



School Mass

On Friday, January 7, students from Holy Cross School celebrated their first School Mass of 2022. After just completing a week of in-person classes since enjoying their break for Christmas, students gathered together to be nourished by the Word of God and the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Every month, students, families, and faculty participate in sacred liturgy together. Grades take turns bringing the liturgy to life by serving at the altar, proclaiming the scripture readings and leading the Prayer of the Faithful. Often there is music, sometimes costumes, and tangible signs that connect students to the Mass.

Fr. Foley reminded students of the love God has for them. He shared

God's desire is for us to be made well, and when our prayer is that God's will be done, transformative changes and healing can take place in our lives. God is good.

Thank you to our administration, faculty, staff, and clergy for creating these holy experiences for our students. Thank you students for all of the goodness and light that you bring to our community!

Mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week (CSW '22)! Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, will be held from January 30 - February 5, 2022.

Check out more photos from our School Mass and see what's happening at Holy Cross School on Page 5.

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Having recently completed our Christmas celebrations recalling the Lord God taking on flesh and making his “dwelling” among us, we are reminded again this Sunday of the implications of this relationship and the magnitude of the Incarnation.

What happens to our flesh as a result of God assuming flesh? No longer shall people look at you and see you as beyond hope, abandoned, “forsaken” or “desolate” (cf. Isaiah 62:4). Rather the Lord now somehow delights and rejoices in us, and he actually espouses himself to us like a bridegroom to a bride, like lover to beloved. Through his intimate dwelling in us, he produces his fruit that otherwise could never have grown.

What does this look like? Through this unfathomable love he bestows his Spirit upon us, a gift that was solidified for us in Baptism. St. Paul relates to us today that now when we give God permission, he transforms us and produces all his “gifts” in us for each of our individual benefit (1 Cor 12:6-7). How beautiful for the world that God gives generously to all, but he also gives in unique ways to each of us, too.

As a result though, now we must live our lives as a response to this relationship. God gives gifts to individual members for the sake of his whole body. We must glorify God through our discipleship, which has both individual and communal dimensions. How do we live so as to glorify God and sanctify the world? Ah! Our Gospel today: At Cana, the mother of Jesus appears as the embodiment, in a single person, of the faithful, obedient people of God...she is the model of what our discipleship looks like.

We must be companions in the work of Jesus who allow him to always take the lead. Sometimes we are given a task to do that we don't even know the first place to begin. Being a disciple of Jesus is not one of those tasks! Mary instructs us with the first and most important guideline: "Do whatever [Jesus] tells you." Take the words of Jesus seriously and you won't be led astray, he will produce his fruit in you.

God bless,
Fr. Brendan Foley

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - John Dawson / Fran B.
10:30 AM - Thomas Dadey, Sr. / Antonacci Family
5:00 PM - John P. Wagner / Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, January 17

7:45 AM – Dalton Raymond, Jr. / Caryn Scuderi & Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, January 18

7:45 AM – Judith Wickert / Holy Cross Youth Office
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, January 19

7:45 AM – Parishioners of Holy Cross
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, January 20

7:45 AM – Jeffrey Cox / Austin Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, January 21

7:45 AM – Victims of Clergy Abuse / Anonymous
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, January 22

9:00 AM – Deliverance of the Suffering Souls in Purgatory / Joyce Kotch
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Frank Hunt / Hall-Montoya Family

Sunday, January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Luke Byrne / Chuck & Regina Harty
10:30 AM - Bill Sovik / Kirkman Family
5:00 PM - Theresa G. Bray / Jody & Mark Schappert

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Meg Barone, 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, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Brianna Messe, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Kathryn Muller, Nancy Patane, Laura Suarez, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, John Toole, Teresa Vita, and Jon Zubieta.

ADD TO OUR PRAYER LIST, SEE **PAGE 6**

News & Events

Parish Office Closed Monday

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM.



Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, January 18 at 8:15 AM. Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass to prepare a variety of sandwiches to be delivered to the Catholic Charities' homeless shelter.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, January 18 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. We will be discussing upcoming Altar & Rosary events. Bring your bagged lunch and drink. We will follow social distancing guidelines. Please wear a face mask.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, January 20 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Room 12 & 13. New knitters are always welcome. If you have questions please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Mass & Holy Hour for Life

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Due to the surge of COVID cases, government restrictions in Washington, D.C. and the cancellation of the Youth Rally in Arlington, the Diocese of Syracuse has made the difficult decision to cancel our participation in the March for Life this year. All are invited in solidarity with those marching to celebrate a Mass and Holy Hour for Life with Bishop Lucia at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, January 22 at 10:00 AM.

Holy Cross Men's Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 | 7:00 PM

It is a challenge to be a Christian Catholic man in our increasingly secular world. If you are a man who is interested in discussing your faith with other men, there is a place for you to share your ideas and thoughts. The Holy Cross Men's group will be having an information session on Thursday, January 20, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. We have read and discussed such great spiritual books as *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A Kempis, and *Bible Basics for Catholics*, by Dr. John Bergsma. If you are interested, please join us on the 20th, or contact Deacon Dare Dutter at dare@holycrossdewitt.org.

Mask Update

At Holy Cross we are asking you to please continue to wear a mask completely covering your nose and mouth when inside the building. If you forgot to bring one, masks (adult and child sizes) are available in the central Gathering Area. If you need help, please ask a staff member for assistance. For updates on policies and procedures at Holy Cross regarding COVID-19, please visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/coronavirus.

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JANUARY 22: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

READ: The Walls are Talking

WATCH: Protecting the Vulnerable Unborn - Jeanne Mancini

WATCH: 3 Minute USCCB presentation on Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

WATCH: Made for Life: The Gift of Fathers and Mothers in Marriage and Society

WATCH: The Dignity of Life with Paul George

Outreach

Moses DeWitt Elementary School

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

Thank you so much for supporting the Moses DeWitt community this year with gifts and gift cards for our students. Your generosity is truly amazing and wonderfully appreciated.

- Sarah Hayes, Social Worker at MDES

Food Donation Ministry

Our food ministry continues to thrive thanks to you! We received the perfect amount of food for our three pantries, and we had the right amount of volunteers to process the food for delivery. Thank you for the donations of goods, time and effort, and transport to the pantries.

Susan Jereb has volunteered to lead this ministry. We thank her immensely for stepping forward to assist. And we continue to be thankful for Holy Cross generosity!

Our pantries and their clients are most grateful.



Samaritan Center

Interested in volunteering at the Samaritan Center? Volunteers are needed on Sundays from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM on the following dates:

January 16, 2022

February 13, 2022

March 20, 2022

April 17, 2022

September 18, 2022

October 23, 2022

To sign up, contact Richard Coughlin at rcoughlin@irr.com or (315) 870-4054.



School Mass

Photos from School Mass on Friday, January 7, 2022. From top left clockwise: A student Altar Server leads the procession out at the close of Mass. Fr. Brendan Foley shares a special message with the students during his homily. Sixth grade teacher, Ms. K., leads the responsorial psalm. Students receive holy communion during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Look for more news about Catholic Schools Week coming soon and be sure to follow along on Facebook and Instagram for more great stories like these.

  @hcschooldewitt

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank You For Your Generous Support

We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission to our community and the world. Did you know Holy Cross offers convenient and secure, online giving? Whether you want to make a one time donation or setup a recurring gift, we've partnered with an industry leader to give you secure and convenient opportunities for supporting our faith community. Online donations helps reduce overhead and administrative costs allowing our staff to focus on the mission of the Church. If you are considering signing up for online giving and have questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473, visit us online at holycrossdewitt.org/give, or send an email to finance@holycrossdewitt.org.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 19: \$23,880.00
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 26: \$14,607.75
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 2: \$17,876.13
COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 9: \$21,191.14



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Prayer Requests

If you or someone you know would like to be included on our prayer list in this publication, please have a family member or the individual contact us to have the prayer request included in the next newsletter. Send an email to news@holycrossdewitt.org. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

Communications Request

If you would like to include an item for consideration in this publication, contact news@holycrossdewitt.org with all pertinent details and information. Deadline to be included for consideration is Mondays at 9:00 AM for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines are subject to change for certain holidays. Content is subject to editing for length and style and must be approved by the pastor.

New to Holy Cross?

We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at all of the entrances of the church, or visit us at holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

New to Catholicism?

If you're new to the Catholic faith, curious about the Church, or just checking it out, we'd love to partner with you on your journey. We have Catholics from all walks of life and all with a different story on finding their faith. If you have questions or would like some helpful resources on Christianity, Catholicism, and the Church, drop us a line at 315-446-0473, send us a message at hello@holycrossdewitt.org, on socials at [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt), or drop by the parish office. Be sure to ask about our RCIA program.



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