

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1820

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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.

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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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Greg Koerner, Principal

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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.

Twenty-First 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

16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.

7:00 A.M. MASS ATTENDEES

School began 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 a.m. 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 24

7:00 a.m. Tom Costello

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. All Souls

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Albert Hallin

Thursday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Tom Costello

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Johnny Deponai

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Johnny Calcagno

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners 10:00 a.m. Stephen Warner

4:00 p.m. The Irle & Drebes Families

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



Newest member of the Church, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Raven Faith Villalon, daughter of Rafael & Mitzi Villalon. Let us support her on her faith journey.

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.

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.

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. For more info please call Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office, 217-352-8748.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Patty Bingaman

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. No ministers

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

4:00 p.m. Ed & Juliann Seebauer, Elaine Hershbarger

STEWARDSHIP

"Everything is a gift from God"

As we practice stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened.

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.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Although we have been asked to keep the doors of the church locked to observe social distancing and prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we have created an opportunity for you to spend time with Jesus "face to face." A tabernacle has been set up in the Parish Center Library near the double doors leading out onto the patio. The patio has 4 chairs placed 6 feet apart for those who would like to come and spend time in a quiet outdoor setting with the Lord. The patio is accessible by entering the gates at either end of the parish garden. Out of respect for one another, we ask that you wear a mask if others are present with you.







Holy Cross School 356-9521 www.holycrosselem.org

WE MADE IT . . . THE SCHOOL IS OPEN . . .

The students are back and wanting to learn, the teachers are back and excited to teach, and the support staff is back and thrilled to serve. The school building is alive and vibrant. It has taken a lot of hard work to get to this point and I would like to thank those that have helped in this endeavor. First my school re-opening team, Fr. Donton, Mary Beth Meyers, Peggy Loftus, Dwain Shuler, Erin Meehan, Judy Crull, Sue Bonadies, and Natalie LeFaivre.

I would also like to thank all of our teachers, staff, and parents for their understanding, support, patience, feedback and kindness. It has been very challenging, demanding, and frustrating at times as things are constantly changing from day to day. But through it all we have remained united.

ALWAYS HOME, ALWAYS FAMILY

Greg Koerner, Principal

JOB OPENING: We are seeking a part-time Evening Janitor. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at hcs@holycrosselem.org

2020 CENSUS

A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure that they have a bright future.

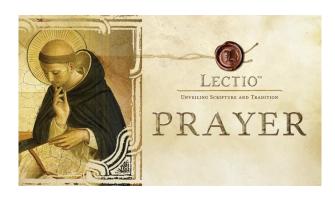
Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the U.S. and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

You have the power to shape your future, and the future of all children, by counting everyone in your home in the 2020 Census.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at **2020CENSUS.GOV**.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



Lectio: Prayer

With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. We're seeking applicants for a Baseball Coach and a Wrestling 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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to add the name and need to our prayer chain.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for August 15th/16th.....\$6,093.65

Thank you very much!

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).

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.

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.

Culver's

A WORD FROM JOY

Our family that just moved is settling in to their new residence. This family with 4 children is very grateful for their new place to live –thanks to your generosity! Another family is in need of car repair and will be moving when they find a suitable home. We have a security deposit set aside for this family. We will pay that car bill and help this family get on their feet. We want all of our families well and functioning. We always hope for financial independence for them. We are honored to help when needed and are happy when they know that our assistance has been a help!

We purchased needed diapers, clothes detergent and toiletries for one family. Thanks to Mary Beth who helped us arrange that special purchase! Thank You all so much for your donations of diapers, wipes and monetary donations to keep us afloat! We are able to help out with food assistance too if families are food insecure. God bless you!

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 <u>joypace@msn.com</u> or 217 359 -8406 (home). Thank you and God bless you for your support.



Mary, Help of Christians, Pray For Us.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family Joh

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 & Fotzler 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

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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 Dovle Alan & Patricia Berndt Thomas McCarthy Costello Family