



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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., Sept. 12th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30am Gabriele (Gabe) Convertino/
Caryn Scuderi & Family

5:00pm Leonara Stach/ Terry & Bill Middleton

Monday, September 13th
7:45am Christopher Collin Harrison/
Mary Beth Harrison, Mom

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

Tuesday, September 14th
7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, September 15th
7:45am Jack Lowney/ Family

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

Thursday, September 16th
7:45am John McNamara/ Family

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

Friday, September 17th
7:45am Charles E. Farner Jr./ Prince Family

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

Saturday, September 18th
9:00am Mary W. Culligan/ The Youth Department

4:00pm Russell & Mary Hayes/
Richard & Marcia Hoogkamp

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Sept. 19th - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30am John Laura/ His Loving Family

10:30am Thomas Dadey/ Joe & Diana Evans

5:00pm Ben Stabile/ Elaine Lostumbo

This weekend's second collection is:
Catholic University of America

Sunday September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very concerned about the way early Christians were living out the faith (or perhaps how they were not living it out), St. James' message today (2:14-18) at its core is about preserving harmony within a community. He knew if our lives don't authentically reflect that we have really encountered the truth and love of God—the reality is likely that the faith we thought we had is dead.



Reflecting on this very passage of Scripture, St. John Chrysostom offers some challenging thoughts: "Even if somebody believes rightly in the Father and the Son, as well as in the Holy Spirit, if he does not lead the right kind of life, his faith will not benefit him at all as far as his salvation is concerned. For although Jesus says: "This is eternal life, to know you, the only true God," we must not think that merely uttering the words is enough to save us. For our life and behavior must be pure as well."

In other words, every aspect of our life should indicate that we know Jesus and the love he invites us to, and that as members of the Body of Christ we must recognize that our lives are integrated with all those around us. We might be tempted to live out our faith on our own terms or at our own pace, but if we limit ourselves in when we allow our faith to shine forth from within us, we might be left with Jesus' words from today's gospel echoing in our head: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Mark 8:33).

Fr. Brendan Foley

Week of September 12

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva Sr.

Requested By: Wife & 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

Collection of September 5th will be reported next week

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

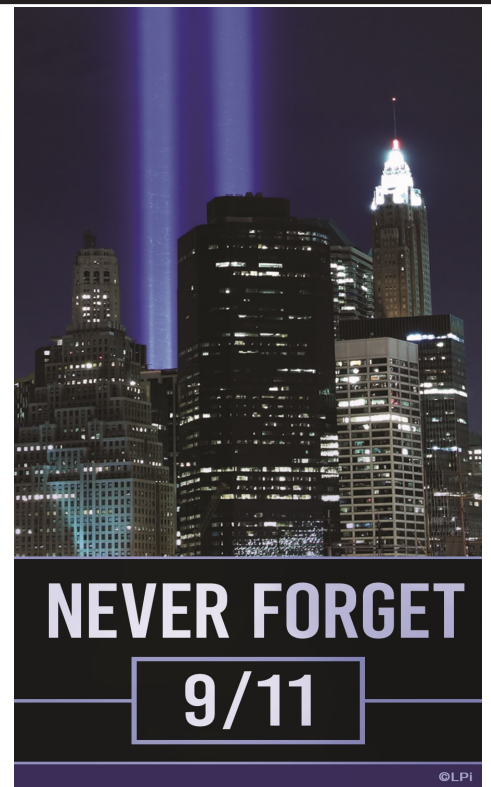
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37




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

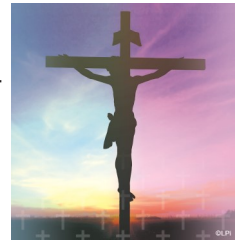
Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Eucharistic
Adoration

Parish Feast Day - September 14
RSVP Today

We are planning a pilgrimage with Fr. Foley to St. Mary of the Assumption in Oswego to celebrate “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross” feast day. St. Mary of the Assumption became a diocesan shrine on August 15 where Masses are offered in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms.



Our morning will begin with 7:45am Mass at Holy Cross as a parish family, followed by a brief social with refreshments. All who are interested in the pilgrimage will leave Holy Cross by 9am and travel as a caravan to arrive at St. Mary’s by 10am. Upon arrival to the shrine we will plan to pray the Rosary and have Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction. After the time of prayer all are welcome to stay for a special tour of the Shrine. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please RSVP to Fr. Foley via email at bfoley@syrдио.org, or leave a message with Peg Olson at the office. Please indicate if you are willing to drive. This is going to be THE event of September (before the Fall Festival, of course). Pilgrims are welcome to venture into downtown Oswego for lunch or bring your own to enjoy on the grounds of the Church.

Sunday Morning Adult Ministry

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





PRAYER REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Richard Griffin, Sharon Kieffer, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, 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.

St. Mary’s Holy Hour

There will be a Holy Hour at St. Mary’s Church in Jamesville, on Monday, September 13th, at 10:00 AM. This hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome!

Summer 2021 Faith In Action Opportunities

The Season of Creation A home for all, with food for all

Reflection: "For I was hungry and you gave me food..." -
Matthew 25:35

At least 12% of all Americans, and 10% of all New Yorkers, suffer from food insecurity. **Hundreds of millions of people in the world do not get enough to eat.**

"Solidarity is not the sharing of crumbs from the table, but to make space at the table for everyone."

-Pope Francis, Let Us Dream.

Prayer: Sharing the loaves and fishes, you gave us an image of solidarity with the hungry, O Lord.

Sharing yourself in the bread and wine, you called all to the table, O Lord.

Give us the hunger to be a part of the feeding and the healing of this world. Nourish us with your grace, so that we may work with joy to serve your children. Open our eyes and our hearts to recognize those in poverty and increase our awareness of the structures and systems that need to be changed so we may all break bread together.

In your name we pray for the end of hunger.

Action:

- Volunteer at the Samaritan Center by contacting parish coordinator Rick Coughlin: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com or donate to: samcenter.org.
- Volunteer at (and/or donate to) Emmaus Ministry: emmausministry.org or 315-928-5191.
- Help to make sandwiches for the Men's Shelter: downstairs in Yeazel Hall, 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month after 7:45 Mass.



ANGEL BLANKETS

There is always a need at our local hospitals for Angel Blankets. All those who sew are invited to join us on **Tues., Sept. 21st**. We will meet in Yeazel Hall at 12:00pm. If you have a question call Jo (315-446-3328). 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.



Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, September 16th – 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monthly Movie

Tuesday, September 28 at 1:00pm - Church

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 12th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

Monday, September 13th

8:15 AM Hour Hour - Church

6:30 PM Care For Creation Meeting - outside church

Tuesday, September 14th

9:00 AM Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Oswego

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall #12 & 13

Wednesday, September 15th

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, September 16th

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, September 18th - HOPE Appeal Kick Off

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, September 19th -

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

11:30 AM Fall Festival - behind School

Fall Festival

We are so excited to be hosting the Holy Cross 3rd Annual Fall Festival again this year!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 19. The Festival starts immediately following 10:30 am Mass. Come behind the school to enjoy delicious foods, family fun, and friendly fellowship!

We really need help in a variety of areas.

Pre-set up: Saturday (9/18) 8am - Noon, or Noon - 4:00pm

Set-up: Sunday (9/19) 7:30am - 10:15am

Kitchen Prep: Sunday (9/19) 7:30am - 10:15am

Serving Food: Sunday (9/19) 11:00am - 1:30ish

We will meet briefly @ 10am in the school cafeteria to review assignments. You will be able attend 10:30am, if you wish, but we ask to hustle down after offering a prayer after receiving Holy Communion.

Supervising: Inflatable activities -x6 this is going to be so much FUN!

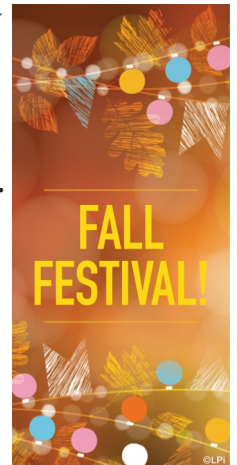
Cotton Candy & Popcorn: Making and serving

Clean-up: 2:00 - (till done) ??

We never refuse HELP!

Families, Individuals, teens, young adults, grandparents, etc.... ALL are welcome to jump in! And, feel free to invite a friend to join us!

If you are able to help out in any way, any amount of time you can give will be appreciated. Contact Julie at the Parish Office 315-446-0473



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	6:45 - 7:40 AM
Middle School (Grades 5-8)	Wednesdays	6:45 - 7:40 AM
Jamesville & Moses-Dewitt (Grades 1-4)	Thursdays	7:45 - 8:45AM
Tecumseh Elementary & Others (Grades 1-4)	Fridays	7:45 - 8:45AM

Invitation to Learn More about Becoming Catholic
Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Would you like to learn about how to become Catholic?

Have you been baptized, but have not received other sacraments of initiation – Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Confirmation — and would like to do so?



If so, please join Holy Cross’s team supporting the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) to learn more. Your journey to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments, guided by the RCIA team, will deepen your relationship with our Lord.

All interested persons are invited to an introductory meeting to learn more on **Sunday, September 26th at 11:30 am in the chapel.**


If you are not able to join us on Sunday, please call the parish office and ask for Fr. Foley to set up a time that is convenient for you: 315-446-0473.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED: Watch: FORMED Now! Exultation of the Holy Cross - (9/14)
Watch: Metanoia: Episode 3 Death and Life
Read Youth: Saint Helena and the True Cross
Listen and Pray: Sorrowful Mysteries narrated by Vin Scully
Watch and Pray: The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9/15)

HOPE APPEAL 2021
“You Are The Salt Of The Earth”

Recently you should have received a mailing from the Bishop detailing this year’s appeal. The 2021 HOPE Appeal **Commitment Weekend** will be **September 18 & 19**. Bring in your pledge envelope to Mass next weekend.



With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously.

Jason Evert – Purified

“Purified” brings parents and teens (13+) together to discover God’s plan for love and opens up an opportunity for them to continue the discussion about this important topic at home, in a healthy and easy way with resources that work. Your family will leave with an understanding of the good news of chastity, a healthy sense of self-worth, and the ability, if needed, to start again. The night includes Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, & an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. This family event will be **October 5th at Holy Cross Church, Dewitt from 7-9pm**. Registration is free but seats must be reserved at Chastity.com/Purified. This event is open to parents and teens (13+) but grandparents, aunts, or uncles may also accompany teens. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Brown in the Family/Respect Life Office at jjenniferbrown@syrdio.org or 315-472-6754 x.7.

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 \$ _____

Safe Environment Training

Below is the schedule for both Online and In-Person Safe Environment Training in the Syracuse area. The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusedioecese.org/safe-environment/>.

Online Safe Environment Training

The Office of Safe Environment continues to offer online initial (PGC) and re-certification (EPDR) training opportunities to those who are interested.

PGC (Initial) Training:

- **Wednesday, October 13** -10:00am - 12:00pm, registration will close on Wednesday, October 6th at Noon

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

- **Tuesday, September 28** - 6:00pm - 7:30pm. registration will close on Tuesday, September 21st at Noon
- **Tuesday, October 19** - 10:00am - 11:30am, registration will close on Tuesday, October 12th at Noon

In-Person Safe Environment Training

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals will not be permitted. Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session.

PGC (Initial) Training:

- Tuesday, Sept. 14: 6:00pm at Holy Family, Syracuse

Re-certification Training:

- Thurs., Sept. 16: 6:00pm at Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse
- Tuesday, September 21: 6:00pm at Holy Family, Syracuse
- Thurs., Sept. 23: 9:00am at Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, Syracuse

**Check the bulletin board,
located by the main entrance,
for more information about
upcoming events in our area.**

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>.



HOPE For Bereaved Presents "Grief in a Time of Covid"

On September 13, HOPE For Bereaved will be hosting a special presentation titled "Grief During a Time of Pandemic." The event will be held at All Saints Church in Syracuse. Presenters include Dr. Terry O'Brien and Rev. Fred Daley, Pastor of All Saints Church.

Fragile Hearts, Healing Hands - A Fall Retreat for those Separated or Divorced

Friday, September 24th - Sunday, September 26th

Christ the King Retreat Center, 500 Brookford Road, Syracuse

This weekend retreat will include:

- Uplifting keynotes by Sr. Laura Bufano
 - Testimonials
 - One-on-one guidance offered by Father John Rose.
 - Healing Mass celebrated by Fr. Clarence Cerwonka.
- To register go to: <https://healinghands.eventbrite.com>. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Deacon Dean Brainard 315-472-6754 option 4

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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 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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