



25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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. 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

Monday, September 20th

7:45am Margaret Celano/ Pat & Elaine Ryan
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, September 21st

7:45am Romeo Cuizon Ouano/ Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, September 22nd

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

Thursday, September 23rd

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

Friday, September 24th

7:45am Luke Morriscot/ Collins Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, September 25th

9:00am Marilyn Root/ Joyce Kotch & Michelle Rourke
 4:00pm Jon Dziedzic/ Michael Read
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Sept. 26th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Len Smith/ Leigh Marquis
 10:30am Gretchen Lane/ Care for Creation Circle
 5:00pm Anne Doherty/ D'Mello 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

\$15,526.05 Collection of September 5th
 \$18,379.70 Collection of September 12th
 \$ 505.00 Catholic University of America Collection
 \$ 5,644.00 Missionary Cooperative Appeal

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

Sunday September 19, 2021

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3: 16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

What does it mean to be a servant? Of course, when Jesus speaks of servanthood, he is not talking about being a slave, a servant with no choice in the matter; but instead, he speaks of true servanthood, a giving of oneself without the expectation of personal gain.



When I ponder the reason why I may choose to serve in a particular capacity, I often realize that I secretly hope for some type of recognition or repayment for my service. I also may hope there is not an ultimate cost because of my service. Although we may all understand that a human response like that is common, we must also realize that it is not what true servanthood is in the eye of God.

The other very real issue in servanthood is that if we truly listen to God, and follow the movement of the Holy Spirit in our life, we may find that God invites us to serve in ways that we do not feel qualified, or in ways that do not meet our expectations.

No matter how God asks us to serve, whether through feet on the ground, one-on-one service, fruitful prayer, supporting our parish or financially supporting the work of Hope Appeal, we must realize that we all are called to serve through our Baptism. Our trusting cooperation with God's will in our life is what will make us joyous givers, ones who walk with Jesus and help in the day-to-day ministry to God's people!

Peace,
 Fr. John

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 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48




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


Catholic Men!

If you are interested in exploring your spirituality through reading books written by great Catholic writers and having thoughtful discussions about them, then the Holy Cross Men’s group is for you! We meet on Thursday evenings in the office conference room at 7 PM and the discussions last an hour. **Our next meeting is on September 23rd**. We are currently discussing the concept of brotherhood in the Catholic faith and reading the Papal Encyclical “Fratelli Tutti” as well as the book Racial Justice in the Catholic Church by Rev. Bryan Massingale. Please join us.

Weekly Bible Study

We are looking for someone who would like to teach or co-teach our weekly day-time Bible Study that is held at Holy Cross. We use materials that make it easy to lead the study. If several people are interested we could possibly rotate each week. Please call Susan at 315-882-5604 for more details.





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, 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, John Toole and Jon Zubieta.

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.

Prayerful Witnesses
at Syracuse Planned Parenthood

Come on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:15 (rain or shine) and pray the holy rosary and other prayers outside Syracuse Planned Parenthood on East Genesee St. Please prayerfully consider joining others witnessing to the sanctity and dignity of life for both mother and child.

Formed

There are 3 easy steps for parishioners to Sign Up on FORMED - your free gift from our parish:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email

Once you've signed up, you get a FORMED Daily email with a video link of Dr. Tim Gray explaining the Mass scriptures.

HOPE Appeal Commitment Weekend
This Weekend!

Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal.



Father Kurgan is asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross's HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06. **If we exceed our goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish.** In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a gift of \$325.00 (averages out to less than \$0.90 a day or \$27.00 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. Your gift, **no matter the size**, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important.

Thank you to everyone for returning their HOPE Appeal pledge card this weekend! If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend, or mail or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at www.syrdio.org.

Monthly Movie

Tuesday, September 28 at 1:00pm

This month's feature is "Shall We Dance". Despite having a great career and loving family, lawyer John Clark (Richard Gere) is missing something in his life as he meanders listlessly from day to day. On his commute back home one night, Clark notices a stunning woman (Jennifer Lopez) in a dance studio and decides on a whim to join a class for ballroom dancing. While Clark finds a new spark in his life, his wife, Beverly (Susan Sarandon), grows suspicious of his frequent absences, since he decides to keep his dancing a secret.



All are invited to come. Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Thank You for School Supplies

The sixth annual Back to School supply collection was an overwhelming success this year. **Thank you!** The Holy Cross collection of backpacks and school supplies were donated to 56 children in 19 families this year. The staff and volunteers at Mothers and Children in Crisis delivered the backpacks again and told us that the looks on the faces of these children were the best thank you they could receive. Pure joy. "Fifty six children from families in difficult circumstances are better prepared for school because of the parishioners of Holy Cross." For more information about this local effort, please visit mccSyracuse.org. And again, Thank You!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 19th -

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

11:30 AM Fall Festival - behind School

Monday, September 20th

8:15 AM Hour Hour - Church

Tuesday, September 21st

8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

12:00PM Angel Blankets - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

Wednesday, September 22nd

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, September 23rd

7:00 PM Discipleship - rms. 1,2,12 & 13

Saturday, September 25th

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, September 26th

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

11:30AM RCIA Introduction Meeting - Chapel

Fall Festival -This Weekend

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

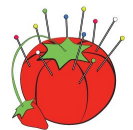
The Festival starts immediately following 10:30 am Mass on Sunday.

Come behind the school to enjoy delicious foods, family fun, and friendly fellowship!



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.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

In response to the Delta variant of the coronavirus and the CDC Guidelines that recommend a return to mask wearing indoors in our seven counties, Bishop Lucia is highly recommending mask wearing during Masses and during any indoor church related event. All Eucharistic ministers are asked to wear a mask during the distribution of the Eucharist and to use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution.

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! **Tuesday, Sept 21st is the last day to register for Sacramental Prep and to pre-register for Faith Formation in order to receive a House T-Shirt.**

You can register on our website. Sacraments - holycrossdewitt.org and look under "Grow".



In October, we will begin our before school classes. And just like in the past, we will provide breakfast for kids and busing for JD students. For more information check the Holy Cross Website or you may call the numbers above.

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.

**Purified with Jason Evert
 October 5 at Holy Cross Church from 7-9pm**

PURIFIED: A family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God's plan for love. It combines Jason Evert's presentation on chastity for the family, with a time of prayer, adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation for everyone. We will also be distributing free resources to every attendee so that every member of the family can take items home to help them live out this lifestyle. . 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 jjenniferbrown@syrdio.org or 315-472-6754 x.7.

Faith In Action Opportunities

**The Season of Creation
A home for all**

The world is God's gift to us. The biblical story of creation has a constant refrain: 'And God saw that it was good' (Genesis 1:12). Good means bountiful, life-giving and beautiful. If someone who loves you gives you a beautiful and valuable gift, how do you handle it? To treat it with contempt is to treat the giver with contempt. If you value it, you admire it, you look after it, you do not disdain it; you respect it and are grateful.



- Pope Francis, Let Us Dream

Prayer: A home for all is the theme for the Season of Creation this year. Today you are invited to take some time in nature. Allow yourself to express gratitude to God for the beauty of the natural world. Remind yourself of how interconnected we are as you observe wildlife, both plants and animals around you.

Action: Join the Catholic Petition on the climate crisis and biodiversity leading up to both COP15 Biodiversity Summit and COP26 Climate Summit here: <https://godsplanet.us/catholic-climate-petition-individuals>



Samaritan Center Volunteers Needed!

The need for volunteers to serve a monthly dinner at the Samaritan Center is ongoing. We have just one shift, which runs 2.5 hours (12:30-3:00) for the Sunday meals. This shortage of volunteers has been exacerbated by Covid. In order for us to continue to help with this ministry, please consider volunteering on one or more of the following dates. **9/19/2021, 10/17/2021, 11/21/2021.** To sign up or questions contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com.

Sandwich Ministry

The Third Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will resume on **Tuesday 9/21 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.



We need your help! Looking for Volunteers!

Francis House, a vibrant, warm and loving home for persons who are terminally ill, is in need of volunteers. As a volunteer you can help meet the needs of our residents by working in our kitchen area where you will be responsible for cooking, cleaning and assisting our residents with meals. Also available are shifts in the reception area. It is a most rewarding ministry and there are a variety of opportunities for service that may interest you. Currently, we have a big need during all shifts on weekends (8-12/12-4/4-7) and have openings during the week.

Please call Rea Carver for information at 315-475-5422 or you can email her at rcarver@francishouseny.org. Thank you!

Evening of Recollection for Discerning Women

Please join the Sister for Life in an evening of recollection for all women discerning a vocation to consecrated life. This min-retreat is intended for any woman between the ages of 18 and 35 who have ever thought about becoming a religious sister. The evening will include Evening Prayer, Dinner, Talks on Discernment, Small Groups, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This event will take place on **Wednesday, October 20th** at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse and is co-sponsored by the Syracuse Office of Vocation Promotion and the Office of Family/Respect Life. For more information or to RSVP, please email vocations@syrдио.org

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>.

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 \$ _____

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.†

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
- 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

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Staff ~ Name and Title

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