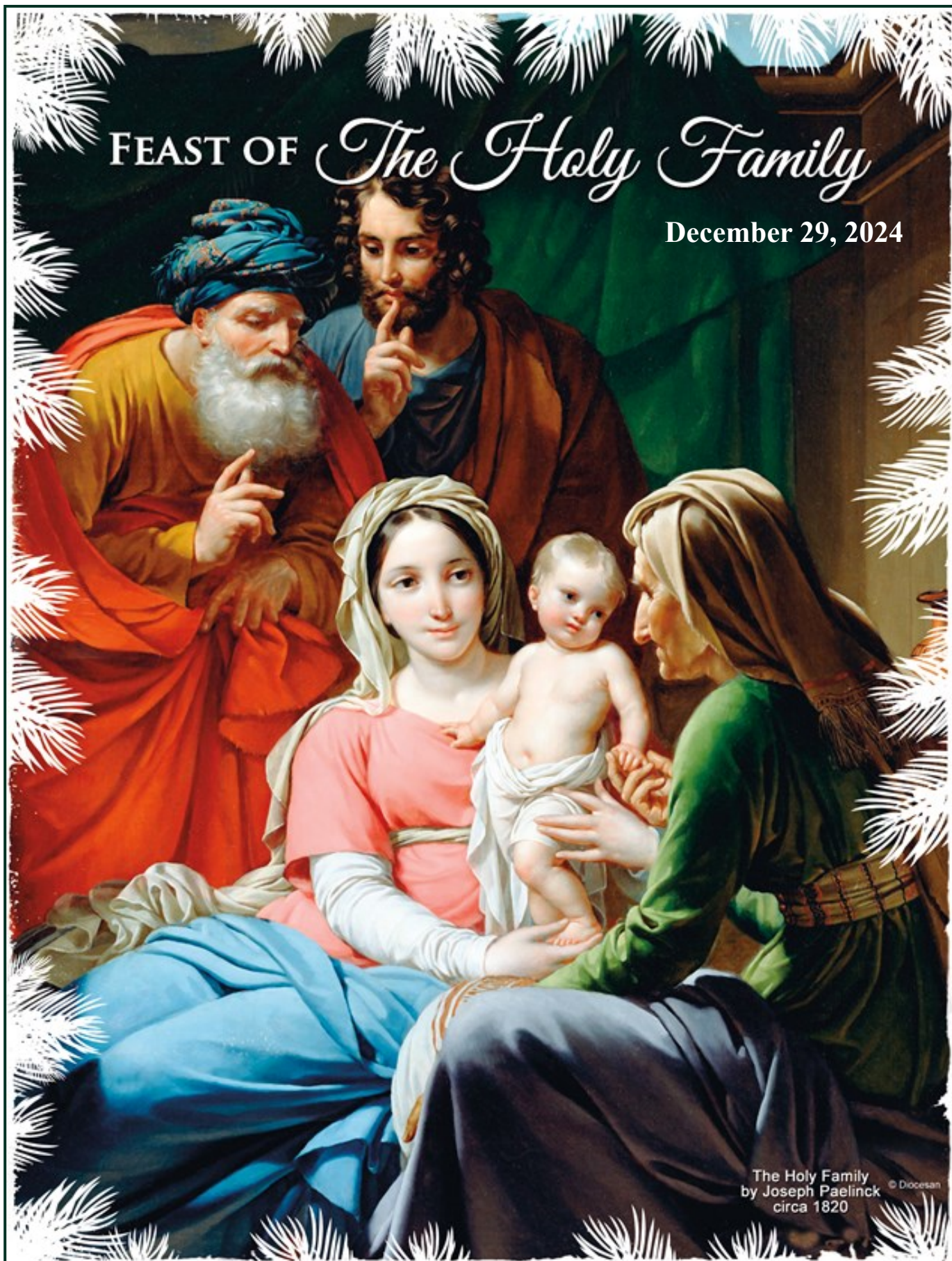


FEAST OF *The Holy Family*

December 29, 2024



The Holy Family
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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



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Feast of the Holy Family



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we entrust to you our family. May all the members of our family make room for you in our heart and life. Protect our families, keep us safe, provide for our material and spiritual needs and lead each one of us to the eternal vision of the Most Holy Trinity!

Amen.

Encounter Nights



Holy Cross is giving each family a copy of **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** for Christmas! As a parish, we will begin our consecration to the Holy Eucharist on January 1, 2025 and make our final Consecration on February 2, 2025! We have planned time for our parish to come together to pray in the presence of Our Lord once a week. As a result, during the month of January, we will have a Holy Hour every Wednesday, beginning January 8th, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

This consecration is doable for anyone! Each day there is a short reflection, a "lesson", a virtue for the day, and the Prayer of Spiritual Communion. The whole process can take as little as 15 minutes each day. The book has an explanation at the beginning to explain everything! Please prayerfully consider joining us in growing closer to Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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 will be praying the Rosary for Holy Cross Parish to become a Eucharistic Parish

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Msgr. Brian Brownsey
Father Joseph Baker
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

TRUSTEES

John Powers John Kelley

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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Greg Koerner, Principal
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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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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. 4 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: Peg Swanson, Sharon Kristovich, Joslyn Unger Servers: Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 5 Lector: John Karduck EMHC: Sue Berndt, Barry Dickerson Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Dawn Friedman, Bonita Higerson, Ben Laws, Jessica McMahon Servers: Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Mary Linnenburger EMHC: Jim Linnenburger Servers: James Linnenburger, Ithurriel Randall

DON'T HAVE PLANS FOR NEW YEAR'S?



Here's an idea... how about spending it with Jesus! I'll be hosting a period of silent Eucharistic Adoration December 31 from 9pm to 12am, the final three hours of the calendar year 2024 followed by Mass at midnight to usher in the first hour of the New Year 2025! This is an opportunity to spend all or part of the final hours of 2024 with Jesus, thanking Him for the blessings of the past year. I have done this for several years now, and I think it is so fitting that as the clock strikes midnight, champagne corks will be popped, dancing and partying will occur throughout the world, but at Holy Cross, Mass will be offered as we pray for a healthy, happy, and holy 2025. If you're planning to be awake for New Year's and have no other plans, can you think of a better way to start the New Year? OF COURSE, we'll have a gathering in the Great Hall after Mass where we'll have treats, champagne, and nonalcoholic drinks to celebrate the New Year! And finally, if you're wondering, YES, this will be a Mass that counts for the Holy Day of Obligation in honor of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1, so there's no need to attend another Mass that day. Blessings and Prayers, **Fr. Joe**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 30

7:00 a.m. Bill Lynch

Tuesday, December 31

5:30 p.m. Ray Drebes

12:00 Midnight

Wednesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. Raymond and Virginia O'Neill

Thursday, January 2

7:00 a.m. Pat and Violet Cosgrove Family

Friday, January 3

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, January 4

5:30 p.m. Angela Seaman

Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Mary Margaret Avelis

4:00 p.m. Rita Amacher

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Adreanna Brown. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and

of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Sofia Garza Alvidrez, daughter of Alejandro Garza Parra and Maria Paola Alvidrez Valles. Let us support little Sofia on her faith journey!

The Parish Office will be closed:

Tuesday, December 31st through Thursday, January 2nd. The office will reopen Friday, January 3rd.

Blessings to all during this Christmas Season!

There is NO Coffee and Donuts December 29th



SOLEMNITY OF MARY / NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31st - 5:30 p.m. / Midnight (Adoration from 9:00 p.m. - Midnight) **January 1st** - 9:00 a.m.

There will be NO Devotion at 5:30 p.m. or Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1st.



ATTENTION! CURSILLO IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN! Men, feel like you would like to increase your faith life, find a way to become a better Christian and grow as a man of God. There will be a Men's Cursillo coming to St. Patrick's in Urbana, IL on the weekend of Feb. 14-16, 2025. Register now for 3 days of talks, laughter, fun, music, mass, and discussion and a great time with other guys seeking the same thing. For more information. Contact Dick Baxley @ 217-377-0318 or go to champaigncursillo.com



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
January 1st

Hail, Mary, Mother of God,
venerable treasure of the whole universe,
lamp that is never extinguished, crown of virginity,
support of the true faith, indestructible temple,
dwelling of him whom no place can contain,
O Mother and Virgin!

Through you all the holy Gospels call blessed
the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hail, Mother of God.
You enclosed under your heart the infinite God
whom no space can contain.

Through you the Most Holy Trinity
is adored and glorified, the priceless cross is
venerated throughout the universe.

Through you the heavens rejoice,
and the angels and archangels are filled with gladness.

Through you the demons are banished,
and the tempter fell from heaven.

Through you the fallen human race is admitted to heaven.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

December is here and it's the month we 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.

Donations have been made in the memory of Harold, Joann, Charles, and Steve Heidbreder; Kevin Hodge; Hettinger, Painter and Wagner Families; Frank Hartman; Finn Oliveira; Rein and Cobb Families; William and Beverly Lynch; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; Gene, Elaine, and Ross Mayor; Walker and Espeseth Families; Bingaman and Cosgrove Families; and Tom and Anne Corkery, John and Catherine Murray; Ethel G. Cox, Eve and Elmer Corkery; Rein and Cobb Families; and Ed and Jean Bown; Janet Compton; Dick and Peggy Valentine; Dick and Lucille York; Regina Robinson; and Elmer and Sylvia Nicklas.

Thank you in advance for your generosity



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Vicariate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is at St. Matthew Church: Available to everyone in our Vicariate and open 24 hrs/day. Keycard access required. For assistance, contact Joe Taylor at the St. Matthew parish office. To sign up for a Holy Hour, go to smatt.weadorehim.com



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

The Parish Office still has many Candles with the names of loved ones who have passed and were honored during the Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day.

Please come by the parish office (8:30 - 4:00, Mon- Fri) to pick up the candle of your loved one. If you know of anyone that might have a candle, please let them know that we still have them. If someone cannot make it during the office hours, please call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 and we can arrange for you to pick it up over the weekend.



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2024 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.

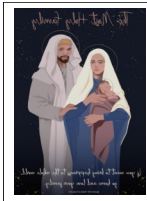
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COFFE AND DONUTS -- Brr! ♪ Baby it's Cold

Outside! ♪ Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses and warm up with a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation. Join old friends, make new friends.



Jesus son of God and son of Mary bless our family graciously inspire in us the unity peace and mutual love that you found in your own family.
Amen.

Collection: Offering for December 21st/22nd will be included in next week's bulletin. Thank you very much!



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

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. 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 srmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



Holy Cross School
 217-356-9521
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Did you Know?

**YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE**

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2025-2026 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Schools and then under John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist at the bottom of the webpage for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2025-2026 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is April 25, 2025. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2025.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

May our schools continue to be beacons of light which enable all to live the Gospel message – 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'
 (John 13:34)



**The 2024-25 High School of St. Thomas More
 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 High School of St. Thomas More Annual Spring Gala at Pear Tree Estate on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. Nominations are being accepted through Monday, January 13th, 2025. 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.



Paideia award nomination form:
<https://forms.gle/zqs7Pw3damGzqFic9>




Distinguished Alumni award nomination form:
<https://forms.gle/uneNQdPQrNoUAutp7>




SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today is a beautiful and important feast in the life of the Church. Our focus today isn't on starting the new year—although that is certainly reason for celebration, and what better way is there to start out the new year than by going to Mass? Our focus today is on Mary and her motherhood. There is no Christmas without Christ, but there is no Christ without his mother.




MARY: THE MOTHER OF GOD

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.



THE HOLY FAMILY

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. John Sehorn sits down to reflect on the Holy Family of Nazareth—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—and how they serve as the model for families today.




OUR MOTHER MARY

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss Mary, the Mother of God. What is Mariology? How does Mary serve as model for all the faithful? How can we relate to Mary today? What does it mean to say that Mary is the Mother of the Church? Was Mary free in her earthly life?

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Pro-Life News

Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil




January 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
 Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church,
 2010 3 Hierarchs Ct, Champaign, IL 61820

Featuring speaker Hope Miller.
 Director of Youth Outreach, Pro-Life Action League

We honor and pray for all those lives lost and affected by abortion. Join us for scripture readings, song, rose and candle pre-session, testimony and fellowship with Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox Churches and individuals.

Free. Refreshments following.
 Good-will offerings gratefully accepted.




November 20, 2024

Holy Cross Roman Catholic
 405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL 61820



Dear Holy Cross Roman Catholic,

On behalf of Immaculata Catholic School, I thank you for your donation towards the Hurricane Helene Relief efforts at Immaculata in the amount of \$3218.02. With your donation many school and parish families have been assisted during this time of need. Thank you for answering God's call to help us at this time. May God richly bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Margaret Beale
 Immaculata Catholic School
 Principal

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
 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 Tuft 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