

The EPIPHANY of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Mt 2: 1-2



January 8, 2023

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

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.

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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. 14 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley No Ministers Nora Kelley, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 15 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No Ministers Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Chris Ostertag John Dixon, Pat Dixon Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Beth Frasca Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer John Farney, Elaine Hershberger

COFFEE AND DONUTS



Thank You to those who have hosted our parish Sunday morning coffee shop during the last several weeks: Kolschowsky family, Mark & Mary & Ethan Shelden, Ray Tucker, Christhilf family, Bob & Dave Kappes, Chuck & Veronica Morton, Jim Doyle, Brent West & daughter Makenna, Holy Cross choir, Kevin & Angie Deptula, Friedman family, Alfonso, Marilou, & Mary Ann Mendoza.

We've had families, singles, couples host our coffee shop. Organizations and ministries, please bring this up at your next meeting. It would take only a few of your members. January through May has more Sundays than the "1st semester." Sign up online at Sign-Up Genius, email crakers@comcast.net, or call Harry & Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.

It's COLD outside, but WARM in the parish center after the Sunday morning Masses.

Enjoy a cup of hot coffee, juice or milk and a donut, plus relaxing conversation at the parish coffee shop.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord
7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 10
7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Deponai

Wednesday, January 11
6:00 p.m. Helen Bender

Thursday, January 12
7:00 a.m. Joseph Mitsdarfer

Friday, January 13
8:15 a.m. Hieu Nguyen

Saturday, January 14
5:30 p.m. Elisha Swanson

Sunday, January 15
8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Revival
10:00 a.m. Jean Marie Cullen
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

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.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Frank Young, Barbara Leathers, and Luke Day. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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!



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet today, **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.





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)



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Contributions to the Flower Fund during our Advent and Christmas Season 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. Donton and Fr. Leo; John and Karen Walker; Hettinger, Painter, and Wagner Family members; Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle; Irle Family members; and Cindy and Jennifer Gibas.

Thank you for your support!



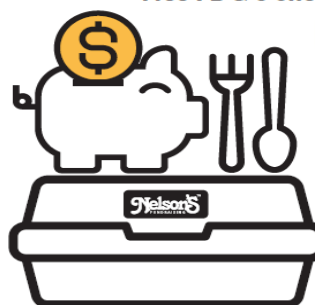
Save these dates and join us in the Great Hall for the documentary film version of the book, *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*.

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



DRIVE THRU • DINE IN Cluckin' for Catholic Education Chicken Dinner

\$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>



Thank You to our Art & Decoration Ministry for the many hours you spent to make Holy Cross a beautiful space in which to worship during the Christmas Season. **Thank You** to our talented Music Ministry for your inspiring songs, and the beautiful organ music by our talented Jonathan Young. And **many thanks** for the generous contributions toward all the needs of Holy Cross Parish and School.



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**.

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!



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!

Christmas Collection

Offering for December 24th/25th.....\$11,371.85

Thank you very much!



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): _____



ELIZABETH ANN SETON: SEEKER TO SAINT

EAST COST SHRINES: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON IN MARYLAND



St Elizabeth Ann Seton went places! And in this episode, Diana takes you on a tour of Baltimore's St. Mary's Spiritual Center & Historic Site, where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton lived for one year. Rev. John C. Kemper, S.S., the shrine's director, discusses St. Elizabeth Ann's life in Baltimore. Then it's off to Emmitsburg, MD, where the huge and amazing National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is explored, and this wonderful saint's legacy is examined.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON IN NYC

In this episode, we explore the sites touched by the amazing St Elizabeth Ann Seton. Diana takes you on a tour of the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Battery Park, Manhattan, built atop the home where she once lived with her husband and children. You'll learn of her early life as a devout Protestant, her conversion and entry into the Catholic Church at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church near Wall Street, which we also explore. Rev. Kevin McGoldrick discusses the concept of Transubstantiation and the Real Presence, to help explain how those dogmas helped convert the woman who went on to become the first saint of the United States of America.

Community Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Sunday, **January 22nd** at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 405 W. Clark Street, Champaign

Theme: "Life Wins—What Now?"

Speaker: Kristi Hofferber

Contact information: <https://www.facebook.com/>

[Prolifeprayervigilofcentralillinois](https://www.facebook.com/ProLifePrayerVigilofCentralIllinois) Facebook event page:

https://fb.me/e/3aSl6RYHH_prolifeprayervigil@gmail.com

or call Shirley Kolb at 217-762-2953

Join Protestant, Greek Orthodox, and Catholic Churches from East Central Illinois as we honor those lost and impacted by abortion. Reception (coffee, tea, desserts) follows. Donations greatly appreciated. All are welcome.



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** at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana. Questions? Contact Celene Baxley at 217-778-7016.

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Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
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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.