

September 5, 2021

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and who walk in his ways.
What your hands provide you will enjoy;
you will be blessed and prosper.

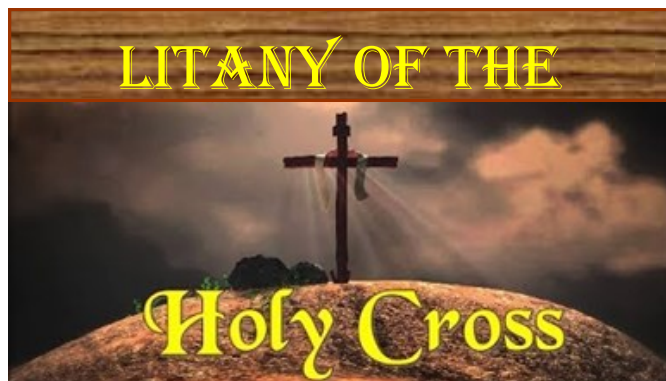
Psalms 128:1-2

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



O God,
Who for the redemption of the world,
was pleased to be born in a stable
and to die upon a cross;
O Lord Jesus Christ,
by Your holy sufferings,
which we, Your unworthy servants,
call to mind:
by Your Holy Cross,
and by Your death,
deliver us from the pains of Hell,
and grant to conduct us
where You conducted the good thief
who was crucified with You,
Who lives and reigns
eternally in Heaven.
Amen.



Wednesday Devotion for September 8th at 5:30 p.m.
will be the Litany of the Holy Cross

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon Michael Smith

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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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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Greg Koerner, Principal
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ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction
at 2:15 p.m. (when school is in session).

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 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.

The Twenty-Third 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sept. 11 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: Patty Bingaman Servers: Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 12 Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon Servers: Abby Friedman, Timmy Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer, Elaine Hershbarger Servers: Bailey McMahon, Brooke McMahon



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 6
7:00 a.m. Alois Zwettler

Tuesday, September 7
7:00 a.m. Louis A. Pisani

Wednesday, September 8
6:00 p.m. Noble Lee, Harriette, and Michael Morton

Thursday, September 9
7:00 a.m. Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu

Friday, September 10
8:15 a.m. Georges LeFaivre

Saturday, September 11
5:30 p.m. Patricia Petry

Sunday, September 12
8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Chuck Schweighart
4:00 p.m. Steve Primmer



HOLY CROSS FEAST WEEK

Feast Week Schedule of Events is coming to your bulletin soon! Our Feast Week planning committee needs volunteers to make the events go. Can you donate 60 minutes of your time during Feast Week? There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church. Volunteering is such a rewarding experience and it's a great opportunity to meet and work with fellow parishioners. High School students are also encouraged to sign up and earn their service hours! If you'd like to help and didn't get a chance to sign up after Mass, please text Mary Shelden at 217-621-0841.



Celebrate the start of Feast Week with a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday Sept. 12th! The Scouts of Holy Cross Troop 9 and Troop 2019 will be serving breakfast after the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses in the Parish Center and collecting a free-will donation to support Holy Cross School. Seating will be available in the Parish Center or you may have your breakfast packed "To Go." The "Continuing our Legacy" Fair will have tables set up in the Great Hall.

There will be Jimmy Johns sandwiches after the 5:30 pm Saturday and 4:00 pm Sunday Masses. The "Continuing our Legacy" Fair will have tables set up after all Masses in the Great Hall. Come join us!



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Liam Karl Kern Becerril, son of Ryan Kern & Ana Becerril. Let us support Liam on his faith journey!

FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Elizabeth Warner (Lizzy). May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Continues on Fridays, with Exposition right after the school Mass, and Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Come visit Jesus. He would so love your company!



PARKING: During school hours, please park in the row next to the parish center only. The other rows are coned off for school use during the day. Thank you!

Mass COVID Protocol Update

We received a letter from the Vicar General of our Diocese indicating that in order to slow the spread of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, we are to follow the governor's mask mandate.

Effective Monday, August 30th, everyone over the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask at all indoor settings. Thank you for masking up when we gather together, whether that be in the church or the parish center. In addition, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass in person continues to be in effect.



Outdoor Reception of Holy Communion on Sundays is no longer available. However, **Eucharistic Outreach** will begin again soon! If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email at office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL STEAK DINNER BENEFIT



The Catholic Charities Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt Counties invites you to attend our 18th Annual Steak Dinner at Philo

Tavern in Philo on **Sunday, Sept. 19th**. Cash bar opens at 4 p.m. Dinner is served at 5 p.m.

This annual fundraiser benefits several important programs in Champaign and Piatt counties, including the Good Samaritan Program, St. Patrick's Food Pantry in Tolono, St. Nicholas Mobile Pantry, the Light of Hope Case Management Program, and Immigrant and Community Integration. All services are free.

Tickets are \$35/person. To purchase tickets, please contact Deacon Ed or Laura Mohrbacher at: 217/649-5083, or laurajean8@juno.com.

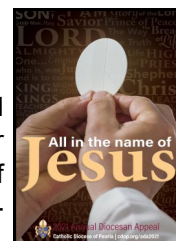
Please make checks payable to Champaign/Piatt Catholic Charities. All guests must be fully vaccinated. We look forward to seeing you there!

Last Week's Collection

Offering for August 28th/29th.....\$6,584.53

Thank you very much!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021



Next May, after years of study, four men will be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Peoria. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education, since a portion of Appeal funds are used for this purpose. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal next weekend.



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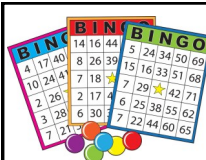
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If you wish to make a donation on your pledge next weekend or to pay your contribution in full, please make your check payable to "Catholic Diocese of Peoria." Reminder statements are sent monthly from December to July. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit, or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA!



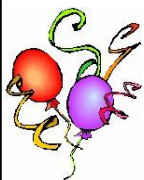
NEEDED: "COFFEE SHOP" HOSTS

Hello everyone! Our parish extends Sunday morning worship by having "coffee shop" after the 8 and 10 Masses. It's a chance to meet parishioners you may not know, and to visit with old friends. We need parishioners to volunteer to host coffee shop, and sign-up sheets will be in the back of church. Choose either the 8 or 10 a.m. Mass shift, or both. The sign-up sheet is for Sept.—Dec. We will email or phone you a reminder as your slot gets closer. Thanks for your consideration. Questions? Call Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217 352-4918.



BINGO IS BACK!

Join us for BINGO and FUN at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, September 10th!!** Doors open at 5:30pm to purchase bingo cards. Bingo will begin at 6:30pm. Join us for 15 games of Bingo! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people.) Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30pm. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$5. Soda for \$1. Proceeds go to Holy Cross School. We highly recommend that masks be worn while not eating and drinking.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. DONTON!

Let's all wish Fr. Danton a very Happy Birthday, which is this Friday, September 11th. We are blessed to have you as our pastor at Holy Cross. Enjoy your special day!



Holy Cross School
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Welcome Back! I hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff has planned and prepared for your children. Our enthusiastic office team is here to support all families new and old. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And, our much-appreciated PTC is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

New Staff: Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Cari O'Dea to 4th grade, Mrs. Hallie Sharp to 1st grade, Mrs. Natalie LeFaive to kindergarten, Mrs. Lizzy Hoffman to middle school religion, Ms. Katrina Widholm to art, Mrs. Natalie Durdan to PreK 4, and Mr. Joe Karny to reading and math intervention. These teachers all come with a wealth of knowledge and experience. I am excited to have them as part of our Holy Cross family.

Testing: MAP Testing: We will do our testing this week: Tuesday, Sept. 7th—Friday, Sept. 10th. This will be the first of 3 tests and will show us where our students are academically. We use this data to adjust curriculum and to better identify where we need to put supports in place for students.

"Always Home - Always Family"
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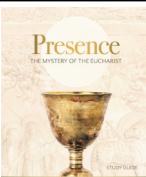


CUB SCOUT CORNER

Interested in Scouting? The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Holy Cross Pack 9 achieves this through numerous fun activities and service projects. The Cub Scouting program is open to boys and girls, Grades K-4, and we hope to see more girls joining this year! We invite all current and potential Scouts to join us at our annual Rocket Launch at Morrissey Park, Saturday Sept. 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. Contact our Cubmaster, Jim Linnenburger, at pack9cubmaster@gmail.com to get a rocket to build ahead of time and to find out more about Cub Scouts.

ADULT FORMATION (formerly Bible Study)

is back! With all the recent controversy regarding the denial of Holy Communion to various politicians, it seems that a study on the Eucharist would be timely. Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.



Join us at the Holy Cross Parish Center on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning **Oct. 4th**, or Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning **Oct. 5th**. Register with the Parish Office by **Sept. 20th** to ensure a copy of the workbook. Holy Cross is covering the cost of books for this study!



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

Save the Date: Saturday, Sept. 18th, STM Homecoming against Galva at 1:00 p.m. All are invited, especially Alumni! Go Sabers!

Employment Opportunities. We are seeking a Girls Soccer Head Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbriidget@hs-stm.org and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org



FAMILY FORMATION LEARNING AND LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Family Formation began on **Sept. 2nd**. If you have not signed up but would like to participate, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at the Parish Office, (217) 352-8748, ASAP.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) began on **Sept. 1st**. If you have not signed up but are considering joining us, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at the Parish Office, (217) 352-8748, ASAP.

RCIA



SILENT PURSE AUCTION

Ladies of Holy Cross Parish, this year's Feast Week Celebration (September 12-17) will feature a silent purse auction, featuring new designer bags, as well as gently used purses donated by you, the parishioners. So, get in your closet, dig out that purse you haven't used, and donate it to the cause. It will be great fun, and proceeds benefit the school science lab. You can drop off a purse at the parish office. For details, call Mary Shelden (217) 621-0841.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

UNIVERSAL INTENTION SEPTEMBER 2021

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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Joyful, healthy, productive, and successful—these are the responses we hear from parents when we ask the question, “What do you want most for your kids?” We all know there is no magic formula for raising children. There are no shortcuts, no overnight solutions, and no parenthood manuals. However, with some intentionality and the tools we offer you, your family can have a great foundation for working together to build character strengths that increase the positive, intentional environment in your home. After years of research, we know that one of the best ways for your family to thrive is by growing in character strengths.

Moral character and faith development cannot be outsourced to a school, church, or sports program. It must come from the parents. *Building Better Families* is a 16-part video series. Each video is between 4 to 8 minutes long and helps parents learn about 16 different character strengths and their opposing vices—the excess and the deficit. Steve Markel, the founder of Families of Character, narrates the series.

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



SEPTEMBER MAGNIFICATS - Due to an error in shipping this month, we have quite a few extra September Magnificats available in the back of church and also on the table in front of the office. The extra ones will only be available for September. The copies in the basket on the table in the Parish Center with labels on them are for our parishioners who have purchased a yearly subscription. Please feel free to take a copy of one of the extra September Magnificats.

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 Giuffrè & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & 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
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney