



**“In times of darkness,  
holding the Rosary  
is like holding your  
Blessed Mother’s hand.  
Pray the Rosary every day.  
Abandon yourself in the  
hands of Mary. She will  
take care of you.”**

**- SAINT PADRE PIO**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

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

**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., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> – 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

**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Michele Farner/ Prince Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Ann DeSantis/ Jo Oliva  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Mr. Brian Light/ Rosemarie & James Light  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Ludwig Vita/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Members of the Palumb Family/ Wallace Family  
 4:00pm Jim Moore/ Mary Kay & Jim Moore  
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sun., Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30am Don Foster/ Family  
 10:30am Deacon Donald McCabe/ Michael McCabe  
 5:00pm (living intention) Jared Mace/ Sherry Mace

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday August 8, 2021**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Kings 19:4-8  
 Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
 John 6:41-51

St. Paul, who wrote the letter to the Ephesians, has the experience of his own conversion to Christ to reflect on when he sees the activity of those who have come to believe in the only Son of God. Today he writes the early believers in Ephesus and says “Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.” Considering this charge, many may have figured that being faithful to Christ was an unobtainable goal.



Given the description above concerning how we grieve the Holy Spirit, most of us would agree that we sin against the Spirit on a continual basis. How do we change our attitude and habits? St. Paul suggest that we become imitators of God, living in love, as Christ has loved us. This change in attitude must be undertaken slowly. Forgiveness and acceptance is never a quick proposition. Let us select one person that we need to forgive or accept. Let us begin to pray for that person, not that God changes that person to suit us, but that God changes both that individual and us so that we can accept each other. It is in this acceptance that we truly will stop grieving the Holy Spirit and get about the business of furthering the Kingdom of God!

Peace,  
 Fr. John



**Banns of Marriage**

Maureen Ann Scoville & Scott Walter Thompson

**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**

\$21,753.00 Collection of August 1<sup>st</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 8, 2021

- 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
- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/  
Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



### Are you a parent seeking to join the Church?

You might be reading this page because you are curious about what is involved in becoming a Catholic, or because you firmly desire to join the Catholic Church. Either way, we wish to assure you that at no stage will the Catholic Church put you under any pressure to sign up and become a full member. In fact, you may find the process of becoming a Catholic somewhat slower than you would like... because membership involves making a firm commitment to God and to the local Catholic community, and is not to be undertaken lightly!



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 become a full member of the Catholic faith.

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

### 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.

### Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church or outside to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

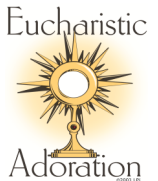


### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.**

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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

### Private Prayer Hours

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

## NEXT WEEKEND AT HOLY CROSS

### 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 when you will get a chance to congratulate and to wish James well as he returns to his studies.

### The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary August 14 & 15

As a spoken prayer, the Rosary has its origins in the words of Scripture. The Rosary includes the perfect prayer that Our Lord taught to his Apostles, the Our Father. It also includes the Hail Mary, which brings together the Angelic Salutation found in Lk. 1:28 and the words of St. Elizabeth in Lk. 1:42. In addition, the Glory Be, an ancient Christian doxology, and a few other traditional elements (e.g., the Apostles' Creed, and the Salve Regina) help to form the whole of the Rosary.

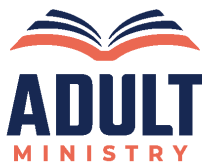
**Pray the Rosary! August 14, 4:00PM (Chapel) and August 15 (Church), after all Masses.** We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Bring your Rosary. If you need one, blessed Rosaries will be available as you enter Church. How to Pray the Rosary sheets and pamphlets will also be available to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

*"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."* St. Padre Pio  
*"The Rosary is my favorite prayer."* Saint John Paul II



### 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. 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 Lisieux. Please join us.



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)

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

#### **Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

6:30 PM Care For Creation Meeting

#### **Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office**

#### **Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon - Tullys

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

#### **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting - Parish Office

#### **Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

4:00 PM Rite of Candidacy - Church (reception following)

### Yeazel Hall Closed

Yeazel Hall is closed for our annual maintenance from Monday, August 9 to Friday, August 27. All events have been cancelled or moved to a different location during this time.

### 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.

### Men's Group Meetings

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

### Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will **not** be meeting on Thursday, August 19th because of Yeazel Hall Maintenance. **We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 2.**



### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

#### **FORMED:**

**Watch:** Clare and Francis (8/11 Clare's Feastday)

**Study:** Divine Mercy, Episode 9: Mary's Knight

Study: 33 Days to Morning Glory, Week 2:  
St. Maximilian Kolbe (8/14)

**Watch:** Ocean of Mercy

**Study:** Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints

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 8/9 & 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.

Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.

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.



Jamesville Food Pantry

Are you or someone you know in need of food?

If you are living in the 13214 or 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. The hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-11 & the third Saturday of each month from 9-11. Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry.

Thank You!

School Supply Collection August 9 thru 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!

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.



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 \$5,650.00.

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 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 (\$5,650)

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

**Bulletin & Scheduling Information**

• If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item 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

**Formation for Ministry/Deacon 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 program should attend with their wives. Register at [formationforministrysyr.org](http://formationforministrysyr.org) or call 315-470-1479.

**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 [t sstewart@syrdio.org](mailto:ssewart@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 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](mailto:dbrainard@syrdio.org) or 315-472-6754 ext.4

**"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](http://ctkretreat.com/retreats).** To learn more, email Chris Spilka at [ctkretreat@syrdio.org](mailto:ctkretreat@syrdio.org) or call (315) 446-2680

**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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Website: [hcschooldewitt.org](http://hcschooldewitt.org)

E-Mail: [rmccrone@syrdioocese.org](mailto:rmccrone@syrdioocese.org)

**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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