



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. 5th – 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30am John Laura/ Family

10:30am Jorge Reguindin Fabunan/
Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio

5:00pm Christian Hall/ Lisa A. Langan

Monday, September 6th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

No Private Prayer & Devotion Today**Tuesday, September 7th**

7:45am Pamela Hancock/ Mother, D. Petta

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

Wednesday, September 8th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family

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

Thursday, September 9th

7:45am Collins & Morrisroe Families/ Family Members

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

Friday, September 10th7:45am Intentions of the Parish Rosary Group/
Margaret Ingraham

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

Saturday, September 11th

9:00am Bob Hopkins, Sr./ A Classmate

4:00pm John Falilla/ Frank & Doug

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Sept. 12th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time7:30am Deceased Members of Colao Family/
Deborah & Jim Stewart10:30am Gabriele (Gabe) Convertino/
Caryn Scuderi & Family

5:00pm Leonara Stach/ Terry & Bill Middleton

Next weekend's second collection is:
Missionary Cooperative Appeal

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

We are told in this week's readings that our God is a healing God. Both Isaiah and the Psalmist who wrote Psalm 146 testify to the works that Jesus does hundreds of years later, saying that the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the deaf will hear. What we need to realize is that there are different kinds of blindness and deafness in our world. There are those who are blind to their own sinfulness and deaf to the cries of those who need their assistance. It is important for us to make an assessment of our own ability to see and hear what is going on around us.

There is an Ignatian practice that is called the "Examination of Conscience". It is a process that takes place at the end of each day where we think through the interactions we have had and decide where we have or have not seen the hand of God in our lives. This includes our own actions where we have recognized the need to help others as we pass through our world. Among the questions we can ask of ourselves are these; Have I prayed for those around me? Have I given of my time, talent, and treasure to those who are in need? Have I made the lives of those around me a little better today? Even if our answer is "no" to some of these questions, we can grow closer to God by continuing to ask them in an effort to grow closer to being the faith-filled and generous people He asks us to be.

God truly does make the blind see and the deaf hear. Often though, the way these things happen is through our own willingness to see ourselves clearly.

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

Next weekend's mission appeal is for South Sudan. South Sudan was a part of The Sudan until 2011, obtaining our independence after many years of civil war. Even today, our new country has many problems as the spirit of violence and tribalism is still found here.

I'm a Mill Hill Missionary from Skaneateles, who has worked in the Sudan for many years, among other places i.e. Borneo.

Thanks for your help,
Fr. Peter Major MHM

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**\$15,990.00 Collection of August 29th

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

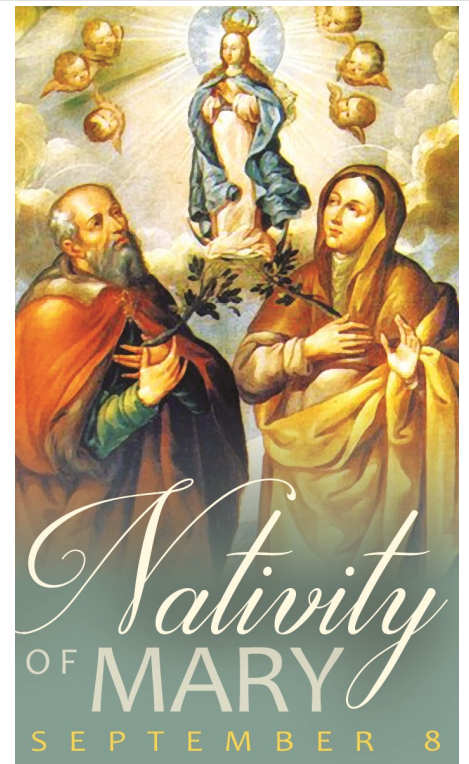
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 5, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35




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

MASS LEAGUE

First Friday Mass League Enrollment
 Raphael Dong Nguyen/ Mark Son Nguyen
 Deceased Family Members/ The Blanchfields

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED: (9/8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Program: 33 Days to Morning Glory, Week 3: St. Teresa of Calcutta (9/5)
Movie: Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus
Movie Children: The Good Samaritan
Movie Children: Cat. Chat, Episode 1: Celebrating Mary
Movie: Ready Reasons: Is There Biblical Proof for the Immaculate Conception?
Audio: Praying the Rosary Like Never Before

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.



ADULT
MINISTRY




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. We will include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

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!



HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?



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**Summer 2021
Faith In Action Opportunities**

Sandwich Ministry

The fall First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will resume on **Tuesday 9/7 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.

**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

Intention: 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>.

Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for your food items and your contributions ! 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 10-1 & 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!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 5th -Food Giving Weekend

9:15AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Monday, September 6th - Labor Day

Office closed today

No Holy Hour today

Tuesday, September 7th

8:15AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

Wednesday, September 8th

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, September 9th

1:00 PM Monthly Luncheon - Olive Garden

Saturday, September 11th

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, September 12th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12 & 13

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th to observe Labor Day.**
- **Private Prayer & Devotion (including Holy Hour) will not take place.**
- **Daily Mass will be at 7:45am.**

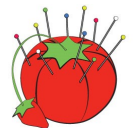


Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Thursday, September 9th at 12:00pm**. We will be gathering at Olive Garden. Reservations are required. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than noon on Monday, August 6th** to tell her know you are coming.

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.

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

- ◆ Fall Festival - Sunday, September 19
 - ◆ Purified - Chastity presentation for teens & parents. Tuesday, October 5 - 7-9pm
 - ◆ Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday, Oct. 23 - 1pm
- Watch for more detail in upcoming bulletins.**

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.



Parish Feast Day - September 14


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 by Friday September 10 via email at bfoley@syrdio.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.

HOPE APPEAL 2021

The 2021 HOPE Appeal **Commitment Week-end** will be **September 18 & 19**. 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 when you are asked to make your pledge.



**Formation Workshop
 for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO ASSIST AT YOUR PARISH AS A READER AND/OR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION? ARE YOU ALREADY INVOLVED IN THESE PARISH MINISTRIES BUT WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE?

Join the Office of Liturgy & the R.C.I.A for this workshop on the theology and practice of each ministry. Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 11 at Holy Cross Church beginning at 9am with Mass and ends after lunch at Noon. Cost is \$10. **To Register: Contact the Office of Liturgy at 315-470-1420 or email jhagan@syrdio.org by Tuesday September 7th**

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**

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://syracusedioocese.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:

- **Tuesday, October 5** -6:00pm - 7:30pm, registration will close on Tuesday, September 28th at Noon
- **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:

- Monday, Sept. 13: 6:30pm at Epiphany Parish, Liverpool
- Tuesday, Sept. 14: 6:00pm at Holy Family, Syracuse

Re-certification Training:

- Thurs., Sept. 16: 6:00pm at Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse
- Monday, Sept 20: 6:30pm at Epiphany Parish at St. Joseph the Worker, Liverpool (Session Full)
- Tuesday, September 21: 6:00pm at Holy Family, Syracuse
- Thurs., Sept. 23: 9:00am at Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, Syracuse

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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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