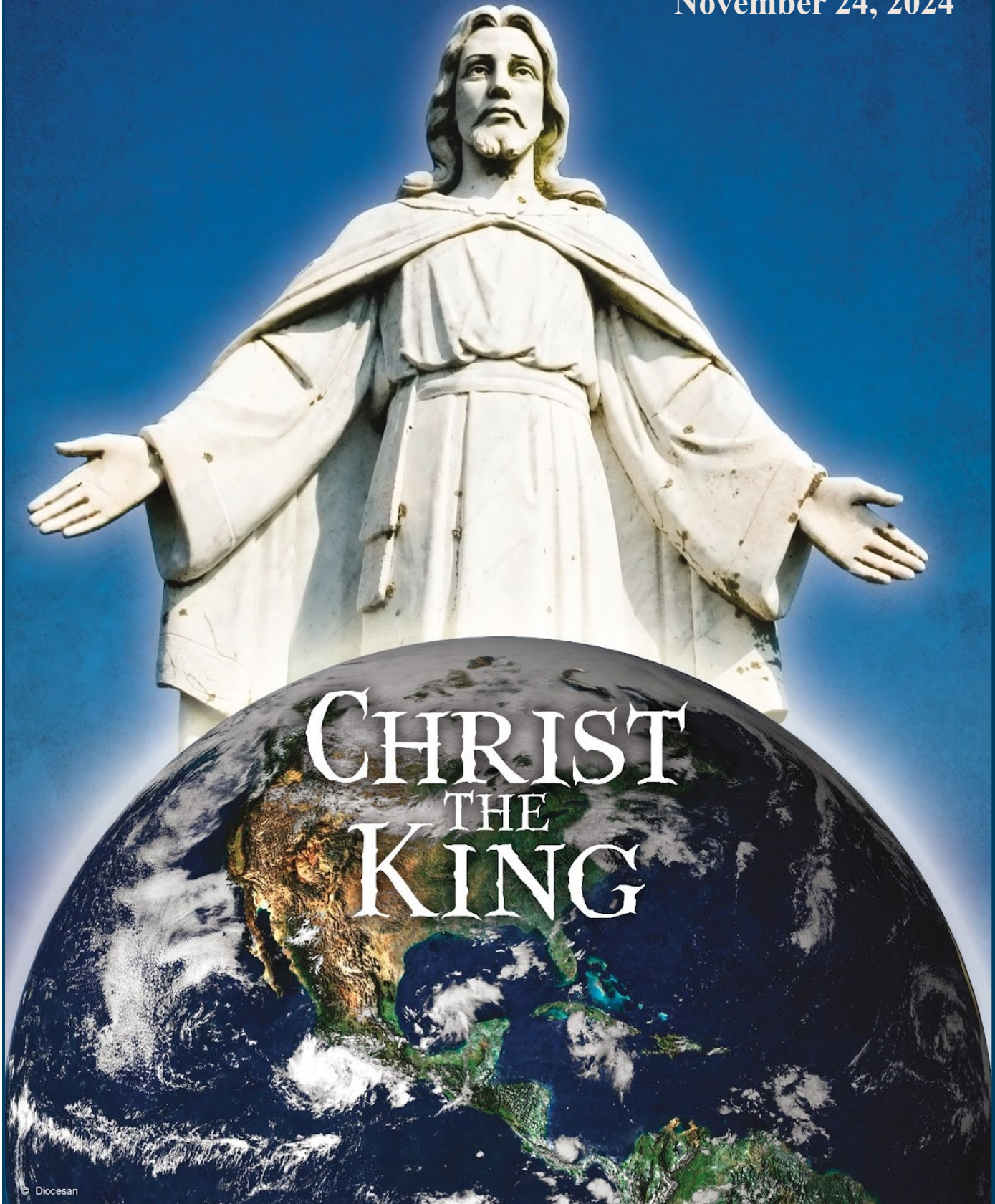




November 24, 2024



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



THANKSGIVING

For those living in the United States, November is the month that we celebrate the federal holiday of Thanksgiving. This American holiday traces its roots back to the Pilgrims' first autumn harvest. It was a means of giving thanks to God for the gifts of his creation. The center of the celebration is a large meal consisting of foods native to this land.

While this holiday is not technically a religious holiday, it certainly contains connections to our faith. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), "thanksgiving" is listed as one of the various genres of prayer: 1) blessing and adoration, 2) petition, 3) intercession, 4) thanksgiving, and 5) praise (see CCC §2626 – 2643).

In prayers of thanksgiving, we express to God our appreciation for the many blessings that he has given to us through nature, as well as through the supernatural graces won for us by Christ. By offering our prayers of thanksgiving to God, we fulfill the exhortation of St. Paul: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18; see CCC §2638).

Through the celebration of the Eucharist, prayer of thanksgiving has a particularly prominent role within the Catholic Church. The very term Eucharist is derived from the Greek word *eucharistein*, which means "thanksgiving." This word is used in the New Testament in a way that recalls "the Jewish blessings that proclaim—especially during a meal—God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification" (CCC §1328; see Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:24). This sacrament is called the Eucharist precisely because it is a thanksgiving offered to God for these gifts. The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium* §11; CCC §1324), and as such, it is the highest form of thanksgiving that we can offer.

The Eucharist truly is the sacrifice by which we give thanks to Almighty God for saving us from death and giving us new and eternal life. As such, it is infinitely more important than our venerable federal holiday. We should therefore celebrate every Divine Liturgy with an even greater sense of gratitude and sincerity of heart. I encourage all of us—especially during this month of Thanksgiving—to contemplate this oft-neglected aspect of the Eucharist.

May these reflections lead to a deeper appreciation for what the Eucharist truly is. And may we who are blessed to participate in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Altar humbly and sincerely give thanks to Almighty God, the source of all grace and goodness!

-- Dr. Richard DeClue

<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/fellows/the-eucharist-as-thanksgiving/>

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 Litany for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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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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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.

Solemnity of Christ the King

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.	Nov. 30 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson, Joslyn Unger Servers: John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Dec. 1 Lector: John Karduck EMHC: Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Margie Hoss, Jessica McMahon Servers: Brooke McMahon, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Katrina Covello Servers: Kristina Maloney, Brody Oliveira



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 25

7:00 a.m.

Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 a.m.

Mary Kay Cler

Wednesday, November 27

6:00 p.m.

Regina Robinson

Thursday, November 28

9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving

Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Friday, November 29

8:15 a.m.

All Souls

Saturday, November 30

5:30 p.m.

Donna Anderson

Sunday, December 1

8:00 a.m.

Ruth Gordon

10:00 a.m.

Mary Lou Tempel

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

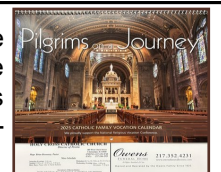
The morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, will be at 9:00 a.m.

There will be NO Adoration on Friday, November 29th after the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass.

Happy Thanksgiving! The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 27th through Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

The office will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

2025 CALENDARS are available at all exits of the church, as well as in the Parish Office. Many thanks to Owens Funeral Home for providing us with complementary calendars every year!



2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

"Do everything for the *Glory of God.*"
1 Cor 10:31



ADA - Have you made a pledge for the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months. There are envelopes in the vestibule / pews. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us with parish needs. To those who have pledged, thank you!

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's appeal.



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES

go with Sean Kenny and Emily Roth, who were married here on November 16th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!

Encounter Nights:

Join us **November 27** after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the church to spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction. Stay for a little while or stay for the entire hour. Just come and spend time with Him. What a great way to thank Him for all your blessings! He waits for you!





THE Giving Tree

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE PROJECT - UPDATE

Thank you to all who have taken a tag with the toys and gift items for those in need in the Peoria Diocese, to make their Christmas a little brighter.

Please drop the items off at the back of the church, or in the parish office, **before December 6th**. The Catholic Charities van will be here to pick the items up sometime on December 6th so they can get the gifts to the families in need.

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!



Swann Special Care Center Gifts - Update

Thank you to all who have participated in the Christmas Wish List providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Swann. Currently we still have _ tags left with a name and a wish list left. Help bring the joy of Christmas to these residents. Please continue to drop off the items and the tag of the person to receive them at the Parish Office by Friday, **December 6th** so we can get the gifts to the SWANN Center for the Christmas party the following weekend. If you have any questions please call the parish office at (217) 352-8748.



Thank you again for making a difference!



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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~

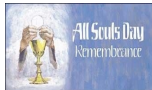
The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.



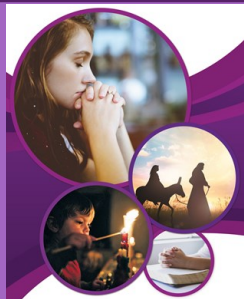
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. Be sure to enroll the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of the Remembrance located in the vestibule of the church.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ENVELOPES for All Souls Day Remembrance are available on the shelves in the back of the church.



Next weekend begins the Season of Advent:

Advent is a time of Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation, Prayerful penance and Spiritual Preparation.



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATIONS

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Champaign is asking for donations to help cover lawn mowing and general maintenance of the cemetery for 2025. All donations are appreciated and no donation is too small!

Please send your donation to:

St. Mary's Cemetery, care of
St. Mary's Catholic Church
612 E. Park St,
Champaign, IL 61820.



For additional information, please contact Denny Santarelli at dennysantarelli2@gmail.com or 217-778-0575.



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email. If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.

Collection

Offering for November 16th/17th.....\$7,707.13

Thank you very much!



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STM Madrigal Dinner. Enter into the Advent and Christmas Season with your STM Madrigals! This beautiful holiday themed evening of revelry, food and song is sure to have you in the Christmas Spirit! Join our kingdom as we come together for an evening of soaring melodies, raucous comedy, and most importantly the story of the baby born in the manger. Two different opportunities this year to join us! A dessert-only option for those who are in for more of a concert and our traditional meal shows! Tickets for Thursday are General Admission, and for our Friday and Saturday shows you will have an assigned table. Tickets are on sale now at <https://stmusicanddrama.ludus.com/index.php>. For more information, contact the Music and Drama Department at mad@hs-stm.org.

Parent Wine & Wisdom. Thursday, December 12, 2024, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Fellowship Begins, 7:00 p.m. Talk Begins) at The High School of Saint Thomas More, 3901 N Mattis Ave., Champaign. Adults, please join us for fellowship, formation, wine, and snacks with Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck and his parents, Kim and Mike. Did you know that Fr. Chase was a professional soccer player before becoming a priest? How did he stay faithful while traveling the world? Come hear Fr. Chase and his parents speak about balancing a serious athletic life with a serious spiritual life.

Save the Date! Join us Saturday, February 8th, 2025 for our 25th Jubilee Gala at Pear Tree Estate. We invite you to an evening of elegance, celebration, feasting, and mirth! Help celebrate 25 years of STM and our amazing Saber family. The event will benefit two upgrades to our school: the HVAC control panel and our sound and lighting systems for our cafetorium. More information is coming soon!

Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, shadow visits give prospective students 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 on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025. STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. Apply by December 1, 2024 and receive 5% off tuition for your first year. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM! Star Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Rome Odunze will be having a youth football camp for ages 6-16 here at STM on July 12th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, go to: <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps-1/rome-odunze-champaign%2C-il>

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



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From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

Scripture is full of commands for us to praise and give thanks to our Lord, so it really does matter. What a delight it should be for us to thank him.

For those around us who don't follow Christ will enjoy the four-day weekend as they too gather with friends and family to express gratitude to one another—and perhaps to thank Mother Nature for the change of weather and the Man Upstairs for letting them live another year free of disaster. But we, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, can do much more than that. We are profoundly grateful to our Creator for creating, loving, saving, and sustaining us to the praise of his great glory.

Every single breath we draw is a gift from our God. That simple and profound truth is too often lost on us. We are surrounded by a contemporary culture where entitlement rules. People are convinced they deserve to be happy, healthy, rich, and empowered. Self-absorption creeps in and takes root.

More than anything else, we are most thankful for the inexpressible gift of grace in the salvation that we have in Christ alone.

The staff at Holy Cross School wish you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy and grace.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

CALLING ALL HOLY CROSS SCHOOL ALUMNI!

We want to stay connected with our incredible alumni community! Whether you're near or far, we'd love to hear from you and keep our records up to date. Please take a moment to fill out this quick Alumni Survey to help us update our database. Your participation will ensure that you stay informed about future events, reunions, and exciting updates from Holy Cross! Simply scan the QR code below or go to: <https://forms.gle/JL3TztvZrFDsWKdd6> Thank you for being a part of the Holy Cross legacy. We look forward to staying in touch!



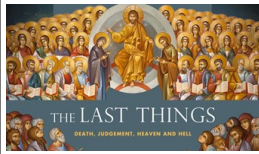
Holy Cross Alumni- Please Scan!



Holy Cross School Job Opportunities: 1st Grade Teacher's Aide, and Middle School Religion Teacher for 2nd semester

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Philippians 4:13



THE LAST THINGS

For each and every person in this world, through all the trials and uncertainties, there is one thing we can all be certain about: we will die. Despite this reality, many people spend their lives trying to ignore or avoid contemplating their own mortality. And yet, without approaching each day of our lives with this reality in mind, we are unable to fully grow and mature in the spiritual life and become the saints we are called to be.

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the particular Judgment before God, then Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained, giving examples from the Scriptures and philosophy.

Powerful music, beautiful artwork and imagery are used throughout the film, and commentary is provided by four priests: Fr Andrew Pinsent, Fr Jeremy Davies, Fr Marcus Holden and Fr Beruz Rafat.

Furniture: We are arranging delivery of a kitchen table, 5 chairs, lamps and computer desk, and a coffee table, two end tables and a twin bed! **Thank you all who donated and are delivering!**

We still need 2 twin beds, one for the family and another for a high schooler who deserves a good night's rest!

Financial needs: We have a parish family in need of assistance, due to lower working hours available. Any assistance will keep this hard-working family afloat.

We have another family that needs help with utility payments. This is a family with a single mom and children.

Future: we are trying to see how we can raise money for a single mother of 4 to pay for room and board for her oldest son. That total spring semester bill is \$1,600. Any ideas welcome!

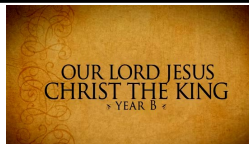
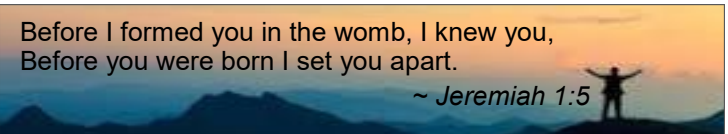
Thank you and God bless you all!

If your family has excess goods and wants to share your gently-used, but lovingly-given items, please contact me!
Joy Pace 217 840-0322 or joypace@msn.com



THE SEARCH

What is Purgatory? Is purgatory hell? Is it in the Bible? Dr. Michael Barber and Chris Stefanick talk about it.



OUR LORD CHRIST THE KING: November 24, 2024

This Sunday brings the liturgical year of the Church to its culmination. At the close of the year, the Church draws our attention to Jesus's Kingship and the coming of his Kingdom through this Sunday's readings.

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- 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, Fotzler & LoGrasso 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 & Mary 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
- Hershberger & 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
- Theresa Brya

- 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.
- Dan Crawmer