

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 5

Saint Faustina Kowalska

A ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

This rosary is a powerful intercessory prayer, and our priests need our prayers now more than ever.

- ✿ Pray the first decade of the rosary for the priest who baptized you.
- ✿ Pray the second decade for the priest who heard your first confession and gave you first communion.
- ✿ Pray the third decade for the bishop who confirmed you.
- ✿ Pray the fourth decade for the for the priest who witnessed your marriage vows.
- ✿ Pray the fifth decade for the priest or priests who will give you anointing of the sick.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Numbers 11:25–29

Psalm 19

James 5:1–6

Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

Holy Cross Parish

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

INCLUSIVE LOVE HEALS ALL

Jesus was committed to nonviolence in God's unconditional and inclusive love:

The starting place is Jesus' vision of and commitment to the inclusive love of God that welcomes all to the one table and creates a worldview that critiques any kind of exclusion as a form of violence. One of the radical nonviolent actions of Jesus therefore is to eat with "sinners" and "tax collectors" and all those others which the society of that time excluded. Sharing a common table is nonviolent resistance to the violence of division. In Jesus' vision, we are all part of one body held in God's all embracing love. This embrace makes each one a sister and brother and thus makes nonviolence possible. One might say therefore that nonviolence is only possible in community.

True community creates an aversion to the roots of violence which define another person as "other," that is, as outside the circle of care. True community roots out violence by dismantling the motive behind so much violence, that the other is not valued.... The person convicted of a crime as well as the victim of that crime are both members of the one body embraced by God's inclusive love. This kind of love rescues and heals the enemy from violence and hatred [and] ... incorporates as a member of the community the one from whom we might be experiencing violence.

If the starting place for exploring the nonviolence of Jesus is in his vision of the all embracing love of God, our reflection is furthered by his vision of universal healing. This approach to life includes hope for the basic well-being of the other. This was Jesus' deepest wish for each person he encountered. In the gospel we see him moving among so many kept outside the circle of well-being by institutional violence which claimed that healing and well-being belonged to some and not to others. Jesus always found those who had been pushed outside the circle of care and invited them back into the community through the door of healing. He taught the community that its well-being was tied to the well-being of each member.

Jesus also taught that illness is not the result or fault of personal sin. Rather, the focus should be on the sinful assertion that healing is available to some and not to others—with these "others" most often being poor people and those excluded from the one table. Jesus extends healing, holy power, to the rejected and untouchable of the world. In so doing he demonstrates that no one is outside the circle of well-being. In the life of Jesus, bodily healing is as a social metaphor for another kind of healing....

The kind of radical love Jesus knows in God creates an awareness that human life is not about appeasing a vengeful God, but about responding in love. This is a spirituality purified of violence at its very roots.

For Reflection

- ★ How can we practice being more inclusive in our community?
- ★ What steps can we take to live out these teachings in our daily lives?



Today is the **Feast of Saints Michael** (Who is like God?)

Gabriel (Strength of God), and

Raphael (Medicine of God), **Archangels.**

'**Angel**' means **servant or messenger of God.**

7 HABITS of CATHOLIC FAMILIES




PRAY TOGETHER
Pray every day. Try the Rosary or simple prayers as Our Father or Hail Mary



ATTEND MASS
Go to church every Sunday and all Holy Days of obligation




HAVE AN ONGOING FAMILY CHARITY EFFORT
Choose a cause to collaborate with financially or by volunteering




GET SACRED ART IN YOUR HOME
Use Catholic paintings or statues to add richness to the family's devotion



GO TO CONFESSION FREQUENTLY
It is important to encourage all members of the family to go to confession regularly



USE CATHOLIC MEDIA
It is a good resource to keep all the members of the family close to God and the Church



CELEBRATE!
Saints' Day, Church Seasons... Keep the joy of the Gospel in your family!

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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>
Our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes are posted on our website. Council minutes are under Ministries & Committees. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycross-rcchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday, 7 p.m.

MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned and the marginalized.



SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Thursday, 10 a.m.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)
Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764
Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098
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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Jessica Joy

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Peg Lilley, Carole Barry

Mass Intention

For all those affected by Hurricane Irene

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✕ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✕ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Diane De-Dominicus, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Valerie McCann, Pam McGraw, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, Maria Papendra, Joe and Carol Tyson, John Zaleski
- ✕ all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer

The gospel at its best deals with the whole man, not only his soul but his body, not only his spiritual well-being, but his material well-being. Any religion that professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them and the social conditions that cripple them is a spiritually moribund religion awaiting burial.

Dr. Martin Luther King, April 13, 1960

Pope Francis's September intention: May we hear the cry of the Earth, victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and personally care for our world.

Engage in Living Community

Prentiss Hemphill describes a community meeting on healing justice:

That night standing in front of the butcher paper on the wall, I asked our gathered group what healing meant for us now. What it meant against the backdrop of George Zimmerman's acquittal for the murder of Trayvon, what it meant as we entered the streets to shut down a system that refused to let the boy be innocent, that refused to acknowledge that what brought us into the streets was love, grief, a desire for things to change. The answers came back clear and cascading. A woman near me offered that we needed churches with no walls, places of Black worship outdoors that didn't turn any of us away. I remember writing "churches with no walls" and feeling floored by the beauty and clarity of the statement. Churches that weren't a place of exclusion but a place of discovery. It was overwhelming to feel the possibility. "We need therapists for everybody," another person near me shared. "Spaces to be joyful!" "We need food in our neighborhoods." Meditation centers. Living wages so people didn't die early from stress and overwork. Nature camps for children. Access to health-care. To be able to grieve in public. Every answer felt more like a revelation and an affirmation that social change as its best made room for well-lived lives.

What It Takes to Heal: How Transforming Ourselves Can Change the World, page xx

Upcoming Events

09/29: 52nd Annual Marriage Jubilee [special wedding anniversary couples], 3 p.m., Christ Our Light Loudonville

10/03: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m., Holy Hour following until 12 p.m.

10/05: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/06: Religious Education begins

10/07: Deacon Andrew Haskins on Canon Law: Marriage & Annulments, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/10: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/12: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/11-12: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney

10/13: Coffee hour and Parish Council meeting after mass—all are invited!

10/17: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/19: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/19: Unleashing Love Diocesan Women's Conference, St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park (www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove)

10/20: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Mission Sunday; Rosary after mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Mass Attendance: 43

Collection: \$955.00

Religious Education: \$50

Special Collection: \$192.00