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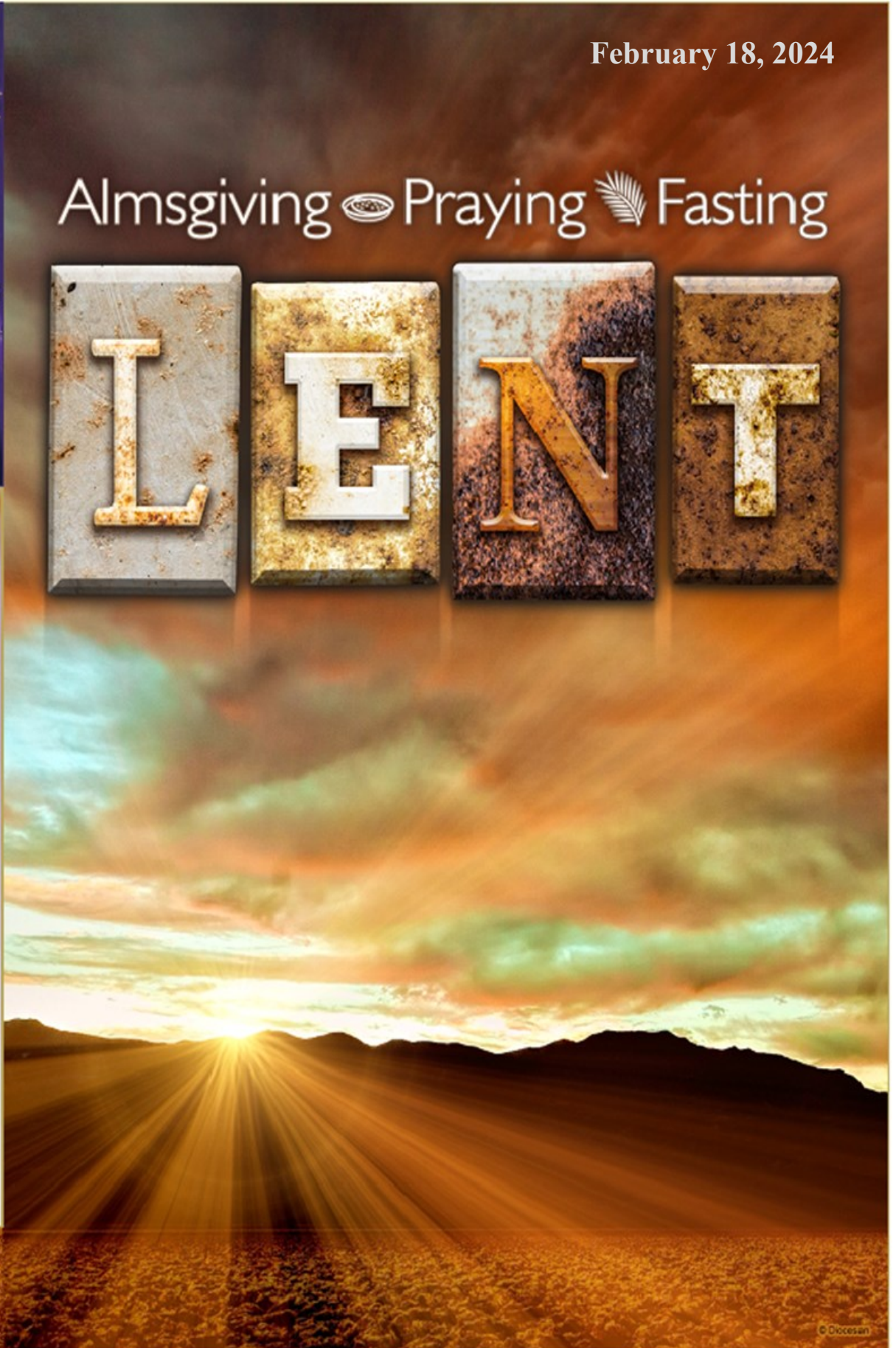
February 18, 2024

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LENT

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.
He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

Mark 1:12,13



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



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Excerpt from:

Meditations on the Holy Eucharist
by Brother Philippe

Circumstances Accompanying the Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Jesus has loved us with unspeakable love. He has loved us to excess: everything proclaims it, but above all, the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

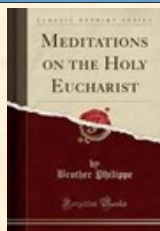
More than once, in the course of his preaching, that divine Savior had announced that he would give himself to man to be their nourishment. Speaking to the Jews at Capharnaum: "I am the bread of life. . . Your fathers did eat manna in the desert, and they died . . . I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. . . He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life, . . for my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."

Such was the divine promise that he was afterwards to realize, under circumstances most calculated to awaken every tender emotion in our hearts.

Jesus Christ institutes the Holy Eucharist at the end of his public life, because that Sacrament is the memorial and abridgment of all his works. In establishing it, he fulfilled these words of the royal prophet: "He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord; he hath given food to them that fear him." That divine Master, having lived upon earth going about doing good, wished, when about to leave it, to do a good excelling all the others, to accomplish a work that was to be the crown of all his works, to work a miracle that should complete his whole life of miracles.

Christ institutes the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, thus showing us that he is the Lamb offered in sacrifice, whose sacred flesh is our food; that his sacrament is the nourishment of Christians, the Paschal Lamb of the new people of God. He institutes it at the last supper: there was no need to offer up the figurative lamb, since on the morrow he was to offer himself up in sacrifice on Calvary, and till the end of time on our altars, he, the true Lamb, who alone taketh away the sins of the world.

**Jesus has loved us, do we love him? . . .
He has loved us without measure,
do we love him in return with all our hearts?**



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 February we are praying the
Litany to Our Lady of Lourdes**

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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.

First Sunday of Lent

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.	Feb. 24 Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Peg Swanson Servers: Ethan Weldy, Brody Oliveira
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Feb. 25 Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: Sue Berndt, Barry Dickerson Servers: Landen Douglas, Nolan Kiser
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Murphy EMHC: Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon Servers: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Matthew Korah EMHC: Jim Linnenburger Servers: Kristina Maloney, Ithuriel Randall

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, February 19

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Bob Weber

Wednesday, February 21

6:00 p.m. Ruth Gordon

Thursday, February 22

7:00 a.m. Dominic Hieu Nguyen

Friday, February 23

8:15 a.m. Freedom to Worship

Saturday, February 24

5:30 p.m. Barbara Rosner

Sunday, February 25

8:00 a.m. James and Louise Mahoney
10:00 a.m. Ricardo Galvan
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

There is NO Precious Blood at 4 p.m. Masses in February



FISH FRYS ARE HERE!

--- February 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22.

We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. **Choose from the following times:** 4:45-5:45p.m. or 5:45 p.m. - 6:45p.m., or 6:45p.m. clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working!

If you have questions or to sign up, please contact Jessica McMahon 217-898-8846.



FISH FRY CAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year! We are looking for donations of cake mixes, frostings, eggs, and oil. **For each sheet cake we use 3 boxes of the same cake mix, 3 cans of frosting, 9 eggs and about 1½ cups of vegetable oil.** A gluten free dessert and angel food cake are also served each time, but we do not need any donations for those.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or kristomail@comcast.net if you have any questions or have a special request. 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored child, Lydia Patrick. Thank you in advance for your support!



Friday Adoration after 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Holy Hour after Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Mass during Lent.



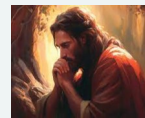
Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

2nd Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass
--> in the Parish Center

Come and learn more about our faith!

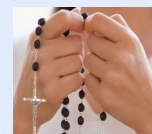
4th Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass --> in the church
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Come and spend time with Him!



PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS

Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Mon, Tue, & Thur.



COFFEE AND DONUTS - Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. Join old friends, make new friends. Also, if you haven't already signed up to host, please take a minute now--go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACAE2FA0FDC52-holy2#> or email us at crakers@comcast.net, or text 217-417-6041.



From the Office of the Diocese of Peoria:

Thank you to all our parishioners who completed surveys and provided feedback regarding the second draft models as part of our Growing Disciples initiative. Gathering information from you is a critical element in the ability to move forward in this important pastoral planning process.

Since the Parish Meetings in October, CLI has diligently compiled the thousands of electronic and paper surveys, along with the letters offering feedback regarding the second round of draft models. The Core Team has reviewed the data and met to propose the final draft models. In the coming month the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Commission will review their work. It will then be submitted to the Presbyteral Council to make recommendations for the Bishop to consider in the final decisions. Bishop Tylka is most grateful for all the work that has brought us to this point and asks for your continued prayers during this time of discernment.

The Diocese of Peoria is constantly updating the website (growingdisciplescdop.org) with additional information about the Growing Disciples initiative, so check back frequently.

Let us remain a people of prayer: praying for each other and supporting one another as we go through this process.

Collection

Offering for Feb.10th/11th.....\$11,481.55
Development Fund.....\$1,765.50

Thank You Very Much!



The 2023 Tax Statements are ready to be distributed.

Please contact the Parish office by phone (217) 352-8748, or email (office@holycrosscatholic.org), if you would like your tax statement. We can send it to you, or you can pick it up in the office Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thank You!

LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

All are invited to a Lenten Morning of Recollection to contemplate, "The Miracle of the Rosary!"

Father Leo will present a meditation on the history and the importance of this prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be time for quiet prayer and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The morning will end with Benediction.

March 9, 2024

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross PTC presents

Happy ALL-Idays

12th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 24, 2024

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

Silent Auction runs online February 17th-24th.

\$40/person - \$320 table of 8
Registration online at:
hctrivianight24.givesmart.com
or text hctrivianight24 to 76278

Registration closes February 17th.

Fiscal Year 2023/24				
	Jan	July- Jan	July- Jan	Budget
	Contributions	Contributions	Pro-rated Budget	Deficit/Surplus
Sunday & Holy Days Contributions	36,394.58	251,442.14	233,333.33	18,108.81
Automatic Contribution Program	9,350.00	65,850.00	67,083.33	(1,233.33)
Online Giving	10,782.75	71,172.41	64,166.67	7,005.74
Subtotal	56,527.33	388,464.55	364,583.33	23,881.22
HC Tuition Assistance	1,824.50	13,021.50	14,583.33	(1,561.83)
STM Tuition Assistance	597.00	3,849.00	3,500.00	349.00
Development Fund	2,378.00	16,236.20	29,166.67	(12,930.47)



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

Spring Open House. Is high school on the horizon for your son or daughter? We invite all families with middle schoolers to STM's Spring Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 6 to 8 p.m. Current students will give building tours and faculty/staff will be present to answer questions about what The High School of St. Thomas More has to offer. Questions? Email admissions@hs-stm.org for more information. We hope to welcome you to the Saber family soon!

STM Spring Play. This year's spring performance is the classic, "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, and will run March 21-23. Performances will be held at The High School of Saint Thomas More at 7:00 p.m.: \$8 general admission; \$5 students high school and under. To purchase ahead visit STMMusicandDrama.ludus.com or buy tickets at the door! Questions? Email Mr. Kreps at ckreps@hs.stm.org.

Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year
 STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending STM? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student 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 in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org.

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at stmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Prayer to Our Lady Mary, Help of Christians



Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers, forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen.

St. John Bosco



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HOLY CROSS MISSION:

Holy Cross School is a faith-centered community fostering lives of service, integrity, and life-long learning. We are committed to Catholic education founded on Gospel centered values and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. We are called to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others.

Save the Date:

Trivia Night February 24
 Fine Arts Night March 26
 Bingo April 5
 Spring Musical "Cinderella" April 11-13
 Bingo May 3
 First Communion May 4
 Spring Concert May 7

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



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 2024-2025 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 Education and then under Financial Assistance.

Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist 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 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is **April 26, 2024**.

[Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.](#)

Directory Update - Thank you all for your patience regarding the Holy Cross Directory. It is still a work in progress, but should be here by Spring. We were able to get some additional credits to use for the directory if we took our pictures by the end of August, so we took advantage of that offer knowing we still wouldn't get it completed until Spring. Thank you again for your patience!



THE CATHOLIC PARENT

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith. -- Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group!



WEEK ONE | RESTORE:

LENT with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert.

She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

WHOLE 40: MAKING A SPIRITUAL PLAN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Go to formed.org/lenr to sign up for Daily Lenten Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray as he opens up the Scriptures throughout this holy season.



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

Pro-Life Discussion Group - every 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Next meeting: February 19th at 3:30 p.m. We will be at Holy Cross for in-person meetings again. Please contact Joy at joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information. This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything – from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion – and living a pro-life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe that everyone needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!

Happy news: One of our earliest saves from abortion is college-bound. This young man is facing challenges, but has been accepted at a few colleges, and his mom just recently filled in the FAFSA financial paperwork! Please pray for this young man and his family as they navigate the college-process!

NOTE: The Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil is rescheduled to Feb 26. Same place, same time – just a new day. Windsor Road Christian Church at 7 p.m.

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.

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Barham & Bosch Families

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Towner Family
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Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
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Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Birdie & Edward Cronau
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Maxine Timpone
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Perrodin Family
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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.