

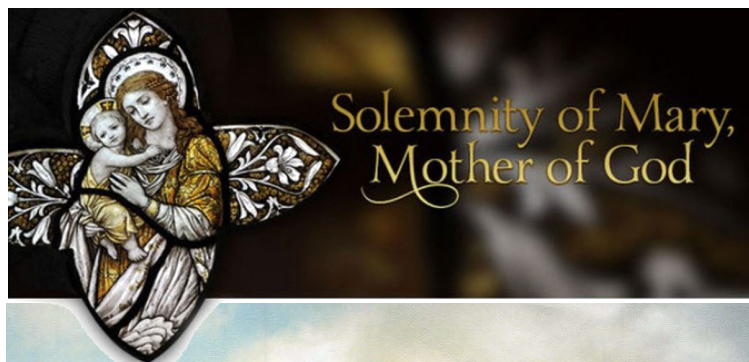
SOLEMNITY OF
Mary MOTHER OF GOD

She is exalted, yet still one of us.

January 1, 2023



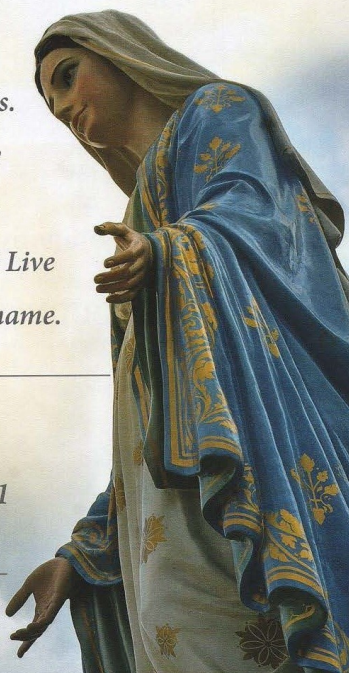
Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Prayer for the New Year

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our Spirits to be born
again. Thank you for this new
year, for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty
flame so that in our time, many
will see the wonders of God and Live
forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen _____

Feast Day of the
Blessed Virgin Mary • January 1



DEVOTION AND MASS

Please join our parish family on Wednesday
evenings for Devotion and Mass.

The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church,
followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

In January we are praying the Rosary for Holy Cross Parish



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MASSSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tue., & Thurs.
6:00 p.m. Wed.; 8:15 a.m. Fri.

DEVOTION 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

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ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction
at 2:30 p.m. (when school is in session).

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tue, Thur, 6:30-6:45 a.m., Fri. 7:45-8:00 a.m.
Or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must be registered
members and attend baptismal preparation sessions,
preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the
Parish Office 3 months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should
call the Office at least 8 months in advance. At least
one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy
Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have
had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until
you have discussed this with your Pastor.

CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to make
arrangements at any time for Communion and/or
the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Two Wednesdays prior to the
bulletin in which the information will be posted.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Jan. 7 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila Peg Swanson Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 8 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Grace Riley
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson August Christhlf, Philip Christhlf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Farney Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Kristina Maloney, Lucy Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 2

7:00 a.m. Dominic Hieu Nguyen

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, January 4

6:00 p.m. Thomas and Anne Corkery

Thursday, January 5

7:00 a.m. Louis & Florence Pisani & Family

Friday, January 6

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, January 7

5:30 p.m. Donald Mitsdarfer

Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Loretto and Leonard Doyle
4:00 p.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet today on **Jan. 8th** at 3:30 p.m. at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We'll meet in the community room and continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more info contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.



Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **January 12th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Vicariate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is at St. Matthew Church. This is available to everyone in our Vicariate and is open 24 hours a day. Keycard access is required. For assistance with this, please contact Joe Taylor at the St. Matthew parish office. To sign up for a Holy Hour go to: stmatthewadorem.com



COFFEE AND DONUTS –

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Coffee Shop continues through the end of May after both Sunday morning Masses. Individuals, families, and organizations are encouraged to host! Please check your calendars and sign up online at Sign-Up Genius, email crakerscomcast.net, or call Harry & Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.

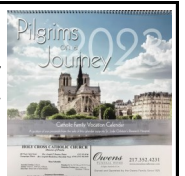


EUCCHARISTIC OUTREACH



If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.

2023 CALENDARS are available next to the bulletins as you exit the church after Mass, as well as in the Parish Office. Many thanks to Owens Funeral Home for providing us with complementary calendars every year!



The Parish Office will close Friday, Dec. 30th through Jan. 2nd. We will open on Tues., Jan. 3rd. Thank you.
Blessings to all during this Christmas Season!



Save these dates and join us in the Great Hall for the documentary film version of the book, *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*.

Friday, Jan. 13th @ 6:30 p.m. & Friday, Feb. 10th @ 6:30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Contributions to the Flower Fund have been greatly appreciated during our Advent and Christmas Season. Donations have been made in memory of Elmer and Sylvia Nicklas; Finn Oliveira; Bingaman Family members; Cosgrove Family members; Joe Santarelli; Harold, Jo Ann, and Charles T. Heidbreder; Frank Hartman; Donavon and Virginia Gaines; Tony Rein, Rein/Cobb Family members; Devall, Desmier, Jensen, and Patrick Family members; Regina Robinson; Calcagno and Christians Family members; Tom and Anne Corkery; John F. and Catherine Murray; Ethel Cox; Gene, Elaine, and Ross Mayor; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; Rakers and Wade Family members; In Honor of Fr. Danton and Fr. Leo; John and Karen Walker; Hettinger, Painter, and Wagner Family members; Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle; and Irle Family members.

Thank you for your support!



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\$15 per meal. Grilled 1/2 chicken, Nelson's cheddar cheese potatoes and southern style green beans, & a roll. Free PB & J offered for indoor dining.



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ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are kicking off Catholic Schools week with the Annual Cluckin' for Catholic Education Chicken Dinner!

**Saturday, January 28th
Dine in or Carry out 4:30pm to 7pm
St. Patrick's Parish Center**

All proceeds benefit Catholic Education at Holy Cross & St. Patrick's! Tickets on sale now online at <https://nelsonscatering.com/Holy-Cross>



THE GREAT COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Matt Faley, Chief of Mission for the Peoria Diocese, is coming to Holy Cross one more time. This time he is leading us in prayer and in a workshop. The goal is to leave "ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." 1 Peter 3:15.

The Great Commission calls us to something more. Many times it is as simple as sharing your own story with others. Come to this workshop where you can learn how to share your story with others.

The Great Hall on Friday, February 17 (Time: TBA)

Holy Cross PTC Presents...



11th Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 25th, 2023

Doors open at 5pm. Trivia starts at 7pm.
Formal invitation to follow!

BINGO in January! Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on Friday, **Jan 6th!** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase Bingo cards. Bingo will begin at 6:30.



Join us for 15 games: \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes: \$25, \$50, & \$100. (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$10. Soda for \$1. Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

Dinner: Meat Lasagna, Spinach Lasagna, Roll-ups, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert (Fruit Pizza, Turtle Brownies, Carrot Cake).



Blood Pressure Checks

The Parish nurse will be available for Blood Pressure checks after the 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday Masses every 3rd Sunday of the month. This will be in the Great Hall of the Parish Center during Coffee and Donuts. This month the nurse will be there on Sunday, Jan. 15th



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
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STM 2022-23 Paideia Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2022-23 Champaign Vicariate and the High School of Saint Thomas More Paideia Award are now being accepted. This award is presented each year to an individual or married couple who exemplifies true leadership in the area of service to Catholic education such as an active commitment to Catholic elementary and secondary education, sustained or substantial contributions of time, talent or treasure to the Champaign Vicariate educational community, and leadership in spreading the Good News of Catholic education. Nomination form attached. Questions, contact Mr. Matthew Vander Vennet at mvandervennet@hs-stm.org or call 217-352-7210.

Distinguished/Young Alumni of the Year Award:

This Award will be presented on Saturday, February 11th, at the STM Annual Spring Gala at Pear Tree Estate in Champaign. It is presented to an STM alum who has made a positive impact on the community (local, long distance, or international), has displayed exceptional human and ethical qualities, and has exemplified success in and out of the classroom or in his/her chosen career. If you know of a deserving STM Alum, submit his/her name to alumni@hs-stm.org along with a short explanation of why you feel this STM alum is deserving of this prestigious recognition. Nominations are due by **Friday, January 13th**.

Early Enrollment Period Discount Reminder

Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still in our Early Enrollment Discount Period for the 2023-24 admissions cycle. Fully complete and properly submitted admissions applications that are received by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2023 at midnight will be eligible for a 2% tuition discount. After that date, applications for next school year will still be accepted; however, no Early Enrollment Period Discounts will be available. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on "Explore," then "Apply Now" to get started today. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get this discount! Have questions or need help with the app? Contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Erica Sherman at esherman@hs-stm.org.

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Head Volleyball Coach, a Head Girls Tennis Coach, a Boys Head Soccer Coach, an Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Jon Marston, Athletic Director at jmarstont@hs-stm.org

Student Shadow Program: The *Shadow a Saber* Program is back! Full details and registration info can be found on our website www.hs-stm.org by clicking on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Any questions about enrollment and admissions should be directed to Mrs. Erica Sherman, Director of Enrollment, by emailing esherman@hs-stm.org or by calling 217-352-7210, ext. 304. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!



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From Principal Greg Koerner:

I recently watched the 1994 version of *Miracle on 34th street*. Two major quotes jumped out at me. The first being "DO you Believe" and the second "In God We Trust."

With the Christmas season upon us, I believe that these are two very important topics. Do you trust in God and do you believe?

I believe that if you trust in God, he will show you your path. To believe in God is to believe in the magic of sunsets and moonlit nights. To believe in God is to believe that while we walk in darkness, a great light awaits us.

God has blessed me and our Holy Cross families. God has strengthened my faith and has helped me to become a better person, husband, and principal. God has given his only son Jesus to lead us to his path. Jesus came to show the world God's great love for us.

Our teachers and staff are committed in following God's path. They have put their trust in God to lead them in educating your students. May God continue to bless them.

From the entire staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Believe in the Trust of God.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



CIRCLE OF PRAYER. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to add the name and need to our prayer chain.



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2022 for tax planning purposes, please fill out this form, cut it out, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Or you can also email your request to:

office@holycrosscatholic.org.

Or call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

NAME: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

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MARY OF NAZARETH

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today is a beautiful and important feast in the life of the Church. Our focus today isn't on starting the new year—although that is certainly reason for celebration, and what better way is there to start out the new year than by going to Mass? Our focus today is on Mary and her motherhood. There is no Christmas without Christ, but there is no Christ without his mother.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Attention ladies: Would you like a weekend away? Away from cooking, cleaning, and ferrying kids around? Maybe find a way to get closer to God, have a great time with great food and great fellowship with other ladies?

There is a Women's Cursillo in Christ weekend coming up on **February 17th-19th, 2023**, at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana. For more information, contact Celene Baxley at 217-778-7016.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

FOR EDUCATORS: JANUARY 2023

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Follis Families
Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families
Robert F. Reiser Family
Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Foltzler Families
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Pellum & Gillis Families
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
Graham & Huguet Families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family

Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families
Barham & Bosch Families
Tangora & Kovera Families
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershbarger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.