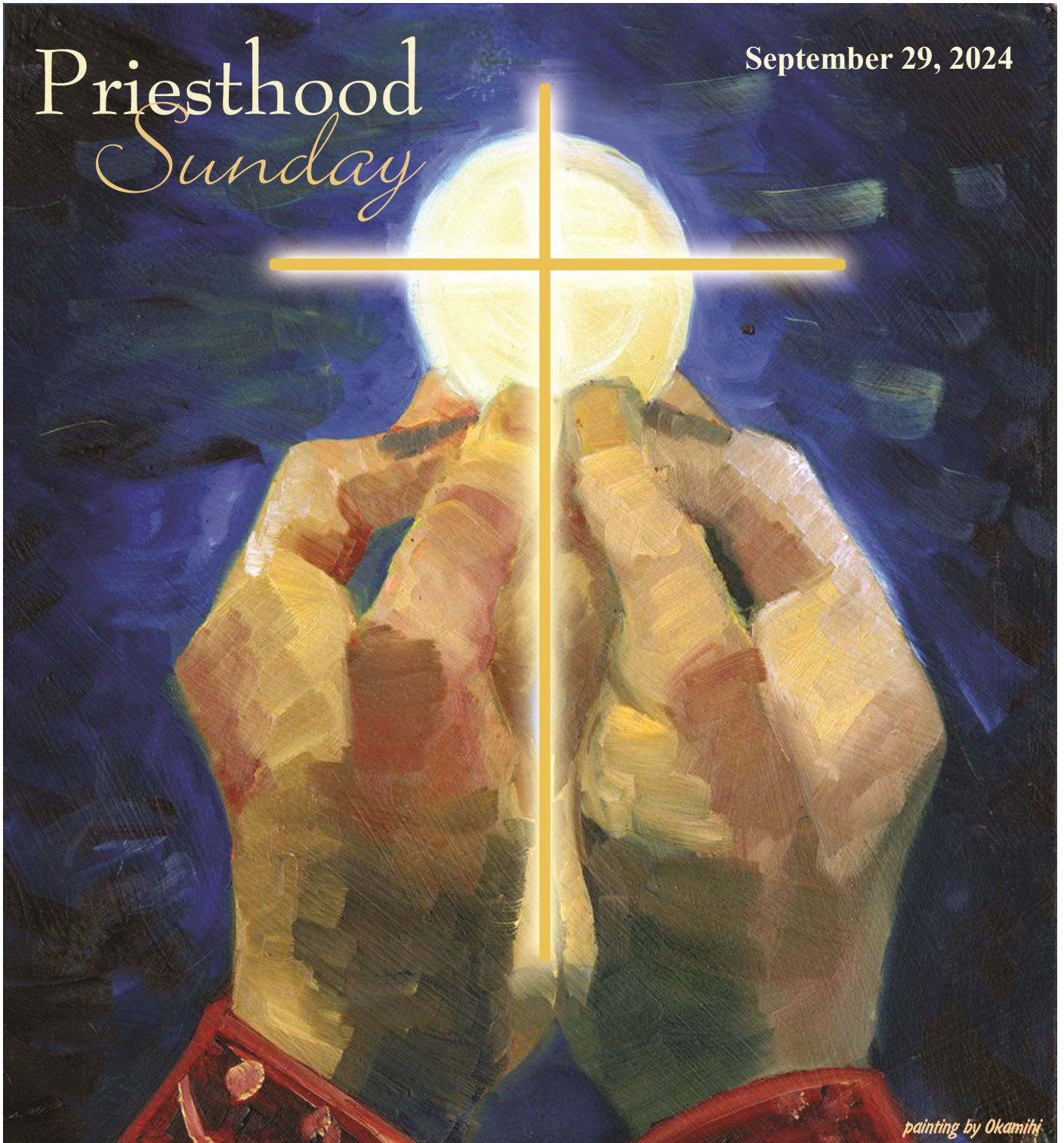


Priesthood *Sunday*

September 29, 2024



painting by Okamihj

How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?
I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Lord, I am your servant.

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.” – Saint Padre Pio

Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have
You present so that I do not forget You.
You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need
Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life,
and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light,
and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You
very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to
be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming
to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches.
It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will
not stop along the way and for that, I need You.

It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness,
the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows.
O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You.

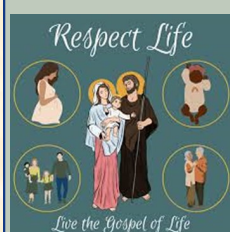
Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking
of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion
be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force
which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to
remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine
consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of
Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love,
Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love
You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.
With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth
and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

Come and spend time with Him!



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 October, we are praying the
Rosary for Respect of Life**

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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

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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.

Twenty-Sixth 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.	Oct. 5 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, John Kelley Servers: Brody Oliveira, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 6 Lector: John Karduck EMHC: Mary Shelden, Lynette Barham, Barry Dickerson Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman, Jessica McMahon, Terry Sturdyvin, Jay Ehlman Servers: Brooke McMahon, Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Ed Seebauer EMHC: Juliann Seebauer Servers: Kristina Maloney, Ithurriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 30

7:00 a.m. In honor of Erin Gallagher & Family

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Coffey

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 p.m. Angela Seaman

Thursday, October 3

7:00 a.m. In honor of Mary Mikulich & Family

Friday, October 4

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, October 5

5:30 p.m. Robert Rosner

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Joe Hacker
10:00 a.m. Linda Marcin
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of David Atchley and Donald Dobbins. 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 Kyler Thomas Grady, son of Dylan and Hannah. Let us support little Kyler on his faith journey!

COFFEE AND DONUT SHOP



Fall is here and that means coffee and donuts are resuming. Coffee, orange juice, milk and donuts are served in the Great Hall after Sunday morning Masses. It's the perfect chance to reconnect with friends and to make new ones. We need 2 volunteers to serve after each Mass. To sign up, please go to Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACAE2FA0FDC52-51401947-holy> or send an email to crakers@comcast.net or text or call 217- 417-6041.



MOM'S GROUP - October 2nd, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Walk and Pray the Rosary at Meadowbrook Park

Geoff Poor & Dave Thies Live

Holy Cross Parish Center

Friday, October 25th 7-9:00pm

Doors Open at 6:15pm

CABARET

Special guest to be announced

Tickets sold in Holy Cross Parish Office

\$40 a person

All funds support Holy Cross School

SAVE THE DATE FOR CABARET 7!

Friday, October 25th, doors open at 6:15pm

Tickets \$40 sold in the parish office and they include:

Piano Music-Wine-Beer-
Martinis Soda-Coffee- Hors
D'Ouevres- Desserts

The Holy Cross Cabaret Committee is hosting the 7th annual Cabaret Night on Friday evening, October 25th in the Parish Center. Entertainers Geoff Poor and David Thies will again perform popular music for every generation with some special guest performers. Tickets are \$40 each and include martinis, wine, beer, soft drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets can be purchased in the Holy Cross Parish Office. All proceeds will benefit the Holy Cross School Tuition Assistance Fund. Sponsorships are also available in the amounts of \$250 (bronze), \$500 (silver), and \$1,000 (gold), or in donations of silent auction items, and include an ad in the program and tickets to the event. Please email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org for more information!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. ~ Matthew 19:14

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program to help our littlest parishioners experience Jesus' love in the most simple manner. During their time, children gather in the Atrium, a room prepared for them, which contains simple, yet beautiful materials that they use to learn and grow in their faith. This time and place allows children to work with materials that aid their focus to be directed toward scripture, the liturgy of the church, and practical life skills. This program will be available to our children (ages 3-9) on Mondays during the school year beginning on Sept. 23rd. You can sign your child up for 3:30-5 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. If your family is interested in your child participating or if you have questions, please call the parish office. There are limited spaces available because of the small space. If your child is in Aftercare at Holy Cross School, your child can have permission to attend during the 3:30-5 p.m. session. Joslyn Unger is the catechist for CGS.



ST. FRANCIS

BLESSING OF PETS

On Thursday, October 3rd at 3:30 p.m. we will have Blessing of Pets on the blacktop between the school and the playground. Join us with your pets at this time and Msgr. Brownsey will bless them in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis, which is on October 4th. (Please have your dogs on a leash and a way to contain any other pets.)



SUPPORT ADA!

Follow Up Sunday: The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal.

Your gift supports ministries that help form our young people into disciples eager to share their faith with others. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, please consider filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese or drop it in the collection basket. Additional pledge cards are in the pews, at the back of the church, or in the parish center. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with our Parish needs.

We still have to pay toward last year's deficit of \$11,000.

Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account, or online at www.cdop.org/ada. Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's appeal.



Catholic Spirit Radio

Tune in! Holy Family Radio Directors, Peggy Price and Judy Weber-Jones, will be featured guests at **Catholic Spirit Radio** on the program *Catholic Conversations!* The program showcases how our community became part of the growing Catholic Spirit Radio Network. It will broadcast on **October 5th & 6th at 3 p.m.** You can listen in these ways: 88.3 FM radio; the app *Catholic Spirit Talk Radio*/online at catholicspiritradio.com; ask Alexa! This program will become a future podcast on their website too.



BINGO IN OCTOBER!

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, October 4th.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. 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!



Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. as well. Cans of Soda are available for \$1. Lemonade, Tea, Water is provided at no charge. Dinner of a Bratwurst Sandwich with potato salad/chips and a desert is available for a \$10 donation.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.



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

Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, shadow visits give prospective students a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to hs-stm.org and click the "Visit" button on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025. 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. Apply by December 1, 2024 and receive 5% off tuition for your first year. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

STM Preview Night. Interested in finding out more about the High School of Saint Thomas More? Please join us for our Fall Preview Night on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 6 to 8 p.m. All are invited to hear about what great things STM has to offer. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow visit or have questions, please visit our website at hs-stm.org or email us at admissions@hs-stm.org.

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Boys Head Tennis Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

The Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase will be November 8th starting at 5:30 p.m. to benefit the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Your donation includes a bowl of your choice, soup, bread and desserts and entertainment. You may take the bowl home to be reminded that there are always empty bowls in the world. There will be three bowl making nights for those who would like to create their own ceramic bowl (no clay experience is required!) Bowl making will be Sept. 25th, Oct. 8th, and Oct. 23rd, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We can also accommodate bowl makers on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Mrs. Pagel RSVP for bowl making at dpagel@hs-stm.org.

Collection

Offering for September 21st/22nd.....\$5,495.00

Thank you very much!



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

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

As we begin a new school year. I have three things that I have been praying for: Faith, Hope and Love.

I have Faith that each and every one of our students, staff, parents, and community members have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. I have Faith that you will entrust our school to educate your student in a faith-based manner.

I Hope that all of us can show compassion, understanding, and treat each other with respect and kindness.

I pray that each and every member of our Holy Cross family can Love one another like Jesus Loved us.

I pledge to keep Jesus at the center of my words, actions, and my life and I pray that you will as well.

Welcome back and have a great school year!

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Out of Uniform Day - Thank you for your generosity!

Together we raised \$781 to give to the Beyers/Franey family to support them in their time of loss of their beloved son, husband, father - Bailey Beyers.

Please obey traffic laws while in school zones

Please remember to slow down and be aware of school zones in our town and around Holy Cross.

Also remember that is illegal to be using your cell phone while driving.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord God,

We pray that you will call many fine young men to the Priesthood.

May they have the grace to hear your call and to respond wholeheartedly, giving of themselves generously in the service of your Church, that we may be greatly strengthened and may grow.

May these fine priests have the grace of perseverance and not burn out.

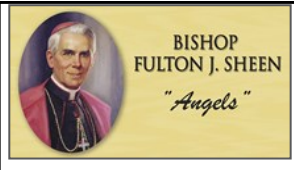
And may they be supported and encouraged and appreciated.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:
SIGN OF CONTRADICTION**

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a new breathtaking film on St. Francis of Assisi featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM CAP, Mother Olga Jacob, and more. Francis was a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was oftentimes left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Jesus Christ that his darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. When the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction. Ultimately, this film is about conversion: his and ours. Find out more at 4pmmmedia.com and thewildgooseisloose.com



**ANGELS:
BISHOP FULTON SHEEN**

In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world. In the second, "The Touch of Your Hand," Bishop Sheen delves into the beautiful truth that through His love, God makes us lovable, and we can effect this same transformation in our neighbor. Lastly, in "Caring," Bishop Sheen insists on the need to love our visible neighbors, and through these caring acts, love our invisible God.

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LIFE CHAIN AT HESSEL PARK

When: Sunday, Oct. 6th from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Hessel Park, Champaign (on the public sidewalk along the south side of the park)

Please join us, along with others across North America, in peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the Right to Life for All. We will be standing with pro-life signs along the south side of Hessel Park, on the public sidewalk along West Kirby Ave. This is a silent, prayerful witness for voiceless children who are threatened by abortion and who need us to stand up for them. Pro-life signs will be provided and can be picked up at the southwest corner of Hessel Park at the intersection of West Kirby Avenue and Grandview Drive. Attendees are also welcome to make and bring their own signs (peaceful and encouraging messages please, no graphic images).

Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. Rain or shine.

Contact: Renée at reneemullen1@comcast.net
Website: <https://www.lifechain.org/>
FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1326073285439070>

Family-Friendly Movie, Lunch, and St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

October 13, 2024
11:30 after the 10 am Mass
Holy Cross Church Parish Center

Join us! Questions? contact Joy at 217 840-0322

Be kind and Have Courage

Join us for a light lunch of sandwiches, sides and desserts brought to you by the Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee.

This PG movie teaches about goodness, perseverance and respect. Please bring non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed the poor in Champaign.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL