



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

- Mt 18:15

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- **PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**
- **To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. This will ensure individuals are not turned away.**
- **Holy Cross Church will be open Monday - Friday. 9am to 3pm for private Prayer and Devotion. You must wear a mask & use social distancing.**
- **We are limited to 33% capacity. Please register online.**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesday at 7:00pm. Register online.**
- **Confessions on Wed. 7:00 to 8:00pm, Sat. 3:00 to 3:30pm or by appointment.**
- **Do not hesitate to call or email the Parish Office if you have questions or concerns.**
- **If no one is in the office, be sure to leave a message. (315) 446-0473; Email ~ info@holycrossdewitt.org**

Mass Times

View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at www.holycrossdewitt.org

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio &

Sunday Mass at 6:30 & 9:30am on channel 9

Upcoming Events:

Please check the Holy Cross Web site www.holycrossdewitt.org for up to date information.

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 INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 6th-The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am June Kelly/ Family
 10:30am J. Wesley Poland/ Mary Beth Smith
 5:00pm (Living Intention) Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel

Monday, September 7th

7:45am Pamela Hancock/ Delores Petta
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, September 8th

7:45am Eduardo Pistola/ The Caputo Family
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, September 9th

7:45am People of Holy Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, September 10th

7:45am (Living Intention) Madalyn Nepil/ Nepil Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, September 11th

7:45am Louise Morabito Meagher/
 Diana Evans & Susan Thomson
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, September 12th

9:00am Michele Farner/ Prince Family
 4:00pm Rosanne Hall/ Krisak & Hall Families
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Sept. 13th-The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am James Ascanio/ Leiker Family
 10:30am Christian Hall/ Maureen Hall & Family
 5:00pm Lucy Applegate/ The Nepil Family

Week of September 6th**Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva
Requested By: Wife & Family

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday September 6, 2020
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalm: 95

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

How often do we try to express our faith and have our heartfelt message fall on deaf ears? One of the most frequent concerns I hear from parishioners is that family or friends have fallen away from the Church or even their faith. Christ reminds us that we have to try to help people turn back to God when they are in the midst of sin. We know that can be a very difficult conversation. How do we let someone know we are aware of his or her sin and want to help them correct that sin when we also commit sin?



Perhaps no one can identify sin better than another sinner. Often the person we are trying to encourage ends up turning our words back on us.

The gospel reminds us that the best way to start to help the sinner around us is to offer forgiveness, the same type of forgiveness that we might expect from God. It is important to remember Jesus reminds us that what we bind on earth will be bound in heaven. Does this mean that if we fail to forgive, perhaps God will fail to forgive us? I always find this food for reflection and prayer. It is difficult to forgive others, and so easy to give up on them, but of course, that is not what Christ expects from us. Let us learn to forgive as Christ forgives.

Peace,

Fr. John Kurgan

**Next weekend's 2nd collections are:
Catholic University of America &
Holy Land**

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**

\$13,728.00 Collection of August 30
 (\$ 5,976.88) Deficit

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

What about Mass Offerings?

We encourage you to 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 updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).



Thank you

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- SUN 9/6** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- MON 9/7** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
- TUE 9/8** 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
- WED 9/9** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
- THR 9/10** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
- FRI 9/11** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
- SAT 9/12** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Labor Day
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Friday:** Patriot Day
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary



PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Marilyn Oparil, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

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 keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Friday.
When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.
 These hours may change so check the website.

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

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



Confessions Wednesday Evenings –Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

- Book:** Youth: Saint Helena and the True Cross (9/14)
- Audio:** Understanding the Crusades
- Audio:** Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows (9/15)
- Audio:** 15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering
- Family Movie:** Hildegard's Gift (9/17)

Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will meet each Thursday at 10:00am in Yeazel Hall. All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Eileen Cariseo (315-469-7128) to secure materials used during the sessions.



Dear Families,

Peace of Christ! We hope you have had an amazing summer. As school year plans begin to unfold, we wanted to share some helpful information on the direction of Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparations for this coming year.



Several months ago we began reflecting on our current situation and recognized that we wouldn't be able to do Faith Formation nor Sacramental Prep in the same manner as we have in the past. Considering the different comfort levels of families and volunteers, the difficulty of finding adequate space for social distancing, the busing situation for our morning classes (currently the buses aren't willing to contract us buses, and if they do, we will have to rent 3x as many), as well as the logistics of students attending schools on different days, we realized that we would need to anticipate these obstacles and creatively pivot our programs to suit the current needs of our families. As a result, several weeks ago we began re-envisioning our programs for this coming year. We are very excited to share some of the fruit of this labor.

For **Faith Formation**, we have developed a program that families can do at home. Please realize that this does not mean more online videos or even worksheets & chintzy crafts. The first part of our plan is to deliver a recurring box (every 4-6 weeks) full of quality materials, fun activities, & formative content for your student to grow in their faith. Each box is tailored to a student's age & level & this year will focus on prayer & learning to pray at home. On top of that we'll be distributing bonus family boxes quarterly that include activities & information to help direct parents & unify families. As we find the rhythm of school life & social distancing parameters this coming year, our next step is to offer in-person events & online touchpoints that would be safe, optional, & supplemental for young people to stay connected with the parish life. Our hope is to help cultivate social time that may be missing for our young people this year on top of providing high quality, formative materials in a safe, stimulating, & stylish way that can be offered even in the midst of ever-changing pandemic plans & procedures.

Sacramental Preparations will also be done at home with the parents being the primary catechist for their own child. Not only will parents be provided with the necessary resources for their child's formation, we are also committed to personally accompanying families along the way. For the children in First Penance & First Eucharist, we plan on meeting with each family individually several times through the year to check in and help in any way with this at-home formation. For Confirmation, teens will be broken into small groups of 3-5 people and have meeting times (either online or in person) as a small group to personally tailor their formation for their spiritual needs and questions. Lastly, there will be an excellent online program for parents to be edified further in their own faith as they invest and instruct their children.

We are very excited for this year and have great things in store for your family! We hope that you will join us! Please watch the mail and your inbox at the end of August for more detailed information and instructions on how to register.

In Christ,
Julie Sheridan & Steve Nepil
Directors of Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep
PS - And of course, we will still have the Household competition with House t-shirts, points, and the House Cup. More fun to come...

When a child over the age of seven is not yet baptized...

Children over age 7 who have not been baptized participate in a special process of faith formation called Christian Initiation for Children. With the involvement of their parents/guardians, they are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.



Contact the Parish Office for details on this process – 315-446-0473

Online Safe Environment Training Updates

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

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

PGC (Initial) Training:

Tuesday, September 29th 6pm - 8pm (Registration closes on Tuesday, September 22nd at Noon)

Tuesday, October 6th 9:00am - 11:00am (Registration closes on Tuesday, September 29th at Noon)

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

Monday, September 14th 6pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Tuesday, September 8th at Noon) LIMITED SPACE

Friday, September 18th 9am - 10:30am (Registration closes on Friday, September 11th at Noon)

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 23rd at Noon)

Wednesday, October 7th 9:00am - 10:30am (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30th at Noon)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. (The training schedule is updated regularly with additional dates and times.) Registration for training sessions will close 5 (five) business days before the date of the training session to ensure that training materials reach participants' homes ahead of their training date and time.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joelle Zarnowski, Program Coordinator, at 315.470.1421 or safeenvironment@syrdio.org.



Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Labor Day Prayer

"Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. ..."

Laudato Si Circle meetings: Sat., Sept. 5 & 19th, 5-6pm

Join a small group outside & behind Holy Cross School to discuss the papal encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home. For more information, please contact: beth@holycrossdewitt.org or call (315) 446-0473

Season of Creation: Sept 1st through Oct 4th

The global celebration of the Season of Creation theme is Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope. The month of September is set aside as a time to renew our relationship with our Creator & all creation through repenting, repairing & rejoicing together. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation & each other. During the season, we enter a time of restoration & hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.



Season of Creation 2020 Prayer:

During this season of creation, we ask for courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Samaritan Center Meals:

Holy Cross will sponsor a Sunday meal at the Samaritan Center once a month, Sept. 13, Oct. 25 & Nov. 15th. At this point, the soup kitchen is serving meals to clients with a reduced crew of helpers. A group of not more than 5 volunteers are allowed into the building per shift. For the safety of guests & volunteers, this is the criteria for all who volunteer: Volunteers must be 18 years or older, able to stand for up to 3 hours at a time & be able to assist with mopping & cleaning duties, be willing/able to wear a face mask at all times, have no COVID-19 symptoms or temperature or have close contact with suspected or positive COVID-19 situation/ individual in the previous 14 days. If you are able to meet the above criteria, please complete the individual application: www.samcenter.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7th to observe Labor Day
- Private Prayer & Devotion will not take place on September 7th
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am September 7th



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.

Gardening Angels



The Gardening Angels are as busy as the bees. They are all over the many Holy Cross gardens on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Angels' summer plans are to seed over some of the front garden areas, moving some clean dirt, pull-up the Iris along the parking lot wall and reset them for the Fall, renovate the Black-eyed Susan garden, and replant the Daffodils and Narcissus bulbs. Otherwise it's just weeding and watering and admiring. But we need helpers still. And it's fun and healthy in the good ol' lazy, hazy days of Summer. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980.

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 \$5,500.00.

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 (\$5,500)

_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____

Upcoming Events

The following will be starting up in September:

- ◆ **Coffee and Conversation** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15 from 12 to 2pm. **Bring your own lunch and drink. Please do not bring goodies to share.**
- ◆ **Knitting Group** will begin again on September 17 at 1:00pm. Please do not bring goodies to share.
- ◆ **Monthly Movie** will be shown on September 29 at 1:00pm. **Please bring your own drinks.**



All of these will take place in Yeazel Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details

Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? Are you currently involved in parish ministry & want to learn more about how God is calling you to serve? Formation for Ministry can help you develop human, intellectual, spiritual & pastoral qualities that allow you to know, live, & share your Catholic faith. Our two year program provides comprehensive formation that includes courses, workshops, seminars, retreats, and field work. The program also serves as the first two years of formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2020-2021 academic year. For more information visit formationforministrysyr.org or call 315-470-1491.

A Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to make a difference for others and feel that difference within yourself? Francis House is a home for people who are terminally ill. Our volunteers support our residents by helping in the kitchen, with phones, maintenance and light cleaning. Our house is safe. We sanitize every four hours and keep our volunteers in a protective environment. There are volunteer shifts available ranging from 8:30am to 12 noon, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you would like to give a few hours a month to help, please **contact Rea Carver – 315-475-5422.**

**Witness To Love - Be Light:
A Marriage Renewal Date Night Series**

During this time of social isolation, the Domestic Church (marriages & families) have an even greater need for relationship with God and others. This is the time for married couples to shine & be a light to those in our homes & communities. Let your marriage BE LIGHT! To register for this 5 part series please go to: <https://app.witnessstolove.org/courses/10>

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM
Sign up today!**

“My Heart started beating today!” During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his/her size at conception. The child is totally dependent upon his mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting its newly formed relationship—mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby’s tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby’s mother to give her child the most precious gift of all.. the gift of life.



Spiritual Adoption Prayer

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (give the baby a name), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.” —Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Pray this prayer every day for nine months—the whole time the baby is in the mother’s womb— asking the Holy Family to save the baby’s life. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!

Pray a Hail Mary daily for the mother also.

Baby’s Name: _____

Date Adopted: _____

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

Penance ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
By appointment

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
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- 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
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
- 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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