

“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

October 3, 2021

Respect Life

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Respect Life Sunday



Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

EVERY LIFE
cherished • chosen • sent



Wednesday Devotion for October 3rd at 5:30 p.m.
will be to Mary, Mother of God



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
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Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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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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-Seventh 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. 9 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: John Bingaman Servers: Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 10 Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Murphy EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon Servers: Philip Christhlf, Ben Summers
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Servers: Bailey McMahon, Brooke McMahon

ROSARY—SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 16th at noon. Please join thousands of people across the U.S. as we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our nation. We will pray at the outdoor statue of Mary on the north side of St. Matthew Church. This event is organized through "America Needs Fatima." For questions, contact Jane Walsh at 217-352-6673.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 4

7:00 a.m. Joe Hacker

Tuesday, October 5

7:00 a.m. Dale Kinsel

Wednesday, October 6

6:00 p.m. In Celebration of Tony and Gerrie Rein's Anniversary

Thursday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Deacon Bob Ulbrich

Friday, October 8

8:15 a.m. Ernest Mae Lee

Saturday, October 9

5:30 p.m. Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu

Sunday, October 10

8:00 a.m. Stephen Warner
10:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth and Pat Doyle
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Andrew Danner and Brooke Cooper, who were married here on Saturday, Sept. 25th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Grayson Pierce Wright, son of Adam & Betsy Wright; and Braydie Kakwata Mwabenge, daughter of Baby & Linda Mwabenge. Let us support these children on their faith journey!



Something old, something new for Coffee Shop on October 3rd. We will have donuts but we will also offer yogurt and granola bars. Of course, white and chocolate milk, orange juice, tea and coffee are always available. By the way, there are often VERY INTERESTING discussions at our Holy Cross coffee shop. Join other parishioners after the Sunday morning Masses. We are still looking for volunteers for Coffee Shop. To help out, please call Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Maurice Decker and William Neumann. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.





Respect Life Month



PRO-LIFE

40 Days For Life is September 22nd-October 31st. Join us at the Planned Parenthood on 3rd and Stoughton in Champaign. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and we really like to have at least two people praying per hour. Contact Renee if you have any questions at 217-607-0811

Below are details about upcoming pro-life events—many wonderful opportunities to help foster a stronger Culture of Life! Please schedule some time to get involved.

*40 Days for Life Fall 2021, Sept 22nd to Oct. 31st

*Pro-Life Billboard Project, Ongoing

*Life Chain, October 3rd

*Deeper Still Abortion Recovery Retreat, Oct. 8th-10th



LIFE CHAIN: Today, October 3rd from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Hessel Park, Champaign on the 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 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 Ave. and Grandview Dr. 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.

Contact Renee at 217-607-0811,
or reneemullen@comcast.net
or <https://40daysforlife.com/champaign>

HEAVENLY DUSTERS for October are
Angie Deptula and Cheri Rakers



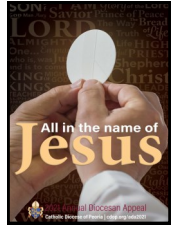
Last Week's Collection

Offering for Sept. 25th/26th.....\$7,570.00

Thank you very much!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021 UPDATE

Have you made a pledge for the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for 8 months. There are pledge cards and envelopes in the vestibule and in the Parish Center.



Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us finance repairs and maintenance to our church and school parking lots. **To date we have received pledges from 10% of our parishioners toward our goal of \$122,000.** It will take a strong collective effort from everyone to reach this goal. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute, and follow through with a donation. If we are unable to reach this goal, the difference will be paid out of our Holy Cross ordinary income. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

If you wish to make a donation on your pledge 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!

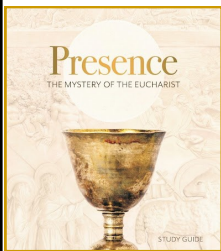
MOMS' GROUP

Holy Cross Moms' Group is meeting for a Moms' Night Out on **October 7th** at Lori's home. Join us for a bonfire and fellowship starting at 7:00 p.m. Please e-mail hcmomsgroup@gmail.com for more details.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Oct. 13th from 9-11 a.m. in the Parish Center basement. We will be going to confession with Fr. Donton. Unfortunately, we cannot provide babysitting services for older toddlers or babies at this time, although we'll definitely watch each other's kids so everyone can do confession alone. Please wear a mask. Stay home if you or anyone in your family isn't feeling well.

If you'd like to view our entire fall schedule and meet some wonderful moms, please join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms and/or e-mail us at hcmomsgroup@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting friends and growing in holiness together!

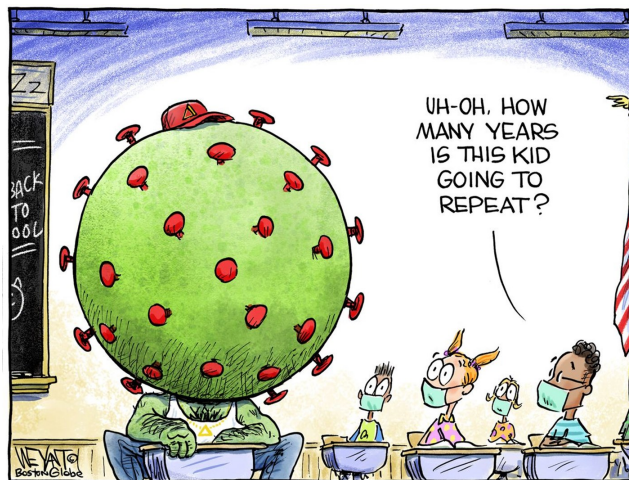


ADULT FORMATION. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE to sign up for our Adult Formation (formerly Bible Study) class. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist!* The study begins on Monday, Oct. 4th at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 9:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office this week at 217 352-8748.



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

Humor from the desk of Principal Greg Koerner:



Coronavirus, it's still here, and we are still plugging along!

"Always Home - Always Family"
WE ARE HOLY CROSS



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

Fall Preview Night 2021. Calling all 7th and 8th graders: You are invited to Fall Preview Night 2021. Join us on October 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the STM cafeteria. The evening will begin with introductions of our administration, move to a tour of our beautiful campus, and then end with the opportunity to meet with our teachers, club advisers, coaches, and student leaders at our Info Fair in the cafe. We hope to see you there!

Long Term Substitute. STM is looking for a long-term substitute teacher to teach in our History classes from mid-November through the end of January. If you are interested, please contact Sr. M. Bridget at smbridget@hs-stm.org

Employment Opportunities. We are seeking a Head Girls Soccer Coach, a Head Girls Basketball Coach, an assistant Wrestling Coach, a part-time Night Custodian, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at smbridget@hs-stm.org and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org



AFTER CARE HELP NEEDED

Job Opening: We still have a position to fill in After-Care. The hours are 2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at hcs@holycrosselem.org or call the school office at 217-356-9521.

When You Need Support, "Embrace Artistry" EMPTY BOWLS BENEFIT IS BACK!

Wednesday, October 6th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

at Silvercreek Restaurant,

402 North Race, Urbana

\$25/Adults, \$10/Children

Includes a handcrafted bowl
with gourmet soup and bread

Outside, weather permitting
or inside with masks

All proceeds support Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

Cash donations very gratefully accepted at:
Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

P.O. Box 648, Champaign, IL 61824-0648
or dailybreadsoupkitchen.com



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.

Everyone over the age of 2 is 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.





Clean, gently used winter coats (new coats would be great also!) are needed for the 18th Annual "Coat the Community" drive. Donations will be accepted **Saturday, October 16th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Keller Williams Realty parking lot at Village at The Crossing, 2441 Village Green Place, Champaign.

When you donate, you will be eligible to enter our giveaway.

Children's coats are especially needed. The Salvation Army will assist in the free distribution of the coats to local families in need. Go to

www.CoatTheCommunity.com

for more information. Hosted by The Scott Bechtel Group, Keller Williams Realty.

18th Annual

Drive-thru Drop-off

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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 4pmmedia.com and thewildgooseisloose.com

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JOIN US FOR THE GREAT PUMPKIN



GIVEAWAY. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

Sunday, October 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hardy's Reindeer Ranch, 1356 County Rd 2900 N in Rantoul, IL

Come out to Hardy's Reindeer Ranch near Rantoul. Bring along a non-perishable food item (or 2 or 3) to donate to local food banks, and you can take a pumpkin home.



Your Thrivent Community will match your food donation. The Ranch has many other activities as well. Check out their website to see your costs for the various attractions.

Please RSVP by calling 217-819-4646 or emailing east-centralillinoisgroup@thrivent.com if you have questions.

(Hosted by East-Central Illinois Group)

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION OCTOBER 2021

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

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 & 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

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 Turkan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershbarger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochran-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 Timponi
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