



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I HAVE A DREAM

Martin Luther King Jr.

January 18, 2026

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



BEST WISHES TO FATHER LEO AS HE RETURNS HOME TO TANZANIA!

Father Leo joined Holy Cross as Parochial Vicar in 2021 and since then has shared his joyful passion as a priest with our parish, always willing to go where he is asked and tend to those who needed him no matter what the call. He has truly been a blessing to Holy Cross and a Good Shepherd during his time in the Diocese of Peoria, (a priest the world truly needs!).

As Father Leo returns home to Tanzania, we send him our heartfelt gratitude and prayers. His home diocese in northwestern Tanzania serves more than one million people, including 334,000 Catholics across 30 parishes. Despite facing many hardships, the people rejoice in the Lord and will be deeply grateful to welcome Father Leo home.

We will miss you, Fr. Leo, but we know that you will always be at peace and embrace wherever you are called to do God's will. Thank you for reminding us, always, that God is good, all the time and for sharing your love of life, faith, and God with us.



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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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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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, Thurs 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.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Jan. 24 Lector: EMHC:	Tim Spila Peg Swanson, John Kelley, Terry Sturdyvin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 25 Lector: EMHC:	Justine Karduck Sue Berndt, Ray Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC:	Joe Mefford John Dixon, Pat Dixon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC:	Mary Linnenburger Jan Weber



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. LEO

We will be having a reception after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 18, 2026 for Fr. Leo Mushobozi. Join us after Mass, or come around 11:00 a.m. to the Parish Center.

Fr. Leo will be returning home to Tanzania to stay and serve in his home Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania.

Thank you Fr. Leo for your guidance, love, and the time you have given us. You are truly a special priest and a kind and wonderful person! We wish you the best and will be praying for you. Many blessings as you journey back home!

God is Good, All the Time!

ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



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 Litany to Mary, Mother of God.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 19

7:00 a.m. Anthony "Butch" Herges

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 a.m. Herman Nichols

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 p.m. Karen Santarelli

Thursday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Gigi Jarboe

Friday, January 23

8:15 a.m. Bobby Poyton, Jr.

Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of
Kristovich Family

Sunday, January 25

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Edeword Obhielo
4:00 p.m. Clare and Edith MacKichan



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Thomas Layman May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



SENIOR LUNCHEON - Winter Break

Senior Luncheon is taking a Winter Break. There was no senior luncheon in January, and there will be no Senior Luncheon in February. We will be having the luncheons again starting either in March, or April. We will keep you updated on that. Stay Warm!



COFFEE AND DONUTS - There's a nip in the air. Enjoy

a cup of hot coffee or tea, a glass of milk or orange juice, and a delicious donut after the Sunday morning Masses. Join friends or meet new ones at the parish center.

Collections

Offering for January 10th/11th.....\$8,868.00

Development Fund.....\$682.00

Thank You Very Much!



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Thank You!



BINGO IN FEBRUARY!



Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, February 6th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games of Bingo! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people.) Daubers are \$1 or bring your own!

Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. as well. Cans of Soda are available for \$1. Lemonade, Tea, Water provided at no charge.

We will keep you updated on the menu.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.



Holy Cross PTC Presents

WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

14th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction
Help us support our school, staff, and students!

FEBRUARY 28, 2026
Holy Cross School Gymnasium

Appetizers and Bar open at 5:00 pm.
Silent Auction, Raffle, & Games through the night!
Trivia contest begins at 7:00 pm.
Prize to best dressed table!

**The Silent Auction runs
online February 21st - 28th.**



\$50/person - \$400 table of 8
Purchase tickets or donate at
hctrivianight26.givesmart.com

Registration closes February 23rd.



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2025 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): _____



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

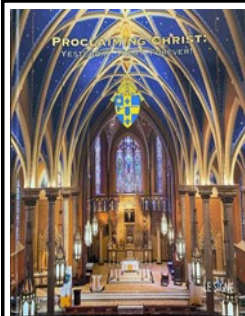
December is fast approaching, and it's not too early to contribute to the flower fund to pay for this year's poinsettia order for the church's Christmas decorations. You may drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "flower fund" or bring it to the office.

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!

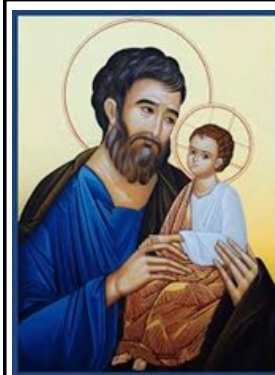
Donations have been made in the memory of:

Hettinger, Painter, and Wagner Families; John and Clara Rakers, and Wayne and Dolores Wade; Kevin Hodge; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Jean and Ed Bown; Frank Hartman and Bernie Hammel; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; Bingaman and Cosgrove Families; Karen Santarelli; Owen Families; Donna Menacher; Tom and Anne Corkery, John and C. Joan Murray, Ethel Cox; John and Joyce Hipskind; Robert and Verna Kerber; Fitzgerald and Owen Families; Gene, Elaine, and Ross Mayor.



150th Anniversary Book Orders

If you would like to be added to the list to purchase one of these books with photos of all the churches in the Diocese of Peoria, reply to this email or call the parish office. Books will arrive around Easter time. Books will be shipped directly to Holy Cross. Only a limited supply is available.



You may have heard Msgr. mention our upcoming Consecration to St. Joseph. We have decided to push back our start date to February 15th with a Consecration day of March 19th. We will have some books available for those interested or you can purchase your own copy of Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Donald Calloway at various locations online, including a Kindle and Audio book version on Amazon.

<https://consecrationtostjoseph.org/introduction.html>



HEAVENLY DUSTERS

We are looking for volunteers to help keep our church clean and welcoming. Very light cleaning. If you feel called to serve in this quiet but meaningful ministry we would love to have you join us. Volunteers would come once a week for one month. Please contact Tricia Baughman at takking50@gmail.com or Katrina Covello at kmcovello@yahoo.com

Thank you!



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

Admissions Application Open for 2026-27

STM is accepting admissions applications for the 2026-2027 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.

If you submit a completed application by February 1, 2026, you will be eligible to receive a 2% discount. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

2026 STM Gala: Rooted in More

Saturday, February 21, 2026 • Pear Tree Estate

Join *The High School of Saint Thomas More* for our **2026 Rooted in More Gala!** This special evening celebrates the mission and impact of Catholic secondary education in Central Illinois. Proceeds will benefit academic and classroom enhancements, facility upgrades, and enrollment growth initiatives. Purchase tickets and explore sponsorship opportunities at <https://hs-stm.org/page/gala>.

Shadow Visit - Come spend a day at STM with a Saber! Shadow visits are not mandatory but a great way for a 7th or 8th grader to see The High School of St. Thomas More. Please sign up with this form: <https://forms.gle/4j4KVFc3m5ypBX4d8>

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Custodian, Part-Time Spanish Teacher, and an Athletic Bus Driver.

If interested email:

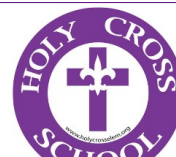
Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and

John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

Holy Cross School has proudly served Champaign-Urbana and the surrounding community for over 110 years. Join us on January 27th at 410 W. White Street in Champaign to experience what makes our school special. Can't attend the open house? Call our school office at 217-356-9521 to schedule a private tour.



You're Invited!
Open House
Tuesday, January 27th
8am to 3pm
Preschool - 8th Grade
www.holycrosselem.org



WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Job Opportunities:

Holy Cross School is looking for aftercare workers. The position entails supervising, and planning activities from 3:00-5:30pm Monday-Friday fulltime or part-time. Please call the school office if interested. (217) 356-9521.

Catholic Charities Presents

BINGO

SATURDAY, FEB 7TH 6:00PM
 Doors open at 5:00pm

ELKS LODGE #2497
 903 N Dunlap Ave,
 Savoy, IL

10 GAMES FOR \$30 **CHANCE TO WIN!**

Activities include a silent auction, Heads or Tails, 50/50, and Music Trivia for donations

Prizes include cash, baskets, or tickets to an Illini Men's Basketball Game

FOOD TRUCK AND CASH BAR!
 Jurassic Grill 5pm-6pm
 Cash Bar 5pm-Close

 **Catholic Charities**
 Diocese of Peoria
 Champaign-Piatt Counties
 PO BOX 8937, Champaign, IL 61826

Proceeds fund Tolono St. Patrick's Food Pantry, Senior Luncheon, & Light of Hope

1ST ANNUAL HOLY CROSS TROOP 9 SPAGHETTI DINNER

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ONGOING NEEDS OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2026

AFTER 5:30 MASS
HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL



Troop 9 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on January 31, 2026, after the 5:30pm Mass. Spaghetti, salad, bread, marinara, meatballs, and dessert will be provided. Scouts and STM students will be your servers for the evening. There is no cost, but free will donations are accepted. Please sign up for a table in the rear of the church.

If you would rather have takeout, then please sign up with the QR code listed in the bulletin or on the west corridor announcement board.



Also, Troop 9 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast after 8am and 10am Masses and February 8th, 2026. Sausage and pancakes will be provided along with a variety of drink options. There is no cost, but free will donations are accepted.



Word from Joy - Pro Life News and Good Catholic Happenings!



SAVE THE DATE(S):

Save January 21 and January 22 - two Pro-Life events: Micaella Clay, an Abortion Survivor, Speaker and Adoption Advocate, will be here in Champaign-Urbana area for a talk at St. John's Catholic Newman Center, on January 21, 6:00pm(ish), and the Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil, on January 22 at 7:00 pm, at the Savoy United Methodist Church. **Stay tuned for more info!**



Pro-Life Discussion Group for January -

Panera's on Kirby 11am-12:30 pm January 19th. Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch, and join in a drop-in discussion! Join us for any

amount of time for friendship and fellowship!

This is an Ecumenical Group - and we discuss Pro-Life items - from current items in the news, to specific topics with Questions & Discussion
For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322



FAMILIES IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

If anyone wants to help families who need assistance, please consider making a donation to the Holy Cross Pro-Life committee. **You can donate by:**

- on-line giving (see special area for Pro-Life with TJ's picture),
- in the collection basket (*please put your name and contact info, and that the \$ is for Pro-Life, or
- check (** please be sure to put Pro-Life in the memo line **)

For more info - please call Joy at 217 840-0322.

Thank you and God bless you!
Please keep everyone in your prayers!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Prospect Bank

~~~~~ New News ~~~~~

Many Thanks!! We received 2 donations from Thrivent Corp, with \$250 each going to two of our Families and \$ 840 in donations from the St. Matthew Grade School Children!

God is so good!!! Thank you again to everyone who supports us with donations, prayers and presence - we so appreciate you! ... you are giving hope to many local families! God bless you all!

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We are putting those donations toward:

- A single mom with 5 children with 3 at home
- A couple with 4 children, one is a newborn baby
- A year-long bus pass for young man with a new job and needed transportation
- A single mom with one child at home who also helps out her grandmother
- A single mom with 4 boys at home
- A single mom with 4 children

Other News: We have some furniture to match with our families - a bureau and mirror and a twin bed, and a microwave.

~~~ Thank You Note ~~~

Here is a note from one of our Moms who receives diapers via Holy Cross and just received the assistance from Trivent Corporation and cash assistance vis St. Matthew Grade School Students:

Mrs. Joy is a HUGE BLESSING TO MY FAMILY , over the past few months Mrs. Pace have been providing peaceful prayers over my life and pampers for my children, with the support from the CHURCH I was able to pay a bill, buy groceries and toiletries even Christmas presents for my children!!



THANK YOU to all that support this for my family during this difficult time in my life right now the love from you all is truly appreciated and I wanted to say THANK YOU!!

.... Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. ~Isaiah 49:1

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, Fotzler & LoGrasso Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
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
Hagglin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
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
Perodin Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
Dan Crawmer