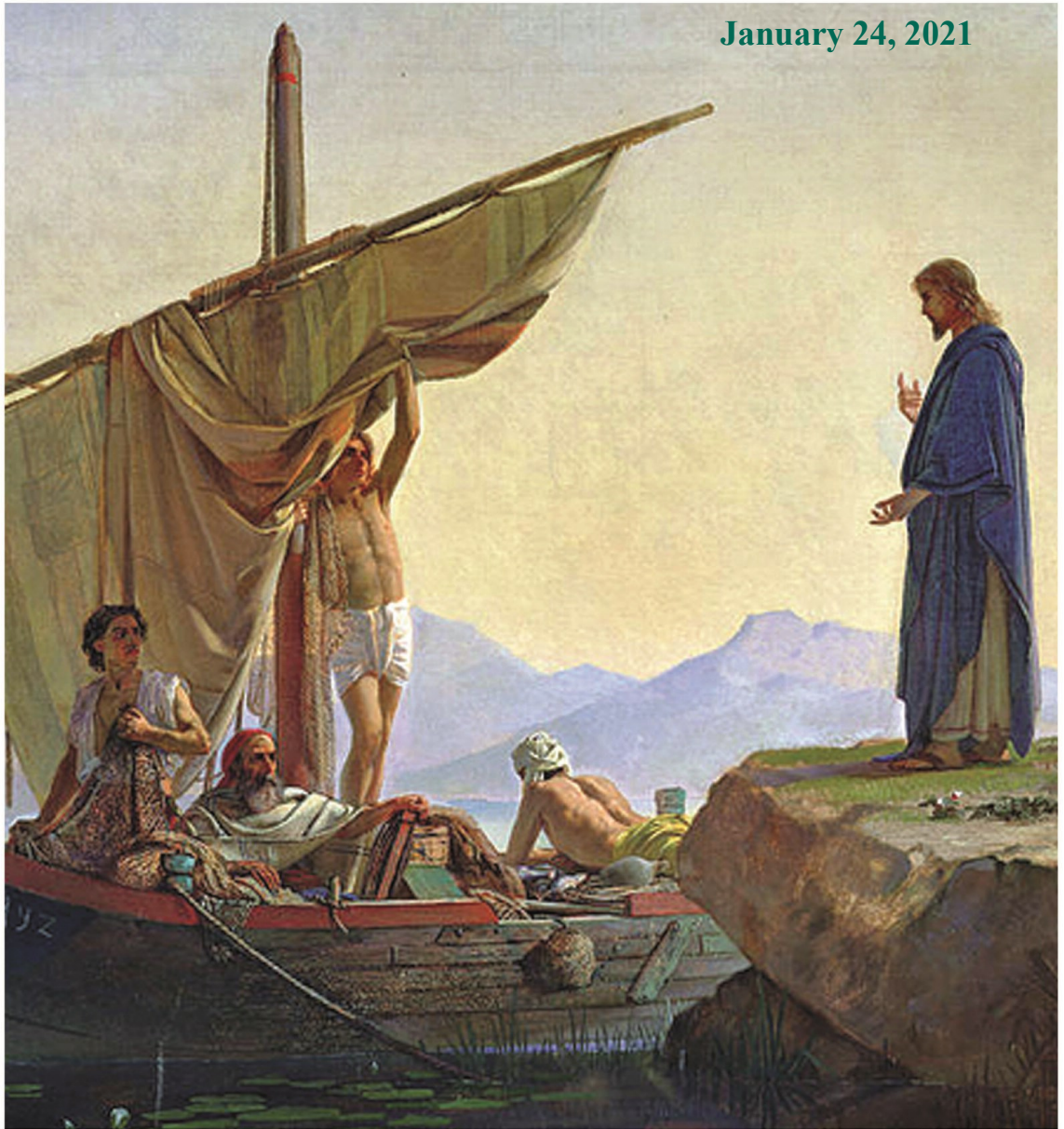


3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James,
the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

MR 1:19-20

January 24, 2021



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS THE “YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH”

Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

In an apostolic letter, “*Patris Corde*” (“With a father’s heart”), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph

Holy Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus Christ,
husband of the Blessed Mother
and patron of the Catholic Church,
we pray to you for guidance this
“Year of Saint Joseph” proclaimed by Pope Francis.

You have showed us by your loving ways,
the value of work and the joys of fatherhood.
By teaching God’s Son to do the will of His Father,
you have given us the path to do the same.
By your example, you have encouraged us to accept
others as they are, without exception.

To you Saint Joseph,
our Heavenly Father entrusted
his only Son, Jesus Christ
to your tender care and upbringing.
In you, our Blessed Mother Mary
placed her love and trust.

Through your mentoring,
Jesus Christ became man.
We praise you and ask of you to
defend us and our loved ones from
every evil and guide us
with your grace and mercy.

Amen.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
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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. Monday thru Friday

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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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 Third 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 MARK (1:14-20)

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JONAH (3:1-5, 10)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." When the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (7:29-31)

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning; those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Jan. 25

7:00 a.m.

Patricia Petry

Tuesday, Jan. 26

7:00 a.m.

Harry Breen

Wednesday, Jan. 27

7:00 a.m.

Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu

Thursday, Jan. 28

7:00 a.m.

Bethany Kisting

Friday, Jan. 29

7:00 a.m.

Connor, Edgar, Ingersoll Families

Saturday, Jan. 30

5:30 p.m.

Phyllis Gentile

Sunday, Jan. 31

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Johnny Calcagno

4:00 p.m.

Fr, Santa Bibiana

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED BUT MASS STILL TAKING PLACE



The Parish Office is closed to the public until further notice. We are still available by phone (217) 352-8748, and email: office@holycrosscatholic.org.

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 PTC Presents...

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

WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH FR. REMI?

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

WE MISS YOU, FR. REMIGIUS!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 30

5:30 p.m. Kathy Murray

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John Dixon, Pat Dixon

4:00 p.m. Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Jan Weber



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Bethany Kisting and Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Many people who have never formally registered in the parish attend Mass faithfully at Holy Cross and consider themselves members. If you were registered under your parents, but are now an adult, we ask that you please register and start a record for yourself. We would like to assist you with family baptisms, marriages, and other important needs, but can do so only if we have records on file for you. It takes only a moment to fill out a registration form and become an official member of your Holy Cross Parish Family. Please call or stop by the parish office to register. You can also find a registration form on our website: holycrosscatholic.org, under About Holy Cross.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS, JANUARY 2021

Intention for Evangelization: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

www.apostleshipofprayer.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

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

NAME: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Last Week's Collection

Offering for January 16th/17th.....\$4,192.00

Thank you very much!

Total Collections for December

Sunday & Holy Day Collections.....\$30,361.46

Automatic Contributions.....\$9,340.00

Online Giving.....\$10,014.50

\$49,715.96

Tuition Assistance.....\$3,185.50

Development Fund.....\$1,788.00



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

From Greg Koerner, Principal:

2020 has been... a year, which makes getting a fresh start in 2021 feel super appealing. For some people, that might mean making a New Year's resolution that helps them get the year started on the right foot. Thing is, **traditional New Year's resolutions usually fail**. Turns out, our brains are just not into making swift, abrupt changes to our habits.

So instead of going for the typical diet, exercise, or financial overhaul-style resolution, why not try something a little different this year?

Pray, take time and pray. Prayer will not cost you anything except a few minutes a week. Just like any other New Year's resolution you start off doing the small things before jumping in with both feet. Prayer is the same. Start off with just a few minutes a day. A simple prayer to start with would be the Lord's prayer or a Hail Mary. The more time you spend praying, the more your tolerance increases. Before you know it, you will be saying a rosary.

Please take the time to pray for our teachers, families, and the whole Holy Cross community. We all have had some setbacks and issues in 2020. But, through prayer we can make 2021 a great year.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

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.
3. Apply for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship. Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 and get your name on the list.
4. Request assistance from your home parish (Holy Cross, St. Patrick, or St. Mary's).



High School of St. Thomas More
352-7210
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> No ticket purchase necessary to bid on auction items.

STM ADMISSIONS NEWS

Calling all 8th Graders. 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.

PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life

Please join us for an international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 days, but especially welcome when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray. Please schedule one hour to come pray. Your presence can literally save a life. February 17 to March 28, 2021 at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton Street, Champaign
 Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 (no texting) or

reneemullen1@comcast.net

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU/>

Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/champaign>

Pro-Life Billboard Project

This an ongoing project on private land in Central Illinois (i.e. farmland, outside a church or business). Generous donations have been given to fund the materials for Pro-Life Billboards (4' tall x 8' wide), to help foster a stronger Culture of Life and for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy to know where to find help. Different designs and both one-sided and double-sided Pro-Life Billboards are available. Volunteer laborers have now installed 10 Billboards! Additional landowners are needed to allow Billboards on their property. Volunteers will do everything else.

Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 (no texting) or

reneemullen1@comcast.net

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Pro-Life-Billboard-Project-117883802931580/>

Pro-Life Training Session w/ Illinois Right to Life

Join us to learn how we can all help build a stronger culture of life! Dr. Steve Jacobs, Program Director, will share information on how to have loving, compassionate conversations with people about pro-life issues, what is happening with abortion legislation, and how to get involved and stay informed. All are welcome. In early 2021 (date to be determined), at Mahomet Christian Church, 908 N. Lake of the Woods Road in Mahomet. We will meet in the sanctuary. Contact Bea at 217-369-7798 or bhilsenhoff@gmail.com

Questions, comments or suggestions about any of the above activities, please contact:

Renée Mullen

Pro-Life Advocate

217-607-0811 (landline, no texting)

reneemullen1@comcast.net

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THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures and portrays this great missionary saint!



FORMED NOW! LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit 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 & Foltzler 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 & Huguette 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 Turkan
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