



A great time was had by all at our 2021 Fall Festival! The weather was perfect as was the food and the fun. It was so good to have an event to reconnect with their friends and to meet new ones. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. We will see you at next year's event.

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."

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. 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

Monday, September 27th

7:45am G. Bryan Honold/ Patty & Clayton Hale
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, September 28th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross and
 Oliver Brown/ Rowe Family (Living Intention)
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, September 29th

7:45am Jim Hughes/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, September 30th

7:45am Sue Farnett/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 1st

7:45am Mass League
 9:15am (School Mass) Romeo Cuizon Ouano/
 Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio

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

Saturday, October 2nd

9:00am Intentions of Parish Rosary Group/
 Margaret Ingraham

4:00pm Bridget, Ted & Matt Kelly/ Family

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Sept. 20th - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Irene & Bernard Kelly/ Their Children
 10:30am Anthnet Moore/ Family
 5:00pm Clinton Carr/ Rita & Peter Bergamo

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Numbers 11:25-29****Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14****James 5:1-6****Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

Sometimes in our world, people can get into an “us versus them” mentality. They can view everyone who is like them as the good guys, and everyone who is different in some way as the bad guys. Protestants can look at Catholics as the bad guys and vice versa. The poor might look at the rich as the enemy and the rich may look at the poor with distrust. These divisions are not part of God’s plan. In fact, they are exactly the opposite of what God wants our lives to be like. He wants unity, not division for us. He wants his people to be one “as Jesus and the Father are one”.

Our readings this Sunday examine this “us vs. them” idea in terms of serving the Lord. In the book of Numbers, two men named Eldad and Medad were part of the group of seventy elders who would receive the spirit of God, but they were in a separate place when the spirit came upon them. They began to prophesy as God had intended, but because they were separated, people rejected them and complained to Moses about their behavior. Moses gets it right when he tells them that it would be wonderful if everyone were a prophet of God.

A similar scene takes place in the Gospel where John, one of Jesus’ twelve disciples tells him about some men who were driving out demons in His name even though they were not part of his followers. Jesus’ response echoes that of Moses; “Whoever is not against us is for us.” Thus, it is important for all of us to be “for” each other. Only then can we achieve the unity that God wants for us.



Peace,
 Deacon Dare

Next weekend’s second collection is:
 Respect Life

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

\$18,108.64 Collection of September 19th

**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 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/
Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Fred Bullion ~ Wife
Mary Dougherty ~ Donna Newton & Rita C.

Formed

- Watch:** [Network of Freedom](#) - story of Sr. Helene, A Daughter of Charity, founded by St. Vincent de Paul (Feast Sept. 27)
- Watch:** [FORMED Now! Who Are the Archangels?](#)
- Watch:** [Angels: Fulton Sheen](#)
- Listen:** [Angels Explained: What You Should Know About the Nine Choirs](#)
- Listen:** [Winning the Culture War](#)

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.



Private Prayer Hours

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Oliver Brown, 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.

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

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

Eucharistic

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.

Adoration

Mass at St. Mary's

On Monday, September 27 there will be a Mass at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville.

All are welcome!

HOPE Appeal 2021

“Your Are The Salt Of The Earth”

Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish.



Father Kurgan is asking all parishioners to contribute to this year’s HOPE Appeal. In an effort to meet our goal, he is asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$325.00 (less than 90 cents per day ~ less than the cost of a bottle of water or coffee!). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, is important. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross’ 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services.

If we exceed our 2021 HOPE Appeal goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. We plan to use these funds to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year’s HOPE Appeal. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend **and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution. You may also drop it by the office or mail it to the parish office. If you would rather pledge your gift you may do so at syrdio.org.**

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.

REMEMBER to mark your calendars for



OUR LADY of FATIMA
Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 16
12:00pm here at Holy Cross
And that

“The ROSARY is the Greatest Weapon for these times.....”

Pastoral Council Members

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| Fr. John Kurgan | Fr. Brendan Foley |
| Claude Pilon - Trustee | Cookie Dunham - Trustee |
| Brook Gleasman - President | Karen Markoff |
| Ken Kirkman | Carl Thomas |
| Tom Griffith - Trustee | Linda Caderet |
| Kira Reed | Mark Bentz |
| Lola Gualtieri | Bob McCrone |

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 26th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13
11:30AM RCIA Introduction Meeting - Chapel

Monday, September 27th

8:15 AM Hour Hour - Church

Tuesday, September 28th

1:00PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

Wednesday, September 29th

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Saturday, October 2nd - Food Giving Weekend

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, October 3rd - Food Giving Weekend

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Monthly Movie

Tuesday, September 28 at 1:00pm

This month’s feature is “Shall We Dance”. Despite having a great career and a 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.

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.



Going Away for the Winter?

If you are planning on going away this winter, please complete the form below & return it to the office so we can stop your envelopes while you are out of the area. Even if your mail is forwarded, your envelopes come back to us & cost us extra in postage. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date you will be leaving _____ Date returning _____

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! 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 the RCIA

- ◆ Are you interested in learning more about how to become Catholic?
- ◆ Were you baptized, but would like to learn more about receiving Sacraments?
- ◆ Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic?

The RCIA sessions are about to begin! Please join the RCIA Team in an introduction to the RCIA process this weekend. We will meet to discuss the journey to becoming Catholic & completing the Sacraments: **This Weekend: September 26th at 11:30am**



All interested persons are welcome to join us in the chapel after 10:30am Mass. 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 jjennifer-brown@syradio.org or 315-472-6754 x.7.

Faith In Action Opportunities

The Season of Creation
Food, Health, and Waste

Reflection:

According to the UN, emissions from global livestock account for 14.5% of human-influenced greenhouse gas emissions. -FAO Key Facts and Findings

America wastes roughly 40% of its food. 21% of total food supply is lost at the consumer level - Wasted: How America is Losing Up to 40 percent of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill

Prayer:

O Bread of Life, give us the patience, grace and reverence to stop wasting so much food. Help us to buy less, eat modest portions at meals, and savor all our food as we consume it. May we be always grateful for the blessings of strength and flourishing that come from our food. And may we re-commit ourselves to finding ways to get food to those who are hungry.

Action:

Become more mindful of food waste—how much do you throw away? Plant a garden to grow your own produce and Compost scraps in meal preparation. Cut back on meat consumption—eat meat less often, with smaller portion sizes

Join our next Care for Creation discussion this **Monday, September 27th, 6:30pm** downstairs!



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.

Food Giving Weekend –October 2 & 3

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. Pick up a bag when leaving Mass this weekend. Attached is a list of the food items most needed.



Thank you to everyone who faithfully support the Jamesville Food Pantry with food or money. It is always so appreciated.



Next Weekend is Respect Life Sunday- Here is one way to participate.....

The National Life Chain Event will be held this year at Holy Family Church, Fairmont, on **Respect Life Sunday**, October 3, 2021 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. This will be one hour of peaceful prayer to take a positive stand to end abortion and to witness to the sacredness of human life. The Knights of Columbus will provide signs; "Stand Up for Life"

Prayerful Witnesses at Syracuse Planned Parenthood

Come on any 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.

Coronavirus Update

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.

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 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 interested.

God bless you. 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

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

School Office - Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

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Staff ~ Name and Title

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