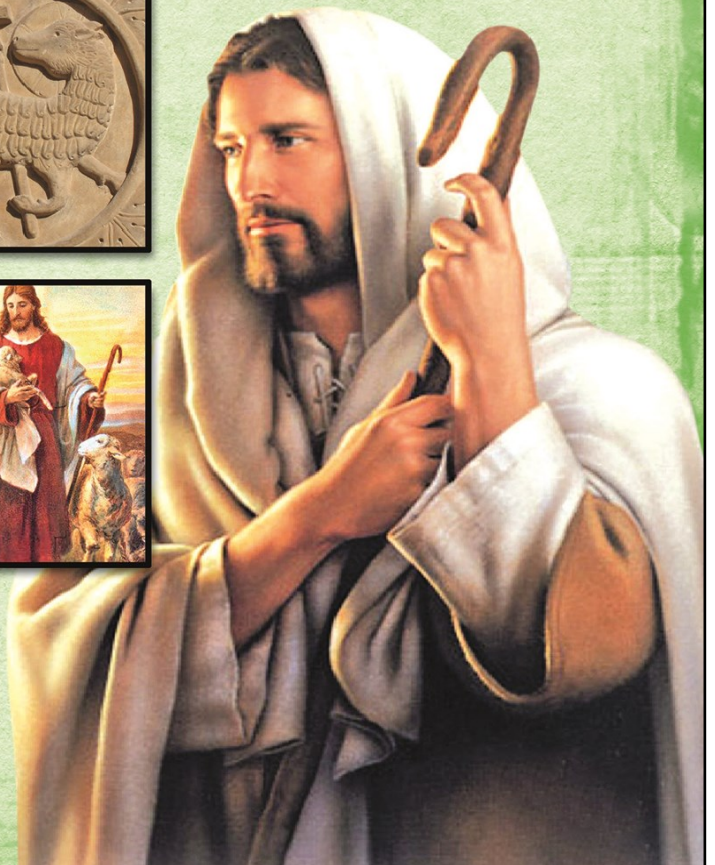


January 17, 2021

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Behold, the  
**LAMB**  
of **GOD!**



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### **BISHOP JENKY OPENS 2021 BY URGING ALL TO DRAW NEAR TO, PROCLAIM JESUS**

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, opened 2021 by encouraging everyone in the Diocese of Peoria to renew their faith in Jesus and then “boldly share this faith with everyone they meet.”

In his 19th and what is expected to be his final Festival Letter,

titled “Jesus,” the bishop counters “these days of COVID, confusion, quarantine, and fear” by urging all Catholics to draw nearer to the Risen Christ, who is “alive, present, and available to us in our world today.”

“In this Year of Grace 2021 and for the rest of our lives, let us all in various and individual ways, try again to make room in our hearts for the Lord,” Bishop Jenky writes.

Faith in Jesus, he said, “must always be foundational for who we are and how we try to live.” The name of Jesus “must always remain the very heart and soul of everything that we as Catholic Christians know and believe.”

Like the majority of Bishop Jenky’s annual teaching documents, it was dated on the Feast of the Epiphany near the start of the calendar year.

Bishop Jenky opens this year’s Festival Letter by acknowledging it will be his last.

“As some degree of physical infirmity has now limited my ability to preach and personally minister across the 26 counties of our diocese,” he writes, “I have decided to send this one last Festival Letter to you in this year and some months before I officially retire.” Bishop Jenky turns 75, the age when bishops must submit their resignations to the pope, on March 3, 2022.

Bishop Jenky sees this final letter as a return to the foundation of our faith by sharing the ways we can encounter the Son of God, our Savior—including through the scriptures, the needs of our neighbor, the Eucharist and other sacraments, and in the community of the church.

“Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can actually meet him, learn from him, be helped and comforted by him, follow him, be challenged and changed by him, even be ‘born again’ in him,” the bishop writes.

The 2021 Festival Letter is available online at [cdop.org](http://cdop.org).

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### **PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS**

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*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*

### **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. Monday thru Friday  
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
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### **ADORATION**

Adoration is available on the patio in the courtyard anytime.

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Monday thru Friday, 6:30-6:45 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 a baptismal preparation session, 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.

# The Second 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.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (1:35-42)

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah"—which is translated Christ.—Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas"—which is translated Peter.

### FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. The Lord called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said, "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the Lord called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me. But Eli answered, 'I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep.'"

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet. The Lord called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the Lord came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, Jan. 18

7:00 a.m.

Tom Cosgrove

#### Tuesday, Jan. 19

7:00 a.m.

Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

#### Wednesday, Jan. 20

7:00 a.m.

For the Intention of the Donor

#### Thursday, Jan. 21

7:00 a.m.

Steve Primmer

#### Friday, Jan. 22

7:00 a.m.

Harry Breen

#### Saturday, Jan. 23

5:30 p.m.

Joseph Boland

#### Sunday, Jan. 24

8:00 a.m.

Johnny Deponai

10:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

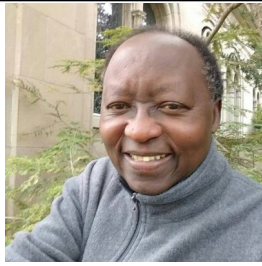
4:00 p.m.

Rafael Troconis

### FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and Sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body!



## MANY THANKS TO FR. REMI

We have been so fortunate to have Fr. Remi with us at Holy Cross the past 2 years. He has truly been a gift to our parish, and he will be dearly missed. Recently, Father Remi announced that he is experiencing serious health issues. Due to the nature of his illness and his expiring visa, he will be returning to Tanzania and his last day here will be January 20th. He is offering farewells in the Parish Center lobby this weekend after all Masses. We are all heartbroken that Father will be leaving after serving the parishioners of Holy Cross so faithfully. He has truly been a blessing!

Fr. Remi will be serving at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Kagera, Tanzania. Please pray for Father Remi, his health, and his journey home. Here is the contact information at his new parish:



Fr. Remigius Bukuru  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Katoke Parish  
P.O. Box 106 Biharamulo  
Kagera, Tanzania

Email: [bukuru.remi@gmail.com](mailto:bukuru.remi@gmail.com)

WE WILL MISS YOU, FR. REMIGIUS!



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 23**

5:30 p.m. John Bingaman

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Bonita Higgerson, Dawn Friedman

4:00 p.m. Ed & Juliann Seebauer, Elaine Hershberger



## Last Week's Collection

Offering for January 9th/10th.....\$10,933.25

Development Fund.....\$427.00

Thank you very much!

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inspired by Gospel values and leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Holy Cross/St. Matthew Conference is blessed by the generosity of our parishioners who make this outreach possible. Your collective food and generous financial contributions enabled us to assist 238 adults & 263 children in Champaign during the month of December. Thank you to all those parishioners whose financial support and food staple items made this possible!

Please continue your support and keep the members of St Vincent de Paul Society and those they help in your prayers. Our donation poor box is in the vestibule of the Church. For the month of January, we would greatly appreciate donations of personal care items (including toothpaste, toothbrushes & hair soaps).

Please also note that we always open to additional volunteer support at St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about open opportunities, please feel free to contact the parish office or to contact Mark Taylor, SVDP President, @ (217) 419-0140.

If you have special needs that the St. Vincent de Paul Society can assist you with, please contact the parish office.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

(Matthew 25: 34-46)



**NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH**, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Graham Joseph Ferguson, son of Mitchell and Kendyl Ferguson. Let us support Graham on his faith journey!

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED BUT MASS STILL TAKING PLACE



The Parish Office is closed until further notice. We are still available by phone (217) 352-8748, and email: [office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org). You can also find information at [holycrosscatholic.org](http://holycrosscatholic.org) on our website.

The lobby of the Parish Center will be open for drop-off or pick-up of any necessary items or materials.

At this time, we are still having Mass. We will continue to practice the COVID safety guidelines. This includes social distancing, wearing a face mask over your mouth and nose, and sanitizing practices.





**Holy Cross School**  
**356-9521**  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

### Holy Cross PTC Presents...

Virtual Pursuit, the 2021 Edition: 9th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction. Save the Date: Saturday Feb. 27th, 2021. Registration opens on January 18th. Check out our Facebook link for formal details at <https://fb.me/e/1S8h20z5s>

### Need Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year? You Must:

1. Apply for an Empower Illinois Scholarship.
2. Submit and pay for (\$30) the FACTS Grant & Aid Application (usually opens in January each year).
3. Apply for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship (more info to come after January 2021). Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748
4. Request assistance from your home parish (Holy Cross, St. Patrick, or St. Mary's).

### ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL PRAYER VIGIL

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND AT 7 PM**  
**ST PATRICK CHURCH, URBANA**



This year's theme is "Hope for Life." Our speaker will be Rebecca Kiessling. She will be coming to us with a special virtual presentation. Rebecca is a national Pro-Life speaker and President of Save the One, a pro-life organization featuring those conceived in rape or incest. She herself was conceived in rape and then was adopted.

Rebecca is a lawyer and a strong advocate for Pro-Life legislation, Adoption, and proper treatment for people with addiction. She will share her personal story and message of hope during difficult times. This program is filled with Scripture and solemn honoring of all those lost or affected by abortion.

Join us. This is open to all. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Prolifeprayervigilofcentralillinois> and the event page <https://fb.me/e/d3PXZUj8Y>

For further information, contact Shirley Kolb at 217-762-2953, or email [shirley.kolb@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.kolb@gmail.com)



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
**352-7210**  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

### Saturday, February 6, STM Spring Gala

Join us at our 2021 virtual gala! Click on the link to RVSP: <https://one.bidpal.net/stmgala2021>

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The High School of St. Thomas More is seeking applicants for a Spanish Teacher and a Biology Teacher for the 2021-2022 academic year. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org).

### STM ADMISSIONS NEWS

Calling all 8th Graders. You Belong Here! Become a St. Thomas More Saber. To apply, go to: <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>.

Applications for the 2021-2022 academic year are officially open, and those who submit a fully completed application by February 1st will receive 2% off their tuition amount. For more information, please contact Miss Erica Lyons, Director of Admissions and Campus Ministry at 217-352-7210.

### SAINT THOMAS MORE APP

Don't forget The High School of St. Thomas More has an app for your smartphone! It's everything St. Thomas More, in your pocket. Download the app on Android: <http://bit.ly/39Tytt6> or iPhone: <https://apple.co/303rQQx>.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

On January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. there will be Mass and Holy Hour at the Cathedral of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria. Celebrant will be Bishop Daniel Jenky. This event will be livestreamed. More information will be provided on the website in order to register for in-person attendance. Please check the website at [cdop.org](http://cdop.org)



### INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

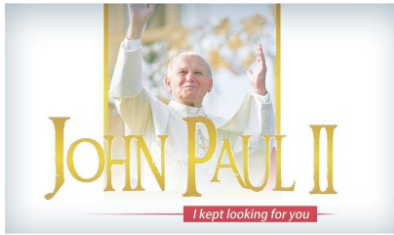
If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2020 for tax planning purposes, please fill out this form, cut it out, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Or you can also email your request to:

[office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org)

Or call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

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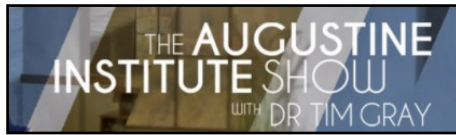
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## JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

## THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY



**GRAY** is a weekly talk show that brings the truth and beauty of the Gospel to Catholics all over the world. This engaging new show will encourage you to grow in your Catholic Faith.



## BORN INTO THE KINGDOM: THE MIRACLE OF BAPTISM

In this happy presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's big family!

**Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.**  
To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## A WORD FROM JOY

A big thank you for all of our benefactors from 2020! We are so grateful for each and every one of you! **God bless you all!** Your prayers and donations made the following possible:

**Thousands** of diapers/pull-ups and wipes delivered to families in need

**Rent** and security deposits paid

**Food** assistance and toiletries given

**Cars** repaired

**Christmas** help for 9 families (thanks to individual donations, St. Matthew teachers & students!)

**Slow cookers** given to help families make good nutritious meals

**Gift cards** given to ease burdens on families

**Utility** bills paid

**Christmas** meals supplied by St. Vincent de Paul (thank you!)

**Christmas** ham donated to a mother just recovering from surgery

**Our** volunteers helped with moving and delivering furniture

**Gas** and transportation assistance

We support Pro-Life initiatives such as 40 Days for Life, the Billboard Project, the Pro-Life discussion group, the Ecumenical Memorial Prayer Vigil, the Life Chain, Pro-Life speakers including Erich Scheidler, Rebecca Keissling, and Pro-Life Education, and Sidewalk Counseling, and more!

*And we try to help with Good Cheer—praying with and encouraging our families!*

**Thank you to all our benefactors—the individuals and families who are sending in donations to our committee! We cannot do this work without you!**

## HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano  
Paul, Joe, Edward, & Marie 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 & Fotzler 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  
Ron Murphy  
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  
Birdie & Edward Cronau  
Margaret Hettinger  
Raymond Timpone  
Maxine Timpone  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family  
John Michael Cabutti  
Glen & Helen Jones  
Betty Madrey  
Christie & Hoss Families  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family