

November 5, 2023

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

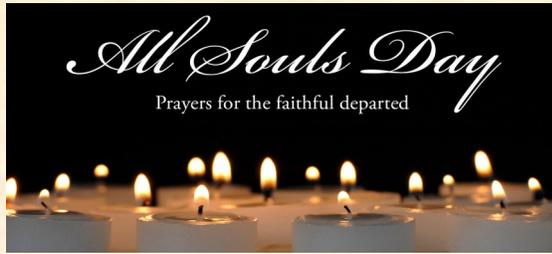


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I, THEN, A PRISONER FOR THE LORD, URGE YOU TO LIVE IN A MANNER
WORTHY OF THE CALL YOU HAVE RECEIVED.

EPHESIANS 4:1

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ALL SOULS DAY**

The Annual Mass of Remembrance was on All Souls Day, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. It brought families and fellow parishioners together to remember those who have died this past year. Here are the names of those we lost since October 2022.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER...

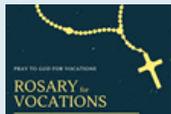


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| Sir Kn. Lawrence "Larry" Ramert | Barbara Good |
| Br. Kn. Frank C. Young | Neal Whiteside |
| Barbara Leathers | Tiana Cain |
| Luke Day | Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Lampitt |
| Mildred "Midge" Carns | Hans "Bubby" Ostertag |
| Mary Sue Shay | Sir Kn. Charles Wuebben |
| Br. Kn. Stanley "Jay" Widloski | Mary Walsh |
| Mary Charlene Neal | Ellen McDowell |
| Glenda Fallon | Madeline Lewallen |
| Kenneth Murphy | David Smith |
| Donna O'Neill Dixon | Carol Ann Bergeson |
| | Mary Deak |

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 November we are praying
the Rosary for
Vocations to the Priesthood**



Current Peoria Diocese Seminarians

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

- Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
- Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar
- Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor (leave of absence)
- Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
- Deacon Michael Smith

TRUSTEES

- Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elizabeth Kelley

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

MASSES

- 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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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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| Saturday 5:30 p.m. | Nov. 11 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: Patty Bingaman Servers: Nora Kelley, Lydia Durdan |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | Nov. 12 Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lector: Andrew Zasada EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon Servers: Jack McMahan, Brooke McMahan, Lincoln Wood |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: Matthew Korah EMHC: Anthony Frasca Servers: Kristina Maloney, Ithurriel Randall |



Mass Intentions

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| Monday, November 6 7:00 a.m. | Honor and Thanksgivings to Fr. Leo Mushobozi |
| Tuesday, November 7 7:00 a.m. | Charles Wuebben |
| Wednesday, November 8 6:00 p.m. | Andrea Cortez |
| Thursday, November 9 7:00 a.m. | Teresse Krause |
| Friday, November 10 8:15 a.m. | Peter John Glinecki |
| Saturday, November 11 5:30 p.m. | Stafford and Waunita Perrodin |
| Sunday, November 12 8:00 a.m. | Celia Mitsdarfer |
| 10:00 a.m. | Carol Bergeson |
| 4:00 p.m. | For the Parishioners |



NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Alene Elizabeth O'Neill, daughter of Michael and Madeliene O'Neill, and Raphael Thomas Pinto, son of Pinto Veliyath and Ann Vincent. Let us support little Alene and Thomas on their faith journey!



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. **Sunday, November 12th** at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We will meet in the community room. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more information, contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

December is fast approaching, and it's not too early to contribute to the flower fund to pay for this year's poinsettia order for the church's Christmas decorations. You may drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "flower fund" or bring it to the office.

If you want to make your donation in memory or in honor of family members or friends, please write those names on a slip of paper and include it with your donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity



COFFEE AND DONUTS. Coffee, donuts, juice, milk AND great conversation. Stop at the parish center after Sunday morning Masses for all of these. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join your friends, meet new people. Coffee Shop would be an excellent forum to kick around ideas with fellow parishioners.



Encounters With Jesus



On the **second Wednesday** of the month, now through December, we are gathering to view and discuss "*The Mass*" a series by Bishop Robert Barron that walks us through the Mass. The videos last approx. 25 minutes with a discussion following. We plan to meet for about one hour. Here are the remaining sessions:

Nov. 8 - "Preparing for Sacrifice"

Dec. 13 - "The Real Presence Creates Communion"

You are invited to our "Holy Hour with Jesus" on the 4th Wednesday of each month! Come and spend time with Him from 6:30—7:30 p.m. Just sit with Him and bask in His presence!

Your life will change - We promise you!



Daylight Saving Time ends this Weekend. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour Saturday night.



URGENT! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!



The Empower Illinois Invest in Kids Act will expire at the end of this calendar year if our legislators do not act to renew or extend the program. This program has provided funding for 133 students to attend Holy Cross School over the last 6 years. The last legislative session of the year is the Veto Session which begins on Oct. 24th and will end on Nov. 9th. If nothing is done, the law will sunset, and with it the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program. This program has helped us raise around \$100,000 a year in scholarship funds for our students. Many of our families rely on these funds to be able to send their children to Holy Cross. Please **contact your lawmaker** to make sure they know Tax Credit Scholarships are a priority for their constituents.

In the meantime, you can still donate to Holy Cross School through Empower Illinois, you will receive 75% of your donation back as a credit on your Illinois state taxes. This could be your last chance to take advantage of this program! To make your gift, visit

<https://donations.empowerillinois.org/donations>.

Questions? Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org.

PLEASE contact the Parish Office or Stephanie for information on how to help save EMPOWER ILLINOIS! This allows many students to attend the school of their choice.

Parish Office at 217-352-8748

or stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE PROJECT

We will once again be collecting toys and gift items for those in need in the Peoria Diocese, to make their Christmas a little brighter.

We will have a "Giving Tree" set up in the vestibule of the church with ornaments that have an age range, and type of gift requested, printed on it. Please take one or more of these ornaments from the Catholic Charities Giving Tree located at the back of the church and purchase the gift(s).

You should drop the items off at the back of the church, or in the parish office, by **Monday, December 4th**, so we can get the gifts to Catholic Charities, and they will pass them along to the families.

Everything we collect here at Holy Cross will be given to families in the local Champaign County area.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Thank you so much for your support!



ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH

Get a Jumpstart on Your Holiday Shopping!

Vendors will feature handcrafted items including holiday decor, sewn creations, jewelry, crafts made from vintage materials and wood, sweet treats to go, and more!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11 & 12
8AM - 1PM**

Saint Matthew Feeney Hall
1303 Lincolnshire Dr., Champaign

CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS. HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

We have made a few changes to the Senior Luncheon. We decided it would be a good idea to start a free-will offering to defray the cost of the chicken we all enjoy so much, so we will have a basket on the food table each month to collect any donations. But remember, it is free will, not mandatory. We will also start bringing our own plate and dinnerware to each luncheon that we can then take back home, so that we can spend more time visiting with each other after lunch, instead of washing up. We also decided to bring in recipes to swap for those who would like to! So, come and enjoy good food and friendship, and spread the word!

**We are still meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
The next luncheon will be this week, November 9th.
See you then!**

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

FOR THE POPE - NOVEMBER 2023

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

Check out the new bookcase in the back of church!



Books are free – read, return or pass along to someone else.

Donations accepted but not necessary. Place any money in an envelope marked 'bookcase' and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

Collection

Offering for Oct. 28th/29th.....\$8,978.48

Thank you very much!



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year

STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have question or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

Veterans Day Assembly: Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9th in the STM gym for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. If you are a veteran, STM would be honored to have you attend. Please RSVP to info@hs-stm.org before Nov. 7th.

2023–2024 Paideia Award and Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award Nominations: The Paideia Award is presented each year to an individual or married couple who exemplifies true leadership in service 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 through Catholic education.

Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award 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 exemplified success in and out of the classroom or in his/her chosen career. Both awards will be presented at The STM Annual Spring Gala at Pear Tree Estate on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 2024. Nominations are being accepted through Monday, Jan. 1st, 2024. Please complete the forms to submit names and a brief reason why the nominee is deserving of this prestigious recognition. Questions? Contact Joanna Yallaly at jyallaly@hs-stm.org.

7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending STM? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to hs-stm.org and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY 2023

"WALL OF STARS"



Share with us your military family members who have answered the call to service for our freedom. If a service member does not yet have a star on our school "Wall of Stars," forms available at the back of the church and in the parish office & school office. Info needed: Name of military member, branch, years, rank/division, honors/awards, and relationship to Holy Cross family. Include a photo (3x3 or 3x5) of military member; photo will not be returned. Turn in the forms & photos to school or parish office. Questions? Email jcrull@holycrosselem.org



Holy Cross School

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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

With the end of the first quarter drawing near, I would like to thank all of our teachers, staff, families, parishioners, stakeholders and the Holy Cross community for their continued support. We could not have made it to the end of this successful quarter without the support, prayers, and generosity of you all. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED.

Have I shared how special our teachers are? Each of us has at least one special talent that we need to practice, and the Lord will lead us to use our talents best when we provide them for the good and enjoyment of others. Our teachers here at Holy Cross have amazing talents. I have witnessed their talents shine through when they are standing in front of a classroom teaching. A tremendous round of applause please for our teachers!

Giving our teachers the resources that they need to demonstrate their talents has been one of my goals. As you know, the resources needed this school year are expensive with inflation being what it is. The influx of 74 new students and an overall enrollment of 254 students has greatly added to our cost. Year to date, we have had to purchase 30 new chrome books, 10 iPads, 40 sets of headphones, and 2 mobile charging carts for the chrome books and iPads for a total of \$13,510. Other costs added to this school year was the west wall window replacement, which totaled \$159,000. With the window project complete, I still need to have blinds installed on the windows at a cost of \$7,928. One other major expense this year was replacing window air conditioners at a cost of \$12,329.

Our time, talents and treasure are on loan to us from God, and if you are able, give them away with unlimited generosity. In this light, the generosity of a few Holy Cross donors has partially offset the above costs. However, we still have a shortfall in the current budget. So, please pray about any contribution that might help offset this deficit. Your talent might be providing lunch for the teachers, sharing a little bit of your treasure to the school by giving a little bit more to the school or parish, coming to our Cabaret Night fundraiser, adopting a chrome book at \$370, or an iPad at \$360, or offering your prayers for the health, safety, and success of our Holy Cross community. Whatever you choose, know that we are so thankful for your support.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

There is an opening for a Teacher's Aid for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact the school if interested in this position: 217-356-9521.



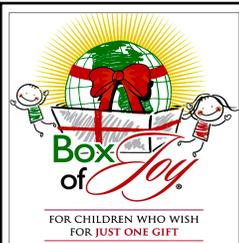
VETERAN'S DAY HONORS

Holy Cross School Students, Faculty, and Staff invite all Veterans and Active Military to join in our appreciation of your service to our country on **Friday, November 10th** for an **8:15 a.m.** Mass, followed by refreshments and a short program in your honor by our students.



2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have received 124 pledges (14% of our parishioners) totaling \$71,615 towards our goal of \$119,274. Your gift supports ministries that give food to the hungry, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our seminarians, Pre-Cana for engaged couples, adult faith formation, support for parishes, and leadership in our schools so that the next generation will carry on the Catholic Faith that we so lovingly cherish. If you have not completed a pledge card, please do so. There are envelopes and pledge cards by each door. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account, or at cdop.org. Thank you for your support!



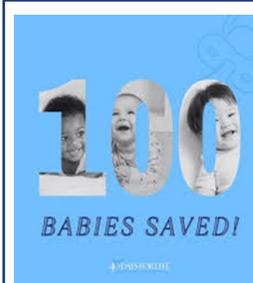
Box of Joy

The Catholic Daughters of America is hosting a family project by participating in the Box of Joy drive, a Christmas shoebox gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes, and groups nationwide.

On November 5th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Holy Cross Parish Center CDA will host a "harvest party" where you may drop off your Gift of Joy shoe box and decorate a card to bless the children receiving the gift, enjoy apple juice and a small snack, and gift wrapping the shoe box so that the box still opens. The CDA ministry will cover the cost of shipping each box. For more info, contact Angela Douglas (email kcyaby1@gmail.com or cell 309-275-5855) or check out boxofjoy.org, you may also choose to give online.



PRO-LIFE



Won't you pray and stand for LIFE? Come and join us to defend the most vulnerable among us. Join others, praying peacefully for an end to abortion. As of October 16th, 100 children and women were saved from the violence of abortion since Sept 27th. --> 23,525 lives saved since 2007.

Where:

Planned Parenthood at 307 E Stoughton St. in Champaign (Free 2-hour parking directly next to the apartment building at 3rd and Stoughton ONLY)

Planned Parenthood is the largest single abortion supplier in the U.S. According to their 2021-22 annual report, they performed over 374,155 abortions in the U.S.

Honestly, when people are praying out on the sidewalk, the abortion rates just plummet because prayer and peaceful presence works! Come and join us on the sidewalk and help others choose life. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring a friend.

Sign-up at: www.40daysforlife.com

Leader Contact Info - Sandi Ostrowski (217) 781-2022
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SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
Living & 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
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin 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
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
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
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.