

The background of the poster is a textured, abstract composition of blue, purple, and white. In the lower-left foreground, there are two orange silhouettes: a man on the left wearing a hard hat and a woman on the right carrying a briefcase. A large, faint, light-blue handprint is visible in the center background, with its fingers spread. The word "Labor" is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font, and "Day" is written below it in a similar but slightly smaller font, both with a slight drop shadow.

Labor Day

*All Labor that
uplifts humanity
has dignity and
importance and
should be undertaken
with painstaking
excellence.*

Martin Luther King Jr.

September 6, 2020

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, your divine Son Jesus is the perfect Mediator between God and humankind, because He alone could in all justice merit our reconciliation with God as well as the graces that God would impart after the reconciliation. You are the Mediatrix in union with Christ, from Whom your mediation draws all its power.

You merited the title of Unique Associates above all by your union with Christ in His redemptive sacrifice. After Jesus, no one suffered as you did. Now your action is primarily one of intercession. In your contemplation of God, you behold our needs with our prayers and you beg God to grant these favors.

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption. May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

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MASSSES

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.

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.

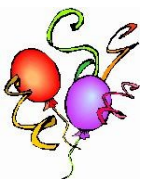
A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

Thus says the Lord: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. DONTON!

Let's all wish Fr. Donton 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!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day

7:00 a.m. Dan Crawmer

Tuesday, Sept. 8

7:00 a.m. Rex Johnson

Wednesday, Sept. 9

7:00 a.m. Jerry Willard

Thursday, Sept. 10

7:00 a.m. Joe Santarelli

Friday, Sept. 11

7:00 a.m. Tom Costello

Saturday, Sept. 12

5:30 p.m. Chuck Schweighart

Sunday, Sept. 13

8:00 a.m. Johnny Deponai

10:00 a.m. Leo Dhom

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.



Newest member of the Church, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Eleanor Joan Wood, daughter of Patrick and Lori Wood. 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 12

5:30 p.m. John Bingaman

Sunday, September 13

8:00 a.m. No ministers

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

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

2020 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

At the request of Pope Francis, the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land will be taken up on the weekend of September 12th/13th, 2020. Due to the pandemic, it was not possible to take up the collection on Good Friday, but they still need our support. For more information, visit our website at holycrosscatholic.org

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.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

Last Week's Collection

Offering for August 29th/30th.....\$6,700.78

Thank you very much!



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.

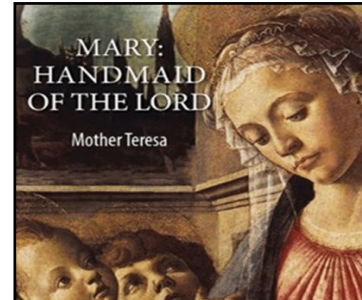
ALWAYS HOME, ALWAYS FAMILY

Greg Koerner, Principal

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

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St Teresa of Kolkata

St Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

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UPCOMING ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

In two weeks our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Please give generously as God has given to you.



CUB SCOUTS

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! Please visit our website at www.hcpack9.org or contact our Cubmaster, Jim Linnenburger, at pack9cubmaster@gmail.com to find out more information.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER. Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email.

HEAVENLY DUSTERS for September are Jo Menacher and Mick Head.



PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need.
and we are sure you will provide so that,
as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us,
through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
But deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis

A WORD FROM JOY

We were able to provide a family with 4 children a security deposit for their new residence. We also took care of a car repair bill for another family with 4 children.

We delivered our diapers and pull-ups as normal to our families which include grandmothers who have adopted their grandchildren or are helping raise those youngsters. God bless them! We also gave needed toiletries and clothes washing detergent to another family.

Needs: Diapers/Pull-Ups: we now need size 2T-3T pull-ups (girls and boys). Size 5 (not LUVS) and size 6.

Gift cards to Sam's Club, Aldi, Walgreens, and Amazon.

Possible need for a tutor to help assist parents who have children attending school remotely.

Prayers needed as our families navigate at-home learning for their children while still trying to maintain a working life. We know this is stressful for all families trying to navigate the pandemic. It is especially hard for families who are under-employed or are in need.

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.

Questions? Contact me at joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 (home). Thank you and God bless you for your support.

*"And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child,
how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ...
Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love,
but to use any violence to get what they want."*

Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata

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 Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Harold Kremer 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
Christie & Hoss Families
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family