



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# Welcome to Holy Cross

## A CARING COMMUNITY

"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."

Whether this is your first Mass with us or you are a lifelong parishioner, we are so glad you are here. We hope Holy Cross can be a place for you to call home. If you are new here, check us out online at [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org) or grab a welcome guide from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

## Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

### READINGS

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

The readings this weekend speak to the importance of remaining in Jesus as we go about our lives in this world. We must remember that everything we do will be much more fruitful if we do it in the Lord. If we go to work, we are more peace-filled and joyful if we go to work in Jesus. If we talk to our neighbors and friends, we will get more out of our conversations if we hold them in Jesus. Once we recognize the bountiful nature of doing things in Jesus, the only question that remains is this; how can we learn to do things in Jesus? This question is answered by looking at our readings for today.

Our first reading sees Saul after his conversion on the road to Damascus. The disciples still feared him, but

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Barnabas speaks on his behalf, and they accept him. He now is working to build up the Kingdom of God rather than tearing it down—a much more fruitful pursuit. In the second reading, John reduces the commandments to two basic instructions: belief in Christ and love of neighbor. John tells us that if we keep these two commandments we will continue to be safely attached to the vine of Jesus. In our gospel reading, Jesus tells us of the benefits of being connected to his vine; those of us who believe in Christ will be cared for by God. He tells us that those who ignore him will wither and be gathered up for burning as rubbish. Only if we believe in him can we achieve eternal happiness, bearing much fruit and giving glory to God.

Our time is filled with the things that we do to make our way in the world. We work, we play, we interact with each other so we can bring the good things of life to

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 27

4:00PM VIGIL Francis Giacobbi /  
Jo Oliva & Family

### Sunday, April 28

7:30AM Stephen Talbott /  
Hoffman & Davis Family

10:30AM Alan Haley /  
Jo Oliva

5:00PM Irene DiFlorio /  
Cindy Gamage

### Monday, April 29

7:45AM Bill Sovik /  
Wife & Family

### Tuesday, April 30

7:45AM Dick Casale /  
Joe Bonacci

### Wednesday, May 1

7:45AM Stan Nowakowski / Family

### Thursday, May 2

7:45AM Amy Jonston and Family /  
Aunt Babe Shultz

### Friday, May 3

7:45AM Mass League

### Saturday, May 4

9:00AM George F. Shaheen /  
Maio Family

4:00PM VIGIL Ted, Bridget & Matt Kelly /  
Family

### Sunday, May 5

7:30AM Robert McCormick /  
Deb Foster

10:30AM Cookie Dunham /  
Holy Cross Pastoral Council

5:00PM Raymond Cariseo /  
Ellen & Jay Pristash

# News & Events

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## Holy Cross Church Security Update:

In an effort to offer increased security to Holy Cross Church parishioners and staff, we will be locking the outside doors when services or activities are not in progress. If you find the church doors locked please proceed to the far left set of doors and ring the bell and the staff will let you in.

Due to the staff lunch hour, the doorbell will not be answered between the hours of 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM weekdays.

Fr. Kurgan

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## Holy Cross School Raffle

### TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES & ONLINE

Holy Cross School students are selling raffle tickets after Masses and online to benefit their annual Holy Cross School Auction, the school's only major fundraiser to support and benefit our faith-filled educational community. Individual tickets are available for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Winner receives 50% of proceeds and need not be present to win. Drawing will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Auction!

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## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 | 1:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, April 30 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, a film, adaptation of Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic family musical. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

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## Needlework Group

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 | 1:00 PM**

The next Needlework Group (sewing, quilting, knitting) gathering will be on Thursday, May 2 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome! Questions? Please call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.

## Men's Group

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

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 then come check out our Men's Group. We meet every other Thursday evening in the office conference room at 7 PM and the discussions last an hour. Our next meeting is on Thursday, May 2. Please join us!

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## Food Giving Weekend

**MAY 4 - 5, 2024 | GRAB A BAG THIS WEEKEND**

Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry, All Faiths Food Pantry, & Saint Lucy's Food Pantry are so grateful for your continued, generous support. Your donations make a tremendous difference for their clients!

Our pantries are in need of the following items (especially bold items):

- Cereal
- **Soup**
- Canned fruits & veggies
- Starch side dishes, rice
- Pasta & sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Beans – dried and canned
- Coffee / Tea
- Canned fish & meat
- **Laundry detergent**
- Shampoo/soap/deodorant

And thank you to all of our volunteers who help sort and pack donations or transport them to the pantries. Your assistance each month is so appreciated! New volunteers are always welcomed to help after Mass in Yeazel Hall – many hands make light work! Thank you all!

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## Monthly Luncheon

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for lunch at Vito's Ristorante on Wed., May 8 at 12 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Monday, May 6.

Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

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## Parish Eucharistic Revival

### THE MASS: THE WASHING OF HANDS

After the gifts are presented the priest washes his hands over a dish called a lavabo (meaning, "I shall wash"). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that this washing is a rite "in which the desire for interior purification finds expression" (GIRM, 76).

Charles Belmonte teaches, "In every Mass a liturgical act is performed which originally was a response to a practical necessity. The Church has kept this ceremony of the Lavabo to express the desire of interior purification.

After washing his hands, the priest goes back to the center of the altar, extends his hands and then rejoins them, and asks the faithful: "Pray, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." Charles Belmonte writes that "the priest begs us to unite ourselves with him in the sacrificial act as it draws nearer... the priest stresses that the sacrifice is mine and yours" (Understanding the Mass, p. 115).

As we have seen throughout the Offertory, there are several opportunities to unite ourselves and our sacrifices to Jesus. This is no accident. Each of these invitations helps us to be aware of what we can offer and to be attentive to what is about to happen in the Mass.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 40,  
Fr. Luke Spannagel, September 20, 2023  
eucharisticrevival.org

## Adoration

Opportunities for Adoration at Holy Cross Church:

- Monday mornings at 8:15 AM in the chapel
- Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church
- Praying in the church or Adoration Chapel any-time church is open, most days 8 AM - 3 PM.

# Adoration

"Be still and know that I am God."

— PSALM 46:11

### WHAT IS ADORATION?

From the earliest teachings of the Church, the Catholic Church has understood that Jesus, on the last night of his life, took bread and wine and in a literal way changed it into his actual Body and Blood. He commanded the Apostles to continue to do this in his memory. The cornerstone of the Early Church will become the continual practice of doing this fulfilled Passover meal, and it will come to be known as "the Mass." From the last night of Jesus's life, the Church has continually, for over 2,000 years, celebrated this mystery of changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Even today, the Church teaches that the Eucharist is no symbol, but actually God himself. The Church developed a special time of prayer with the Eucharist. Taking a piece of consecrated host, the Eucharist is placed in the center of a display case, known as a monstrance, in order for the faithful to gaze at Jesus and to pray within his midst. This exposition, or praying before the Eucharist is called Adoration and is one of the most intimate and personal methods of prayer for many Christians.

### WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Every Wednesday, the parish community has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in the main church from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. You are invited to come to this hour for as long or as little as you like. This will be a great opportunity during the week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. The hour will conclude with Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at 7:45 PM followed by Solemn Benediction at 8:00 PM. Bring your family and friends. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is also offered during this time.

### MONDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Monday mornings following daily Mass for a Holy Hour in the church sanctuary, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM. Come start your week in quiet reverence and stillness with the Lord. No reservations necessary. All are welcome to attend.

## Reflection

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ourselves and our families. How much more abundant can the blessings of life be when we do these things in Jesus, rather than without him? As he tells us, he is the vine, and we are the branches. Everything we do in our lives will be much more fruitful if we do them with Jesus. Let us seek to remain connected to his vine—and to each other.

Peace,  
Deacon Dare

## Around town

Check out these local events happening in our community and in our diocese.

### St. Ann's Parish Mission

**MAY 6-8, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

St. Ann's in Manlius is having a Parish Mission presented by Fr. Richard Gielow on May 6th through 8th. Topics include *How Does Prayer Work?*, *The Main Thing Is To Keep the MAIN Thing the Main Thing!*, and *I Could Have Done More!*

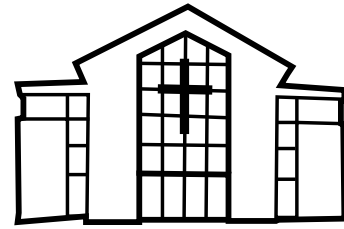
Rev. Richard Gielow, CM a member of the Vincentian Community founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Fr. Richard is also National spiritual advisor to the Ladies of Charity. He has been conducting parish Missions and Retreats for over 40 years.

### Care for Creation Presentations

**MAY 16 & MAY 23 | 6:30 - 8 PM**

Join us for two evenings of focused presentations, reflection time, and opportunities to share ideas to start and maintain a Creation Care Team in your parish. Two virtual gatherings: May 16 and May 23 from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. To register visit [www.rcdony.org/laudatosi](http://www.rcdony.org/laudatosi)

Creation Care Teams raise awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on the care of our common home, discover practical ways to promote ecologically sound practices, and foster a thriving, sustainable community in the parish.



## Youth Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep

### SIGN UP TODAY!

Registration is now open for our youth & family programs for the 2024-2025 school year including Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep. Learn more & register at

[holycrossdewitt.org/youth](http://holycrossdewitt.org/youth)

### FAITH FORMATION - GRADES 1-12

Faith Formation classes are available for students in grades 1-12 and take place one day a week before school and include breakfast and busing to schools in JD Central School District. Register before June 1 to get your free house shirt!

### YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Youth discipleship builds on the intellectual foundation found in Faith Formation and creates opportunities for fellowship and deeper spiritual growth. Youth discipleship groups for middle school and high school students are usually bi-weekly throughout the school year and also include some fun events and trips. Contact Steve ([steve@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:steve@holycrossdewitt.org)) for info.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREP - 2ND GRADE

Preparation and celebration for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist is a complementary process that typically take place during a child's second grade year. First Penance is celebrated in the fall, and First Eucharist is then celebrated in the spring. *Deadline to register is September 1, 2024*

*\*A prerequisite to First Penance & Eucharist Prep is that students have attended and continue to attend a Catholic school OR participated in a Faith Formation program in first grade and participate during prep.*

### CONFIRMATION PREP - 9TH & 10TH GRADES

This year we will begin to confirming youth a year earlier, in the 9th grade. As a result, our class this year will be a double class of next year's 9th and 10th graders. We have designed an amazing and dynamic program for your child to prepare for Confirmation. Visit [holycrossdewitt.org/cdp](http://holycrossdewitt.org/cdp) to sign up.

*\*A prerequisite to Confirmation Prep is that students have attended and continue to attend a Catholic school or participated in a Faith Formation program the previous year & continue to participate during prep year.*

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Frank Colao, Chuck Harty, Ann Kronner,  
Margaret Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Liz and Tony Mollica, Faith Muller,  
Nancy Patane, John Toole, and Jim Walvin

## Giving

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank you! We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Gifts of prayer, time, and talent serve and support our community in so many meaningful ways. And financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the Church.

To give online, visit [holycrossdewitt.org/give](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give)



### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FOR APRIL 21: \$15,789.72

### UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL THIRD COLLECTION

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: APRIL 28, 2024

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## Helpful Info

### HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

If you have news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School please notify [news@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:news@holycrossdewitt.org)

### HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND?

Please notify the parish office **315-446-0473** when a parishioner or family member is confined to their home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, so that clergy may make arrangements for a sick visit.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included on our prayer list. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Chapel

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8), Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Unlocking the Bible, Rooms 9-10

1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4), Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

12 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rooms 9-10

12 PM Francis House, Rooms 12-13

1:00 PM Needlework Group, Yeazel Hall

6:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rooms 9-10

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:45 AM DPC Meeting, Yeazel Hall

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

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