

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47

August 16, 2020

The Assumption
of the Virgin by
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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you.

We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

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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: 8:15 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.

Twentieth 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 MATTHEW

15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

7:00 A.M. MASS ATTENDEES:

School is starting August 20th. Due to Covid-19, we have adopted new morning drop off procedures. As a result, **both parking lots will be closed** on the weekdays beginning at 7:00 am. We kindly ask you to use the parking available on Clark St. and Prairie St. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these difficult times.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 17

7:00 a.m.

Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 a.m.

Diane Siewart

Wednesday, August 19

7:00 a.m.

The Irlle and Drebes Families

Thursday, August 20

7:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the
John J. Graham Family

Friday, August 21

7:00 a.m.

Gabriel Watson

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m.

For the Parishioners

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m.

Joseph and Velma Jerkovitz

10:00 a.m.

Deacon Bob Ulbrich

4:00 p.m.

Johnny Deponai

"Mary, Our Mother, sustains us in moments of darkness, difficulty and apparent defeat." - Pope Francis

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Kathy Murray

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John Sullivan, Bonita Higerson

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

FAMILY FORMATION

**A WHOLE FAMILY APPROACH TO
LEARNING AND LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**



The Family Formation Program at Holy Cross serves families with children in Grades K-5. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire family. Families are supported and encouraged in their efforts to pray, worship, and grow in faith together as a Catholic family.

For families whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school, **Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation.** However, all families with children in Grades K-5 are invited to come and be part of the Family Formation community.

For more information or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Gloria Fellers at 352-8748. **Deadline for registration is Monday, August 17th.**

1ST, 2ND & 3RD YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation preparation classes for students attending public schools will begin in October. It is a 3-year cycle that begins with monthly classes for 6th & 7th graders. Registration forms can be sent to you, or pick one up at the Parish Office. Please return registration forms to the Parish Office by **Monday, August 17th.** For more info please call Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office, 217-352-8748.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Frank Krasnowski. May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

WHAT IS RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. This journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

RCIA is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

Non-Catholics who know they want to join or who may be interested but need more information.

Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Married couples of mixed religious faiths who wish to unite their religious practice in Catholicism.

For more details, please contact Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office, 217 352-8748.

FEAST WEEK

Feast Week is coming in September and it will be a bit different this year. One thing we are doing is putting together a video montage celebrating the Spirit of Holy Cross: Always Home, Always Family! It will include making a brief video, up to two minutes, about why Holy Cross is home to you and sending it in. Please contact Mary Shelden by phone or text at 217-621-0841 if you are interested. Deadline is August 21st.

STEWARDSHIP

“Everything is a gift from God”

Stewardship is an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return.

Welcome Back To School



Holy Cross School
356-9521
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A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL. Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year: I am honored to be part of the Holy Cross family. This school year will be challenging, frustrating at times, demanding, exciting, and different as we enter into a new norm due to COVID-19. I have been working with our school's re-opening committee developing procedure and guidelines following the ISBE and the Diocesan Plan. As the plan continues to come together and is approved by the Diocese, it will be shared with all of our stake holders. This school year will take all of our Holy Cross families to work together in order for our students to achieve. Please show patience, caring, and understanding but, we will have to follow some hard guidelines. I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve and guide Holy Cross through this challenging time.

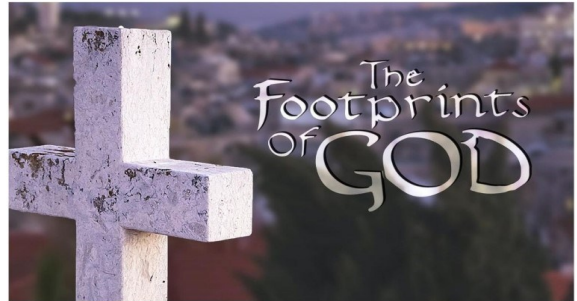
Greg Koerner, Principal

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL UPDATE: Our behind-the-scenes staff has been working hard to get our school ready for the upcoming school year, which begins August 20th. The health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff will continue to be our utmost priority. The many protective measures being put in place are both necessary and costly. If you would like to help Holy Cross School with a donation, please donate online, or by check made out to Holy Cross and write HC School in the memo line. We are so grateful for the continued support of our parish family!

Job Openings: We are seeking a 4th Grade Teacher, a part-time Art Teacher; After-School Aides, and a part-time Evening Janitor. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at hcs@holycrosselem.org

PARKING LOT: A white line has been painted on the Parish Center parking lot. This is because in order for students to be outside during morning recess and for classes to take advantage of the beautiful weather by having a class outside, Fr. Danton has given the school half of the parking lot to use from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Our faculty, staff and visitors will be asked to park either on the street or in the lot across from the main doors of the school. We ask that you do not park inside the white line on school days. But after 2 p.m. you can park in the Parish Center parking lot.

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



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.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. We're seeking applicants for a Social Studies Teacher, a Biology Teacher, a Baseball Coach, a Wrestling Coach, and a Girls Soccer Coach. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org

JOIN THE SABER FAMILY! We want you here. Become a Saber! For questions, leave a message at 217-352-7210. To apply: <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>



Belated Happy Birthday Wishes to Fr. Ted Pracz who turned 83 on August 7th. We are grateful for all the joy he brings to Holy Cross when he celebrates Mass with us!

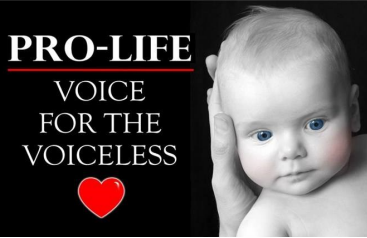
Last Week's Collection

Offering for August 8th/9th.....\$12,087.40
Development Fund.....\$437, 00

Thank you very much!

PRO-LIFE GROUP

Our Pro-Life Discussion Group meets via Zoom every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting: August 17th. To join in on the call, contact joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 (home). 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 every human needs to be treated with dignity, simply because they are human!

OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER'S MINISTRY UPCOMING RETREAT

Sept. 18-19: Msgr. Eugene Morris, Rector of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, St. Louis, MO: Depression, Anxiety, Trauma and Addiction as a Result of Woundedness within ourselves or in our families

All retreats are held at the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, 318 N. 8th St., Vandalia, IL 62471 (tel. 618-283-7297).

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.

Dave & Harry Locksmiths

A WORD FROM JOY

We paid the security deposit for one of our families, a mother and father with 4 children ranging in age from high school to less than one year! We are also SO GRATEFUL for our benefactors whose donations are helping this family! A huge shout-out to our moving/furniture man who always does a fantastic job! He has done this with us for many years and our families are very grateful!

Needs: We need diapers/pull-ups: size 2t-3t pull-ups (girls), size 4 (not luvs), and size 5 and 6.

Gift cards to Sam's Club, Walgreens, and Amazon so we can purchase diapers, pull-ups, and toiletries for our families. We do give out Aldi gift cards to help feed our families.

How to help: Online giving via Holy Cross Church, there is a separate category to direct any donation to Pro-Life. We also accept checks made out to Holy Cross Church; please put "Pro-Life" in the memo line. Any donations can be mailed to or dropped off at Holy Cross Church, 405 W. Clark St, Champaign, IL 61820.

For questions, contact me at: joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 (home). Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and support.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR DANVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

We are collecting men's clothing that the center will give to inmates who are released throughout the year. They need coats, pants, shirts, socks, and shoes for MEN. There is a great need for pants. Please drop off any items at the box in the coat closet of the Parish Center. There is always a greater need for XL and above, but all sizes are helpful. Thank you for all the generous donations in the past! They will also accept gently used children's books. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

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 & Huguet 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 Turcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Harold Kremer Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershbarger & 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