

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, June 19
Saint Romauld, Abbot
Saturday, June 20
Blessed Virgin Mary

There are two **SAINT ISADORES**:

Priest and abbot **Saint Isidore of Pelusium** (449 AD) taught in his monastery that novices should be instructed and guided on how to adjust to and learn the life of a religious. Isidore also spoke out “against unworthy clerics whose elevation to the priesthood and diaconate was a serious peril and scandal to the faithful...that many laymen were ceasing to approach the sacraments so as to avoid contact with these discreditable men.”

Isadore of Pelusium’s feast day is February 4.

The second **Saint Isidore** (1070) was a poorly educated Spanish day-laborer who lived on an estate outside Madrid. Isidore and his wife Maria had a single child who died young. Their Faith in God’s Mercy was key to their life together. Isidore would assist at Mass every morning. One day coworkers complained to Juan de Vargas, the estate owner, that Isidore was always late to work. De Vargas watched and saw that Isidore was indeed late to work. De Vargas stormed out onto the field where Isidore was working. When he got out there he saw that Isidore was guiding a plow behind a team of oxen. Parallel to Isidore on either side was a very tall man in white guiding a team of white oxen. Isidore and the “tall men” had already done more plowing than any three other workers. Isidore talked with his guardian angel throughout the day. Other instances of sightings of Isidore with his angel were noted. It is reported that in 1212 the saint appeared to Alfonso of Castile and showed him a hidden path by which Alfonso was able to defeat the Moors.

Isidore’s Feast Day is May 15; he is the patron of day laborers, farmers, peasants and the cities of Madrid, Sevilla, Leon and Saragosa.

adapted from: <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/isidore-of-pelusium-saint> <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/isidore-the-laborer-saint> (submitted by Jim Lee)

Upcoming Events

- 06/14: Coffee Hour after mass**
06/15: Baccalaureate choir rehearsal, 6 p.m.
First Baptist Morris
- 06/16: Parish Finance Council meeting, 1 p.m.**
Parish Annual Meeting, 2 p.m.
Baccalaureate choir rehearsal, 12 p.m.
United Methodist Morris
- 06/18: Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/21: Rosary after mass, Faith formation after mass**
Baccalaureate choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.
Baccalaureate service, 6 p.m. First Baptist Morris
- 06/25: Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/27: Celebrating the Bliss of Being, 1-4 p.m., Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Grassman Hall; for information, email: info@katerishrine.org
- 07/02: Liturgy of the Word**
- 07/05: Christian Formation after mass**
- 07/09: Liturgy of the Word**
- 07/12: Coffee Hour after mass**
07/13–17: Summer Institute of Theology at Hartwick College
- 07/16: Liturgy of the Word**

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Mass Attendance: 43
Collection: \$979.00
Catholic Communication: \$169.00
Candles: \$31.80

DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped Holy Cross reach its goal!
CURRENT STATUS: \$6,396 / GOAL: \$6,379

Holy Cross Parish

JUNE 14, 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a
Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 10:16–17
John 6:51–58

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

Christ never sets us up as judges of one another. The Gospel emphasizes the importance of inner silence, even towards those who throw us into confusion and make us suffer.

–Brother Roger of Taizé

OBEDIENCE AND THE RADICAL LOVE OF GOD

Our first reading reminds us that God calls us to live in obedience to Him. God speaks to Moses and tells him to remind the Israelites of all He has done for them: rescued them from slavery, guided them through the desert, and brought them to Mount Sinai. Now, He asks them to obey His commandments and keep His covenant. If they do, they will be His special people.

Obedience is not just about rules, but about being in a relationship with God. He loves His people and wants what is best for us. When the Israelites follow His ways, they show their love and trust in Him. They become a nation set apart, a light to others.

As Catholics, this message still applies. God calls His people to be holy and to follow His commandments. Living in obedience is not about fear but

about love. It means choosing to live in a way that pleases God and brings peace to the soul. It is not always easy to obey. Temptations and struggles can make it difficult. But God does not leave His people alone. He gives us strength and guidance, walking with us and helping us stay on the right path.

Our second reading highlights the great love of God, relating how Jesus died for sinners. He did not wait for people to be perfect. He gave His life while they were still far from God. This kind of love is hard to understand. People often love those who love them back. But God loves without condition. He does not wait for people to deserve His mercy. He offers it freely, no matter their past mistakes.

This love is a gift. It cannot be earned. It is not based on how good or worthy someone is. It comes from God’s mercy. Through Jesus, people can be forgiven and made new. This is the heart of the Gospel.

As Catholics, this reading reminds us to trust in God’s love. No one is too far gone. No sin is too great. God is always ready to forgive and welcome His people back. His love does not change.

This Sunday is a call to accept this love as much as it is also a call to share it with others. Just as God forgives, His people must also forgive. Just as He loves without limits, they must also love.

Lord, You have called us to follow You and share Your love with the world. Give us the strength to obey Your will, trust in Your mercy, and serve others with kindness. Help us to live as Your chosen people, bringing light and hope to those around us. Amen.

adapted from: <https://young-catholics.com/5637/11th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts>

For Reflection

- ★ What makes God’s love different from human love?
- ★ How can small acts of kindness be a form of evangelization?

Holy Cross Parish

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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/tiny.cc/HCMorris)

Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossRC-church@gmail.com

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.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for a different time.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478
Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Allan Dangca, Celine Francisco, Scott Kolberg, Chet McAdams, Jackie McAdams, Dana Mockovciak

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

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Pope Leo XIV's June intention: May sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures, promoting respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Living Caring Community

HELP TO OFFER? NEED ASSISTANCE?

- ☼ **Butternut Valley Food Pantry**
166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY
(607) 783-2267
Thurs., 3–5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ☼ **The Lord's Table & Food Pantry**
305 Main Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 432-1458
Mon./Weds./Fri., 4–5:30 p.m.
- ☼ **The Magic Closet**
158 East Main Street, Morris NY
(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859
Weds./Sat. 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ☼ **My Neighbor's Closet**
3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick NY
(607) 431-8320/cooperstownangel@gmail.com
Tues/Sat: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. / Weds: 4–7 p.m.
Contact if you need someone to shop for you and coordinate getting you items.
- ☼ **Helios Grief Support**
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.
- ☼ **Friends of Recovery, Delaware/Otsego**
Grassroots addiction recovery by, about, for individuals and families in recovery
22 Elm Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 267-4435
Mon/Tues/Fri: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Weds/Thurs: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
- ☼ **Holy Sews**
Sew burial layettes for infants: (607) 432-5125; holysewsoneonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ **Oneonta Community Health Center**
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6–8 p.m.

COMMUNITY KEEPS THE FLAME OF HOPE ALIVE

Christian community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us. In this way we can live with courage, trusting that there is a spiritual power in us when we are together that allows us to live in this world without surrendering to the powerful forces constantly seducing us toward despair. That is how we dare to say that God is a God of love even when we see hatred all around us. That is why we can claim that God is a God of life even when we see death and destruction and agony all around us. We say it together. We affirm it in each other. Waiting together, nurturing what has already begun, expecting its fulfillment—that is the meaning of marriage, friendship, community, and the Christian life.

—Henri Nouwen

MORRIS BACCALAUREATE

First Baptist will host the Baccalaureate for graduating seniors, **Sunday, Jun. 21, 6 p.m.**

Join us to celebrate our community's seniors. Come lend your voice to the choir. (Rehearsal times on Upcoming Events list.)

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.,
Parish Grounds. Holy Cross will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments.

Please see sign up sheets at the back of church:

We need people to:

- ☞ **set up the grounds outside the church**
- ☞ **grill the meats**
- ☞ **oversee games for the children**
- ☞ **take down the set up after the picnic**
- ☞ **bring side dishes to pass**

Come celebrate in community with us!

JUNE 14, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Chet and Jackie McAdams

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

June 21

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski

Mass Intention

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number OR use the parish email (see left panel).

Pray for

- ☒ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jim and Jan Drummy, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Jim Lee, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, Jeffrey Meyers, Kelly Meyers, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, Fr. Chris Welch
- ☒ for all those in our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- ☒ for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ☒ in thanksgiving for June sunshine and some rain for the fields too