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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
bless us with the courage to defend all life
from conception to natural death.

Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples
from east to west, from north to south,
so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus
to be neighbor.

We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

(from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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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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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-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.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, 'He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.' Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Brothers and Sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Oct. 5

7:00 a.m.

William Pankau

Tuesday, Oct. 6

7:00 a.m.

Carol Davis

Wednesday, Oct. 7

7:00 a.m.

Beverly Lynch

Thursday, Oct. 8

7:00 a.m.

Deceased of John J. Graham Fam.

Friday, Oct. 9

7:00 a.m.

Freedom to Worship

Saturday, Oct. 10

5:30 p.m.

Thomas Menke

Sunday, Oct. 11

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Johnny Calcagno

4:00 p.m.

Stephen Primmer

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: It shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

FAMILY FORMATION

“SEPARATED BY DISTANCE, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”



We are not able to meet the first Thursday of the month at the present time due to COVID-19 and the social distancing guidelines. However, that won't stop us from growing in knowledge of the Faith. These lessons have been adapted from the regular Family Formation Classroom lessons to go along with your home packets for the remaining 3 weeks of the particular month.

I am looking forward to having our returning families as well as families participating for the first time. The fee of \$125 per family covers all the materials needed for the lessons. Please feel free to contact Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office (217-352-8748) with any questions or for more information. Registration forms may be emailed to you or picked up at the Parish Office.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Saturday, October 10th at noon, join thousands of people across the U.S. as we pray the Rosary for our nation. We'll gather at the outdoor statue of Mary on the north side of St. Matthew's in Champaign. This event is organized through "America Needs Fatima." Questions? Contact Jane Walsh at 217-352-6673.

Our prayers and best wishes go with Joel Ping and Mallory Becker, who were married here on Saturday, September 26th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

It's not too early to contribute to the flower fund to pay for this year's poinsettias for the church's Christmas decorations. You may drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "flower fund" or bring it to the office. The weekly collection has been less due to COVID-19, thus the flower fund plays a greater role in funding this year's poinsettia order. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION will be taken up on **October 11th** (postponed from June 29th). Please put your envelope for Peter's Pence in the collection baskets during the weekend's Masses. Thank you for your support of this charity.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, OCT. 6TH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has been established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church. The first class will be held in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th.

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, October 10

5:30 p.m. Gloria Fellers

Sunday, October 11

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John and Pat Dixon

4:00 p.m. Anthony and Beth Frasca, John Farney

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our parish is 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. By now you will have received your pledge card in the mail. You can mail it to Holy Cross, or drop it in the collection basket. Please give generously as God has given to you.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for September 26th/27th.....\$7,472.86

Thank you very much!



Holy Cross School
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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Can you believe that we are in October already? How time flies. With that being said, it is still very important that we continue to follow our safety precautions. We are committed in keeping all of our students and staff safe. Please continue to encourage everyone to wear a mask, sanitize, and practice social distancing.

The school has 171 students sitting in seats and 44 students doing virtual academy. This has been challenging at times. All our teachers and staff have been doing a great job in trying to give our virtual students the same experiences as our students that are in-school, however, this has been frustrating for both teachers and students.

One area identified was our lack of computers. In July meetings with the teachers, I learned that most of them were using their own personal computers. As a result, new computers for the teachers were ordered in August but, unfortunately, we still have not received them. I believe that when we upgrade our technology, with the new computers promised to arrive soon, then our virtual and in-school students will have the quality education they deserve.

As you can imagine, we have accrued a few additional bills due to COVID. We had to purchase sprayers, chemicals, sanitizers, facemasks, cafeteria supplies, computers, chrome books, and iPADS. If you would like to help offset the cost of these purchases it would be greatly appreciated.

On another note, I believe it is important for our students to recite daily the following HOLY CROSS PLEDGE.

"Today I will view challenges as opportunities, and treat myself, my peers, and the school staff with respect, understanding, and kindness, and I pledge to keep Jesus at the center of my words, actions, and my life."

WE ARE HOLY CROSS

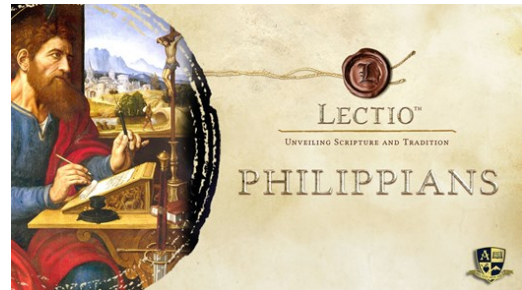
Greg Koerner,
Principal, Holy Cross



**Feast Week 2020
Living Rosary
September 17**

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Lectio: Philippians

Toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Philippians: Life in Christ.

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STM ADMISSIONS: Calling all 8th graders. You belong here. Become a Saber. To apply, go to <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>
Applications for 2021-22 are officially open, and those who submit a completed application by November 1st will receive 5% off their tuition amount.

THANK YOU FOR THE VIDEO!

Holy Cross School would like to thank John and Patty Bingham for flying their drone over Holy Cross during the living rosary. They were able to get some great shots and John put together a great video, which can be found on the school website. Thank you both for your help and support.



Catholic Daughters of America, Champaign County #1070, will have their next meeting on **Thursday, Oct. 8th** at the Holy Cross Church parish center at 5:30 pm. All Catholic women, 18 and older are encouraged to join us, make new friends, and share God's love through service. Please contact Debby at 217-359-9961 for more information.



Clean, gently used winter coats (new coats would be great also!) are needed for the 17th Annual "Coat the Community" drive. Donations will be accepted **Saturday, October 10th** 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

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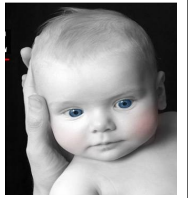
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Much has happened in recent months and many activities were put on hold, including pro-life events. Unfortunately, the abortion industry never stopped operating. We are very glad to share that there are more pro-life activities and events coming up. Please prayerfully consider how you can get involved and help foster a stronger Culture of Life!



40 Days for Life Fall 2020: Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st. at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton St, Champaign. This is an international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 Days, but especially welcome when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray.

Pro-Life Billboard Project: Ongoing, on private land in Central Illinois (i.e., farmland, outside a church or business). Generous donations have been given to fund the materials for Pro-Life Billboards to help foster a stronger Culture of Life, and for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy to know where to find help. Different designs and both one-sided and double-sided Pro-Life Billboards are available. Volunteers have already installed 8 Billboards! More landowners are needed to allow Billboards on their property. Contact Renee at 217-607-0811, or reneemullen1@comcast.net

VoteProLifeFirst Election Campaigning and Advocacy, now thru November 2020. Nationwide. Students for Life Action (political arm of Students for Life of America) is seeking volunteers of any age to make phone calls to help get pro-life candidates elected in November. To learn more, go to <https://studentsforlifeaction.org/volunteer/>

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 & Huguette 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
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
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