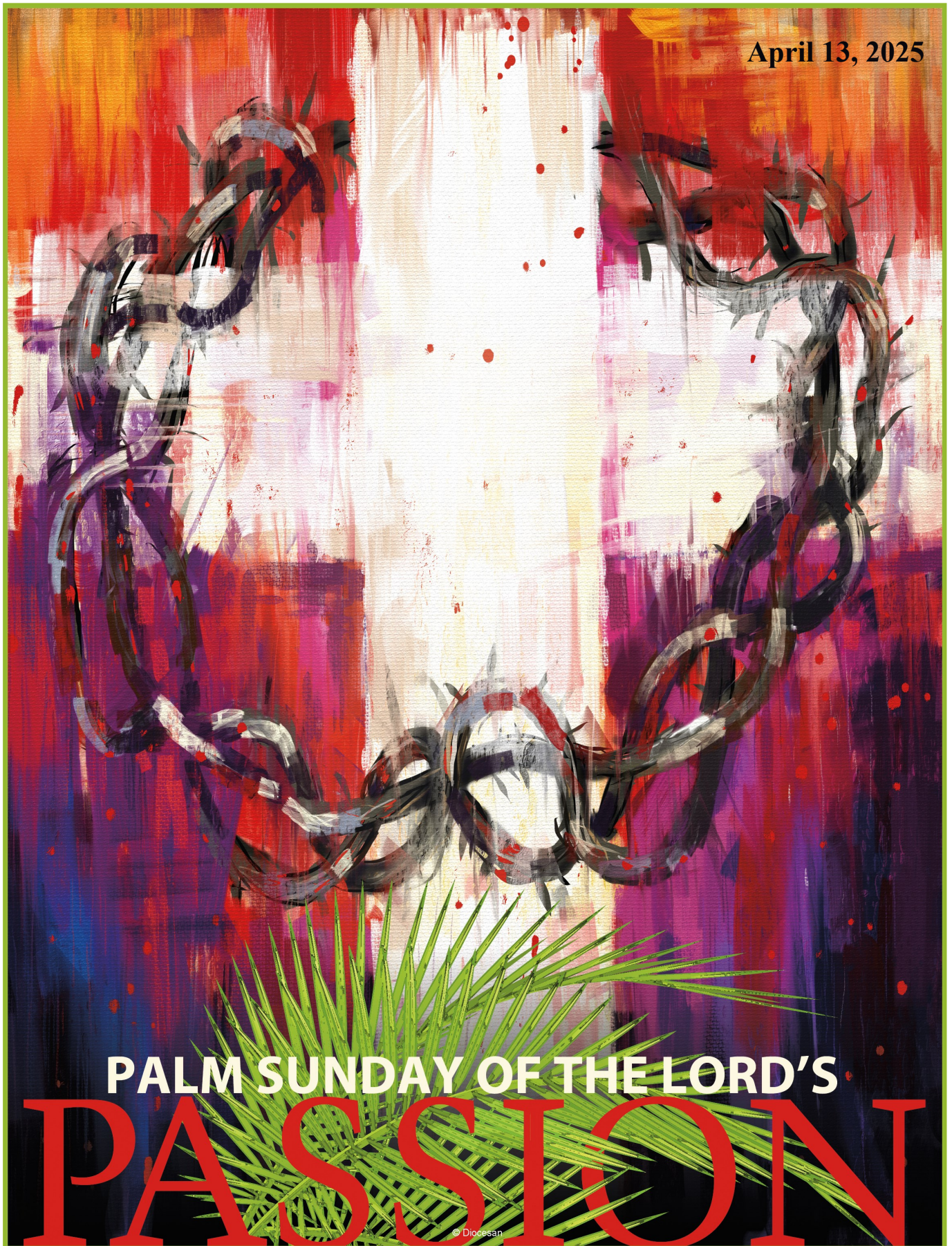


April 13, 2025



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

PASSION

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

From the Eucharistic Apostles of [The Divine Mercy](#)



Divine Mercy Sunday is coming! The Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy at Holy Cross welcome all parishioners and visitors to learn more about The Divine Mercy this season.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us.

He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will

- call upon Him with trust
- receive His mercy
- Let Mercy flow through us to others

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint

[Faustina Kowalska](#), an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

To learn more about Divine Mercy, and to find out about the Feast, Image, Novena (starts April 18), Chaplet, and Hour...



□ Use your phone's camera to follow this link to Fr. Michael Gaitley's "Crash Course on Divine Mercy."

... Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet □ □ □



... or visit: www.TheDivineMercy.org

**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 stmatthewadorehim.com

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 April we are praying the Litany to Mary, Help of Christians



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - April 17

Lector: Duncan Oliveira

EMHC: Jessica McMahon, Peg Swanson

Severs: All Altar Servers *Morning Rehearsal - High Schoolers at 9:00 am and Grade/Middle Schoolers at 10:00 am*

Good Friday - 3:00 p.m. - April 18

Lector: John Karduck, Justine Karduck

EMHC: Jessica McMahon, **(Need 1)**

Severs: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck, Sam Easton, Ben Summers

Saturday Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m. - April 19

Lector: Sue Berndt, Jay Geistlinger

EMHC: Jessica McMahon, Peg Swanson

Severs: All Altar Servers *Morning Rehearsal - High Schoolers at 10:00 am and Grade/Middle Schoolers at 11:00 am*

Sunday Easter Morning - 8:00 a.m. - April 20

Lector: Rob Shanahan

EMHC: Stephanie Rank, **(Need 1)**

Severs: Lucy and Sophie Rank

Sunday Easter Morning - 10:00 a.m. - April 20

Lector: **(Need 1)**

EMHC: Margie Hoss, **(Need 1)**

Severs: **(Need 2)**

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, April 14

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Coffey

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 a.m. Charles Virant

Wednesday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Roberta Jahneke

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. For the Priests

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19

7:30 p.m. Candidates and Catechumens

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Bob Weber

10:00 a.m. Eugene Menke



And Jesus said to Peter, "So could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Mt 25:40)

HOLY THURSDAY: After the 7:00 p.m. Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. Consider signing up to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration anytime until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is no adoration on that day. The Good Friday Service will be held at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: There will be NO confessions heard on this day. Easter Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: There will be the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses but NO 4:00 p.m. Mass.

ŚWIĘCONKA - BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Of special interest to those of Slovak, Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Central European background will be the traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at **9:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday, April 19th**, in the church.

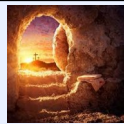


COFFEE AND DONUTS

There will be **NO** Coffee and Donut Shop on Easter Morning - April 20th.



The Parish Office will be closed
Good Friday - April 18th
Easter Monday - April 21st





405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL

Holy Week

April 17, Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. - Mass

April 19, Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m. - Mass

April 18, Good Friday
3:00 p.m. - Service

April 20, Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. - Mass
10:00 a.m. - Mass

Swieconka (Blessing of the Easter Foods)
on Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Champaign County blood supply has become critically low. Blood of all types is urgently needed. The Knights of Columbus, have answered the call by organizing a blood drive at Holy Cross Parish Center on May 4th. Personnel from the "Impact Life" blood bank will be there after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. We need 20 to 25 volunteers to donate.

One unit of donated blood can be lifesaving and help up to 19 different individuals. It's quick, easy, and painless. Men and women over the age of 18 are eligible to donate. The Knights (and some spouses?) will be donating blood.

A drawing will be held to give away one large and one extra-large blue & red Superman T-shirt. So come join us, give blood, save a life, and show the world you're a Super-hero.



EASTER FLOWER FUND

Our beautiful Easter altar decorations are made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. If you'd like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, please place your gift in the collection basket in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flower Fund."

Include a note with the names of those to be remembered.

Donations have been made in the memory of: Kevin Hodge; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Angela Seaman; Karen Santarelli; Frank Hartman; Tangora and Kovera Families; Harold, JoAnn, Charles and Steve Heidbreder; and Charlotte Joop.

Men's Cursillo Weekend July 25-27, 2025

Cursillo Weekends are Amazing!

Have you a desire to grow closer to God?

The Cursillo is designed to help You in that quest.

Save the dates or sign up now!



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INTERACT CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY APRIL 13TH
12:00PM

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL FIELD
3901 N. MATTIS AVE., CHAMPAIGN, IL

JOIN US! WE'RE ASKING FOR
DONATIONS TO SALT & LIGHT, OR A
\$5 DONATION PER CHILD, TO
PARTICIPATE.

RAIN ALTERNATE - SCHOOL GYM



Catholic
Charities
Diocese of Peoria
Champaign-Piatt Counties

PHILO TAVERN STEAK DINNER



Catholic Charities Board of Champaign & Piatt Counties invites you to attend our

Annual Philo Tavern Steak Dinner on

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at Philo Tavern
101 West Washington Street in Philo

Cash bar opens at 4pm, Dinner is served at 5pm
Tickets are \$40/person

This annual fundraiser raises money for those in need in Champaign & Piatt Counties.

To purchase tickets, order carry-out meals, or donate, please contact:
Gloria Fellers at 217/649-8786, gloriafellers@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner!



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

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a **School President**, a Head Boys Golf Coach, a Head Girls Tennis Coach, a Head Football Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

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 2025-2026. 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>.



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

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

By the time this hits the bulletin, we will be half way through Lent. I hope and pray that your Lenten season is going well and that you continue preparing for Easter.

These past two and a half months have been a busy time for the school. Our students have completed their winter testing, celebrated Catholic Schools' week, and our 3rd—8th graders have been trained on how to administer CPR/AED.

With April just around the corner, here are some dates to remember.

- April 14: Seminarian's talk with Middle School
- April 16: Stations of the Cross at 1:30
- April 22-May 2: Spring testing

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
 A heart that forgives the worst, A mind that forgets the bad,
 and a soul that never loses faith in God.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



Job Opportunities: Holy Cross School is seeking a middle school Social Studies, a 4th grade teacher, and a full time middle school math sub for 1st semester. Please contact Greg Koerner at gkoerner@holycrosselem.org

THE HIGH SCHOOL OF ST. THOMAS MORE
 THIRD ANNUAL

**TIM MURPHY
 MEMORIAL
 GOLF
 OUTING**

Friday, May 30, 2025
 Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
 INCLUDES 18 HOLES W/GOLF, LUNCH, 5 DRINK TICKETS & HAPPY HOUR
 \$125/PERSON
 \$500/FOURSOME

"FORE" MORE INFORMATION,
 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, OR TO REGISTER,
 VISIT US @ WWW.HS-STM.ORG/PAGE/GOLF

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 11:30 AM: Check In
 NOON: Lunch
 1:00 PM: Shotgun Start
 5 PM: Happy Hour & Awards

FILL THE BUS!

All proceeds will benefit the Athletic Booster Organization's "Fill the Bus" campaign to purchase an activity minibus.

Questions? Contact us @ ABOGOLF@HS-STM.ORG

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.



**TRIDUUM:
A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through

the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places, and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life. Now more than ever, as many of us are confined to our homes, journey along this spiritual pilgrimage and be drawn more deeply into the life and love of God.



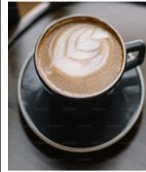
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SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Kitchen & Bath

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!



**Pro-Life Discussion Group
for April**

Special drop-in time at Panera's on Kirby 11am-12:30 pm April 21, 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!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

New News:

~ We have a new one-year old we will be supplying diapers for. The original Mom just had a new baby, and she signed over temporary guardianship to a friend. This guardian family is not getting help from the original family and we are stepping in with diapers. This guardianship should be temporary, and we are happy to help out.

~ Prayers needed: one of our Moms is ill, but is delaying her own surgery. She is not only taking care of her three children, but is helping raise 5 children from her friend's family. One of those children may be sick with cancer. Please pray.

~ Continued prayers for Malachi, a super cute little boy we have supplied diapers to for years. He has to have major surgery because he has a colon that is too big for his body. Arrangements to go to a more specialized hospital is in the works. Please pray for him and his Mom (who is his grandmother) and all the medical professionals helping with his care. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone helping families in need!
God bless you all!

Thanks to your donations: we are helping 2 families of 6 (2 parents and 4 children each) and a single separated mom with many children with assistance! Thank you all!

Want to help or know more?
Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or joypace@msn.com

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, Foltzler & 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 Tuftte 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
Hershbarger & 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
Perrodin 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