eileen Cariseo (315-469-7128) to secure materials used during the sessions.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary Mc Ardle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Marilyn Oparil, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

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.

Dear Families,

Peace of Christ! We hope you have had an amazing summer. As school year plans begin to unfold, we wanted to share some helpful information on the direction of Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparations for this coming year.



Several months ago we began reflecting on our current situation and recognized that we wouldn't be able to do Faith Formation nor Sacramental Prep in the same manner as we have in the past. Considering the different comfort levels of families and volunteers, the difficulty of finding adequate space for social distancing, the busing situation for our morning classes (currently the buses aren't willing to contract us buses, and if they do, we will have to rent 3x as many), as well as the logistics of students attending schools on different days, we realized that we would need to anticipate these obstacles and creatively pivot our programs to suit the current needs of our families. As a result, several weeks ago we began re-envisioning our programs for this coming year. We are very excited to share some of the fruit of this labor.

For **Faith Formation**, we have developed a program that families can do at home. Please realize that this does not mean more online videos or even worksheets & chintzy crafts. The first part of our plan is to deliver a recurring box (every 4-6 weeks) full of quality materials, fun activities, & formative content for your student to grow in their faith. Each box is tailored to a student's age & level & this year will focus on prayer & learning to pray at home. On top of that we'll be distributing bonus family boxes quarterly that include activities & information to help direct parents & unify families. As we find the rhythm of school life & social distancing parameters this coming year, our next step is to offer in-person events & online touchpoints that would be safe, optional, & supplemental for young people to stay connected with the parish life. Our hope is to help cultivate social time that may be missing for our young people this year on top of providing high quality, formative materials in a safe, stimulating, & stylish way that can be offered even in the midst of ever-changing pandemic plans & procedures.

Sacramental Preparations will also be done at home with the parents being the primary catechist for their own child. Not only will parents be provided with the necessary resources for their child's formation, we are also committed to personally accompanying families along the way. For the children in First Penance & First Eucharist, we plan on meeting with each family individually several times through the year to check in and help in any way with this at-home formation. For Confirmation, teens will be broken into small groups of 3-5 people and have meeting times (either online or in person) as a small group to personally tailor their formation for their spiritual needs and questions. Lastly, there will be an excellent online program for parents to be edified further in their own faith as they invest and instruct their children.

We are very excited for this year and have great things in store for your family! We hope that you will join us! Please watch the mail and your inbox at the end of August for more detailed information and instructions on how to register.

In Christ,
Julie Sheridan & Steve Nepil
Directors of Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep
PS - And of course, we will still have the Household competition with House t-shirts, points, and the House Cup. More fun to come...

When someone you love is Catholic...

Many more of the people who will enter or join in full communion with the Church will be those who are engaged to be married to Catholics. The Catholic Church calls the family the "Domestic Church." It is where faith traditions are taught and passed on to the next generation. When both parents are Catholic, the family shares the same prayer and worship, attends Mass and receives the Eucharist together.



If you would like to explore further, we offer an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith through RCIA. Anyone can participate with questions, insights and their faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

**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 between 7 & 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.



Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

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

First Tuesday Sandwiches: Sept 1st, 8:15am

Social distancing and masks are now part of our sandwich ministry. Join us to make peanut butter & jelly, egg, chicken & tuna salad sandwiches on Tuesday morning. Sandwiches are delivered by a volunteer to Catholic Charities Men's Shelter along with bananas, fruit punch & cookies. For more information, contact beth@holycrossdewitt.org



Season of Creation: Sept 1st through Oct 4th

The global celebration of the Season of Creation theme is Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope. The month of September is set aside as a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing and rejoicing together. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

Season of Creation 2020 Prayer:

During this season of creation, we ask for courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Matthew 25 Farm Thank you!

Volunteers for our summer service trip to Matthew 25 farm harvested 240 lbs of potatoes. Matthew 25 Farm relies on volunteers to provide fresh food for hungry families by donating fresh produce to local food pantries and soup kitchens. This is a great place to serve the community and to teach children about how food grows on a farm. For more info: www.matthew25farm.com



ANGEL BLANKETS HAPPENING IN SEPT.

Make your reservation now!

There is always a need at our local hospitals for Angel Blankets. All those who sew are invited to join us on **Thurs., September 3rd**. We will meet in rooms 12 & 13 in Yeazel Hall at 12:00 - 12:30 for lunch and 12:30 to sew. **Bring your own bagged lunch and drink.** We will be keeping socially distance. **Reservation are required.** Call Jo (315-446-3328). **You must wear a mask.** Come to find out more about how these blankets are made & how important this ministry is. You only need to have the ability to sew a simple stitch.



**Food Giving Weekend
Next Weekend - September 5 and 6**

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.



We would like to thank everyone who donated food or money over the past few months. It was so appreciated by the Jamesville Food Pantry.

Gardening Angels



The Gardening Angels are as busy as the bees. They are all over the many Holy Cross gardens on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Angels' summer plans are to seed over some of the front garden areas, moving some clean dirt, pull-up the Iris along the parking lot wall and reset them for the Fall, renovate the Black-eyed Susan garden, and replant the Daffodils and Narcissus bulbs. Otherwise it's just weeding and watering and admiring. But we need helpers still. And it's fun and healthy in the good ol' lazy, hazy days of Summer. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980.

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 part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00.

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 can help.

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 (\$5,500)

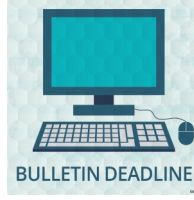
_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Change

The deadline for the bulletin of **September 12th & 13th** will be **Monday, August 31st at 9am.**

All notices received after these deadline will be published in the following bulletin.

Thank you!



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, Holy Cross announces an adoption program for young and old alike.



The members of Holy Cross parish family will have the opportunity to “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to “adopt”.

You may “adopt” a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of September 5 & 6. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby’s development and your child will be born in May.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won’t you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love for life that God have given you?

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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



Moving?



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

First Friday Mass League

What is the Mass League? Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Cost is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (give the baby a name), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.” —Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
 Pray this prayer every day for nine months—the whole time the baby is in the mother’s womb— asking the Holy Family to save the baby’s life. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!
 Pray a Hail Mary daily for the mother also.
 Baby’s Name: _____
 Date Adopted: _____

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

Penance ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
 By appointment

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16
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- 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
- 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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