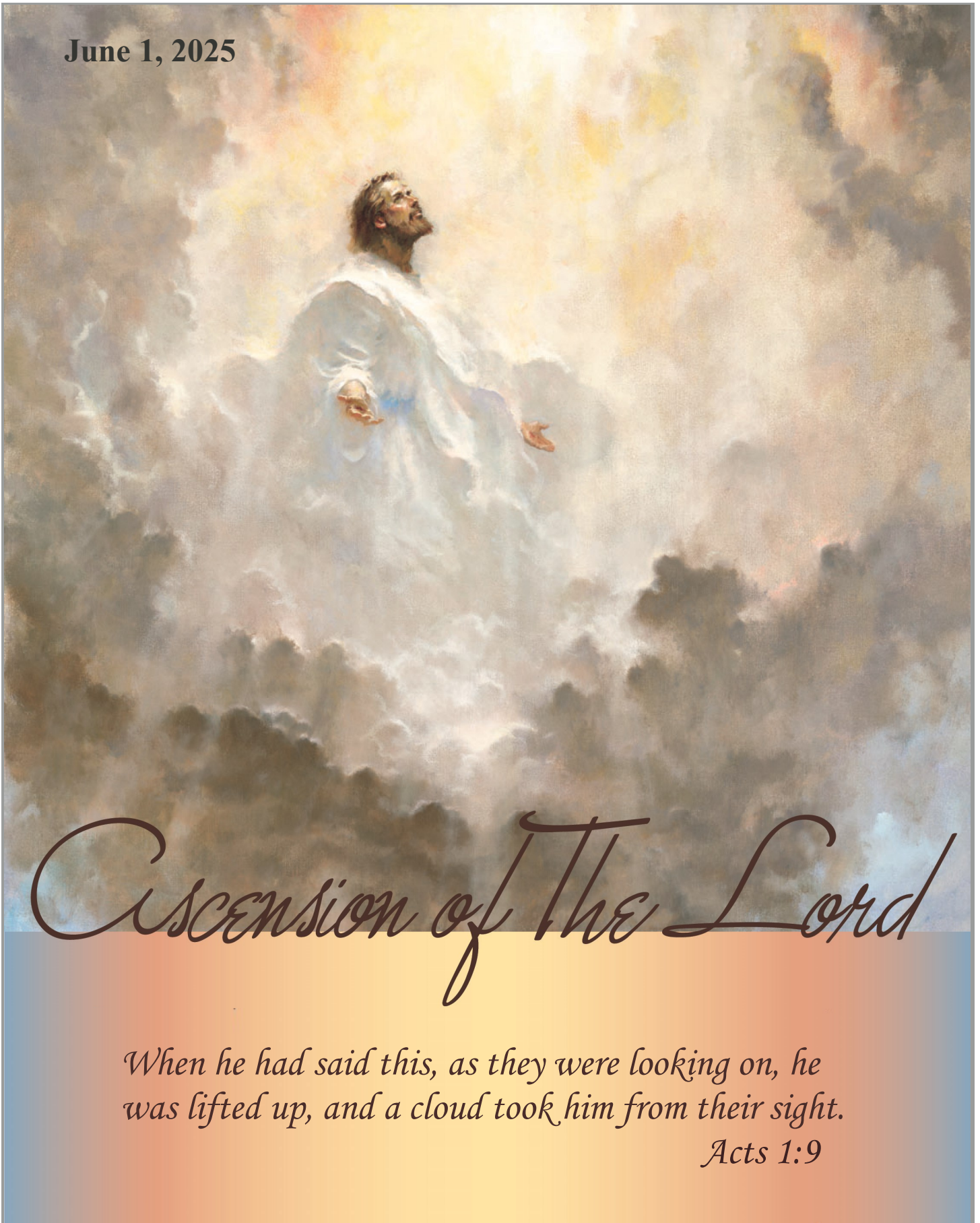


June 1, 2025



Ascension of The Lord

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

Acts 1:9

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

150th

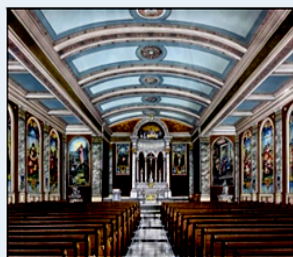
Diocese of Peoria

Holy Cross's own Father Joe Baker
is leading Troop 9 Scouts
on a pilgrimage
to St. John's Catholic Chapel
and YOU are invited too!



The purpose is to learn more about our Catholic faith, and to participate in a 150th Anniversary Peoria Diocese pilgrimage!

- *Tour the Chapel with Fr. Joe
- *Learn about Indulgences
- *Have personal prayer time
- *Celebrate the Mass



Tuesday, June 3

5:00pm Meet at Holy Cross playground
5:15pm Begin our 1.6 mile pilgrimage hike
5:55pm Arrive at St. John
6:00pm Tour & Prayer time
7:00pm Mass

*Times are approximate
*If you or your children can not hike 1.6 miles
in 40 minutes, you are welcome to meet us at
St. John's at 6pm.

*If you have questions, please text or call Karen Easton (217) 722-6151.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Catholic Church has an opening for a full-time Office Manager. This position includes Finance / Bookkeeping and Human Resources responsibilities.

Qualified applicants should send their resume to ellen@holycrosscatholic.org.

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 June we are praying the
Litany to Our Mother of Perpetual Help



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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

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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

405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL, 61820
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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Greg Koerner, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

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.

The Ascension 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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	June 7 Lector: EMHC: Servers	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Peg Swanson, Joslyn Unger Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 8 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higgerson, Dawn Friedman Camille Christhlf, Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Jan Weber Ithuriel Durdan, Lydia Durdan



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 2 7:00 am	Karen Santarelli
Tuesday, June 3 7:00 a.m.	David Sanstrom
Wednesday, June 4 6:00 p.m.	Marilyn Javorski
Thursday, June 5 7:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday, June 6 8:15 a.m.	First Friday Memorial
Saturday, June 7 5:30 p.m.	Kathryn Dhom
Sunday, June 8 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Julia Cleta Glennon Mary Margaret Avelis For the Parishioners

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Mary Cullen, Michael Cornyn, and David Sanstrom. May their souls 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 Crewe Anthony Testin, son of Anthony and Andrea Testin. Let us support little Crewe his faith journey!

COFFEE AND DONUTS - Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses and enjoy a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation.



Summer Office Hours

Starting on June 6th going thru August 1st, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. Have a great summer!



There will be NO Bingo in June and July.

There will be NO Senior Luncheon in June and July.

More information about
Totus Tuus on page 4

TOTUS TUUS KIDS CATECHESIS CAMP

The Totus Tuus summer catechetical program is a week long parish mission for Catholic youth in grades 1st-12th. It is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

SAVE THE DATE



JUNE 8 - 13, 2025
HOLY CROSS CHURCH
CHAMPAIGN, IL



Call Elizabeth Kelley at (217) 352-8748 with any questions or for more information.



We are only 1 week away from Totus Tuus! Sign up ASAP!

Totus Tuus is open to all students entering into 1st through 12th grades in the Fall of 2025.

There are two tracks:

The Day Program (9:00 am–2:30 pm) for those entering Grades 1–6 meet Monday, June 9 thru Friday, June 13

The Evening Program (6:30 pm–8:15 pm) for those entering Grades 7–12 meet Sunday, June 8 thru Thursday, June 12

****Copies of all required forms are available in the school and parish offices, at the back of the church, or email elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org and she will email them to you.***

The Day Program will enjoy skits, games, prayer, daily Mass, and much more!

The Evening Program will enjoy games, thought-provoking talks, opportunities to have their questions answered, and snacks galore!

The cost is \$50 per child for the Day Program and \$25 per child for the Evening Program.

Please note that children will need to bring a bag lunch each day for the Day Program. In addition, we ask that each child bring a snack to share for the week (e.g. crackers, cookies, pretzels).

To register, please complete the forms (available in the church or school & parish offices) and return them to the Holy Cross parish office, attn: Totus Tuus.

In order to make Totus Tuus a memorable and positive experience for all the youth of our parish, we need your help! Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to help make the week a success.

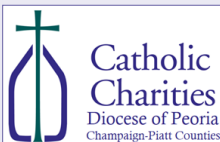
We need both adults and teens to help during the Day Program. This consists of a kitchen crew to help with lunch and snacks. We also need plenty of classroom helpers to assist the Totus Tuus team with classroom activities and keeping a watchful eye on the children.

Adult volunteers: Please complete the Adult Volunteer Registration Form. Adult volunteers also need to meet the Safe Environment requirements for the Diocese of Peoria. If you need any of the training, simply indicate that in the form and we will be happy to help you with this!

Youth volunteers: Please complete the Youth Volunteer Registration Form.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Diocese of Peoria requires that teens who volunteer during the day for service hours must also attend the evening sessions.

Contact Elizabeth Kelley at the parish office, 217-352-8748 or email elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org for more information



A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN AND PIATT COUNTIES will be taken on May 31st / June 1st

Catholic Charities of Champaign and Piatt counties provides support for those in need in Champaign and Piatt counties through our Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Tolono, and our Light of Hope and Parish Ministry of Financial Help programs. **In the last six months of our fiscal year, we have been able to donate over \$16,000 to help families and individuals with rent and utility assistance.** During this same period, over 400 families (including 55 new families) have made 883 visits to our Food Pantry, where they receive food, emotional support and referrals to other resources. **All our services are free.**

Our Food Pantry is open Mondays, 4-6:30 p.m. and Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. to serve those who are struggling to make ends meet and feed their families, regardless of where they live – grandparents raising grandchildren, young mothers raising small children, while working full-time and caring for a disabled husband, and seniors living on fixed incomes.

Please help us meet the needs of those in need living among us!

Donation envelopes will be provided.

Thank You and God Bless You!



St. Matthew / 1303 Lincolnshire Drive / Champaign

ELIZABETH MINISTRY'S

Mass of Remembrance

Monday, June 2, 2025

6:00 pm

St. Matthew Church

**A Special Mass for all who have experienced
infant loss or a miscarriage**

LEARN MORE ABOUT
ELIZABETH MINISTRY
HERE



Collections

Offering for May 24th/25th.....\$8,805.30

Thank You Very Much!



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

May 27 through August 1- Summer Office Hours

STM Office will be on summer hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, May 27 through August 1. The office will be closed during the week of June 9 and June 30. The office can be reached at 217-352-7210 or by emailing info@hs-stm.org.

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!

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a **School President**, a Head Boys Golf Coach, a Head Girls Tennis 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.

STM Youth Summer Camps: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Softball, Scholastic Bowl (Co-Ed) and Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM!

Camps are available for grades K-8 and will take place throughout May, June, and July. All camps are located at the High School of Saint Thomas More, 3901 N Mattis Ave. in Champaign.

Cost: Varies by Camp

Visit <https://www.hs-stm.org/page/summer-camps> for more information and to register.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas – Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street – Champaign.

All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or crakers@comcast.net.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY.



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

We have reached the end of a school year.

As we wind down the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our grade 8 students a fond farewell and success as they move on to academic and extra-curricular opportunities in high school. I would also like to acknowledge staff who will be leaving Holy Cross at the end of the school year Mrs. Pat Grider and Ms. Izzy Pione. I wish you best of luck and thank you for the lasting impact you've had on the staff and students at Holy Cross School. I would also like to extend best wishes to all students and families who will be moving away and leaving our school community.

As we prepare for next school year, we are excited to welcome our new incoming students. In addition to our returning staff, there will also be new faces on staff next year.

I would like to wish students, parents, caregivers, and school staff a safe, restful and rewarding summer.

Hopefully we will all get the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends and come back to school with a sense of rejuvenation in the fall.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Greg Koerner

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Summer Office Hours:

The school office summer hours began on Monday June 2nd.

Summer Office Hours are:

Monday & Friday - closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular office hours (7:30a-3:30p) resume on Wed. July 30.

Employment Opportunities: Holy Cross School is seeking a 2nd grade teacher. Please contact Greg Koerner at gkoerner@holycrosselem.org.

**APOSTLESHIP
OF PRAYER**

JUNE 2025

**THAT THE WORLD MIGHT
GROW IN COMPASSION**

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

**MAGNIFICAT
RENEWAL AND
NEW ORDERS**



Soon it will be time to either renew your subscription or start a new one. The Magnificat is an easy-to-read daily Mass companion and features the complete readings for each Sunday and all the weekday Masses; as well as daily reflections and prayers.

If you already receive one, please fill out the renewal form that will be included in your June issue. The Magnificat is ordered through the Parish Office, so please make your check payable to "Holy Cross," not Magnificat, and bring it or mail it to the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Magnificat."

If you'd like to place a new order, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. The cost is \$29 per year, which is half the regular subscription cost because we order as a group. Payment and order form must be in by **June 30th**

Formed Daily Mass Readings & Reflections



**EASTER DAILY REFLECTIONS:
ASCENSION OF THE LORD -
JUNE 1, 2025**

Pray with confidence knowing that Christ is enthroned at the right hand of the Father.

Listen to the Daily Readings.

Sign up at [Formed Daily](https://formed.org) to receive these daily reflections directly to your inbox. Start your day off right. Be inspired and renewed each morning with a short video from Dr. Tim Gray.



HERESIES

Heresies have plagued the Catholic Church throughout the centuries. Yet, because of them, Catholic doctrine has grown more specifically articulated. Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Chris Mooney as they unpack these heresies and the Church's response to them. This series will showcase the historical context in which heresies emerged, saints that served as counter witnesses, and surprising ways they sneak into culture today!

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

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.

Westgate Apts

HAPPENINGS FROM PRO-LIFE IN MAY

In May we delivered over 1,800 diapers to 12 families with 15 children in diapers. Our children are making progress – one is now fully potty-trained, and twins are now potty-trained daytime! Great job!

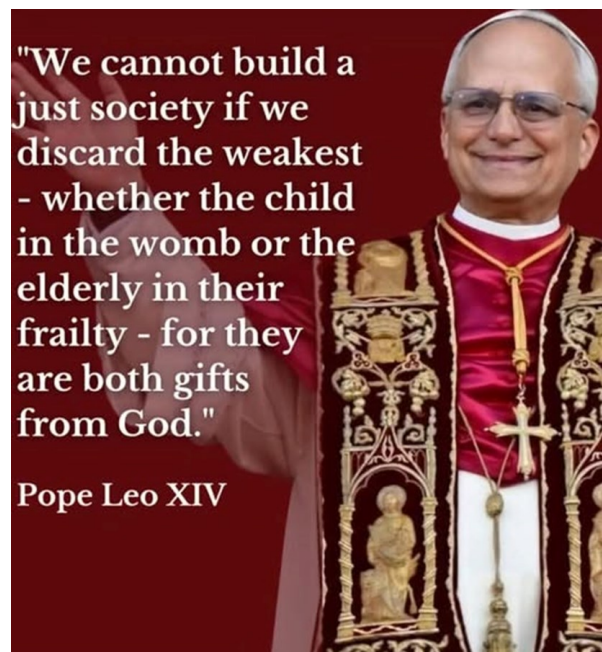
We arranged for two of our families to have supplemental food thru the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Holy Cross. Thank you so much!

Thank you to all of our special donors and prayer warriors who make our work possible! May God protect you and bless you!

We pray for all our benefactors, those we do pro-life work with and all the people and families that we have helped. God bless you all.

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Want to help or know more? Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com)

**Thank you to all of our special donors and prayer warriors who make our work possible!**



**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  
Haggin 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