

33rd Sunday

in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025

THE LORD
COMES TO
RULE THE
EARTH
WITH
JUSTICE.



In celebrating 150 years of the Peoria Diocese, Holy Cross will also be celebrating the history of Catholic Education here at Holy Cross. We will be featuring Graduating classes from our past.

Holy Cross School Class of 1957

Back Row: William Brown, James Ballard, Michael Tangora, Curtis Martin, Carl Vangsness, Ronald Hammel, James Meyer, Thomas Grubaugh, Thomas Dorfmeister, Fred Rawles, Douglas Pierre, Neil Buttimer, Donald Schinker, Gary Graham Richard Haley

3rd Row: Jane Schooley, Kathy O'Neill, James Schum, Anthony Herges, James Cochrane, Joseph Meyers, Michael Russian, Richard Hammel, John D. McGinty, Eugene Althaus, Lynn Harpst, Mary Jo Hughes, Regina Ryan

2nd Row Judy Bermingham, Emily Thomas Shirelly Brine, Kathy Kelly, Nina Byers, Carol Oakes, Julie Friedman, Theresa Lierman, Susan Grossman, Virginia Drenckhahn, Frances Drenckhahn, Mary Ann Schmidt, Rev. D.W. Kratz

1st Row: Rev. Donald Schladen, Kay Maier, Janet Armstrong, Rosalie Palmisano, Julann Powell, Mary Alice Strassburger, Jo Ann Buttita, Darlene Kappes, Louise Boucher, Rev. Msgr. C. J. Higgins

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FROM THE DIOCESE



Fontanini
by ROMAN

PLEASE JOIN US
NOVEMBER 28, 2025
1PM - 3PM



Meet Emanuele Fontanini of the world-renowned House of Fontanini – makers of Italian nativities for more than 110 years.

Lagron-Miller Company
4517 N Sterling Ave.
Peoria, IL
(309) 681-9171

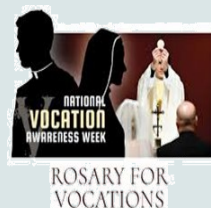
This exclusive figure is only available at stores hosting a tour stop and can be signed at the event.

Mile Villager

On Friday, November 28, 2025, Lagron-Miller has been chosen to host a Fontanini signing event from 1pm-3pm. During the event, you will have the opportunity to meet Emanuele Fontanini of the world-renowned House of Fontanini-makers of Italian nativities for more than 110 years. We will have an exclusive figure and ornament available to purchase and be signed at the event.

If you are unable to attend you can call 309-681-9171 and we can hold one and have it signed for you to pick up at a later date. Emanuele will also sign 1 piece of a nativity you already have at the event.

We would like to ask you to put up the attached flyer in your church or parish center, add our little paragraph to your bulletin or your social media page. This is a great way to start off advent and it is a unique gift for someone this holiday season. Giving the gift of a nativity or nativity ornament is reminding us what Christmas is all about. Thank you for being such a valued part of our Lagron-Miller Family!



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 November, we are praying the Rosary for Vocations.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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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Greg Koerner, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

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, Thurs 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.

Thirty-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.	Nov. 22 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Peg Swanson, Sharon Kristovich, Joslyn Unger John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 23 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Duncan Oliveira Sue Berndt, Lynette Barham Nicolette Burton, Emma Lwao
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Dawn Friedman Ben Summers
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Jan Weber Sam Easton, Ithuriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 17

7:00 am For the Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 a.m. Boudreau and Gernon Families

Wednesday, November 19

6:00 p.m. Joseph Buyno, Sr

Thursday, November 20

7:00 a.m. Ron Davis

Friday, November 21

8:15 a.m. Dominador Mendoza

Saturday, November 22

5:30 p.m. Linda Marshall

Sunday, November 23

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner
4:00 p.m. Florene Smith



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Samson Michael Grejtak, son of Braden and Jessica Grejtak.

Let us support little Samson on his faith journey!



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Joey Morton and Emily Morris, who were married here on November 8th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



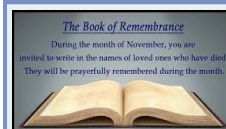
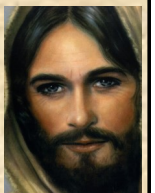
The **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY** is in need of donations. Thank you to all who have responded to the call for help thus far. The number of people in need, including families with children, increases often. Any non-perishable food item is appreciated. Gifts can be dropped off at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. **Monetary gifts are also welcome.** Please make checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



BOOK OF THE DEAD. Be sure to enroll the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule of the church.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

There's a nip in the air. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee or tea, a glass of milk or orange juice, and a delicious donut after the Sunday morning masses.

Join friends or meet new ones at the parish center.



SAVE THE DATE!



Christmas Cookie & Craft Sale

Sat. Dec 13, 6:30-7:30

Sun. Dec 14, 8:00-1:00

Holy Cross Parish Hall

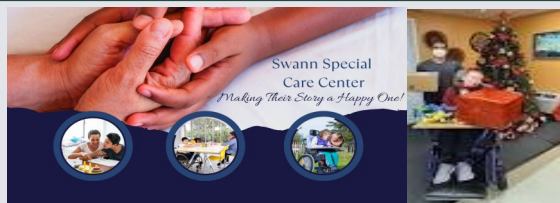
Collections

Offering for November 8th/9th.....\$8,247.28

Development.....\$875.00

Thank You Very Much!

Tis the Season to Give, and Bring the Joy of Christmas to Those in Need



~Swann Special Care Center Gifts

This year we will again participate in the Christmas Wish List providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Swann. With each name is a wish list. Help bring the joy of Christmas to these residents. If you'd like to provide a gift for a resident, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 for the list of names and ages. Or pick a name from the "tree" at the back of the church. Gifts must be in the office by **Wednesday, December 3rd**.

If you take a name strip from the "Tree" at the back of the church, please sign your name and phone number on the sheet provided next to the resident's name.



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE PROJECT

We will once again be collecting toys and gift items for those in need in the Peoria Diocese, to make their Christmas a little brighter.

We will have a "Giving Tree" set up in the vestibule of the church with ornaments that have an age range, and type of gift requested, printed on it. Please take one or more of these ornaments from the Catholic Charities Giving Tree located at the back of the church and purchase the gift(s).

You should drop the items off at the back of the church, or in the parish office, **by Wednesday, December 3rd**, so we can get the gifts to Catholic Charities, and they will pass them along to the families.

Everything we collect here at Holy Cross will be given to families in the local Champaign County area.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Thank you so much for your support!



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF PEORIA
PROVIDING HELP AND HOPE



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATIONS

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Champaign is asking for donations to help cover lawn mowing and general maintenance of the cemetery for 2026. All donations are appreciated and no donation is too small!

Please send your donation to:

St. Mary's Cemetery, care of
St. Mary's Catholic Church
612 E. Park St,
Champaign, IL 61820.



For additional information, please contact Denny Santarelli at dennysantarelli2@gmail.com or 217-778-0575.

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

The St. Matthew Thanksgiving Basket Ministry is back again! We have a need for **275 baskets** that will feed over **600 people** in the Champaign-Urbana area this holiday season.

We need your help.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS ARE DONATED BY PARISHIONERS AND GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA AREA FACING FOOD INSECURITY.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Donated Baskets can be dropped off at St. Matthew Parish on Sat. Nov. 22 at from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Questions or basket recommendations? www.st.matt.net/thanksgiving2025



SAVE THE DATE

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

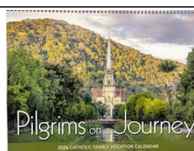
TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOV 15 & 16
8AM-1PM
ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL
1307 Lincolnshire Dr | Champaign

Featuring handcrafted items including holiday décor, sewn creations, jewelry, crafts made from wood, original artwork, toys, religious items, sweet treats to go, and more!

**CHILDREN OF
HOPE AND FAITH**

Education for Orphans. Hope for Communities.



The 2026 Calendars are here. Thank you to Owens Funeral Home for providing these calendars to Holy Cross! You can pick one up in the Parish Office or at one of the church doors.



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

Save The Date - STM Madrigal Dinner

Join the lords and ladies of STM for a night of medieval revelry celebrating the birth of Christ. A dessert only performance will be December 4th at 7 PM, purchase tickets at the door. The Dinner feasts will be on December 5th and 6th. To purchase tickets for the dinner performances visit <https://www.hs-stm.org/page/madrigals>.



Admissions Application Open for 2026-27

STM is accepting admissions applications for the 2026-2027 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. Please note that if you submit your completed application, including all forms, before December 1, 2025, you will be eligible for a 5% discount on your child's tuition. If you submit a completed application by February 1, 2026, you will be eligible to receive a 2% discount. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

SAVE THE DATE: Rooted in More Gala

Saturday, February 21, 2026 • Pear Tree Estate

Join *The High School of Saint Thomas More* for our **Rooted in More Gala**! This special evening celebrates the mission and impact of Catholic secondary education in Central Illinois. Your support helps us form students morally, intellectually, physically, and spiritually as lifelong disciples of Christ. Proceeds will benefit academic and classroom enhancements, facility upgrades, and enrollment growth initiatives. Purchase tickets or sponsorships at <https://hs-stm.org/page/gala>. At the gala, the **Paideia and Distinguished Alumni awards will be presented**. If you would like to make nominations please visit <https://www.hs-stm.org/page/gala> and complete the forms by January 16th.

Advent Family Festival at STM

Calling all families to a fun afternoon of games, crafts, a Christmas Cookie Walk, face painting, refreshments and photos with St. Nick on Sat., Dec. 13 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the High School of St. Thomas More, 3901 N. Mattis Ave. in Champaign. There is no cost, but free-will donations are appreciated. Ornaments will be available for purchase. Register online with this QR code or at <https://rb.gy/z8a4et>.

Hosted by the STM Parent Association.

For more information contact pa@hs-stm.org. See you there!



STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Spanish Teacher, and an Athletic Bus Driver.

If interested email:

Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



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

Students in Art and Spanish classes created this beautiful Día de los Muertos ofrenda, a tribute to our ancestors & loved ones who have gone before us.



WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



We are parishioners within the Catholic Diocese of Peoria and recently published a children's book titled *Milo and the Storm Inside*. This story was written from the heart—with the hope of helping children understand and manage their emotions while learning to trust that God is always with them, even in the midst of life's storms.

Our inspiration came from our son, and we've seen how this story has helped him find peace and reassurance through faith. We pray it can do the same for other children and families.



Hello again. November is here now and the Knights have had another busy month.

~~ Sunday, Nov, 2nd, we provided an honor guard at Holy Cross's Sunday 4:00 PM mass. It was a Mass of Remembrance for the parishioners who left us to start their journey home to heaven this past year.

~~ Last Saturday, Knights from Champaign and the University of Illinois went out to Saint Mary cemetery to do a final clean-up for the winter. Later that evening, we hosted and served a thank you dinner for all the religious members of our community.

~~The very next day, Sunday the 9th, we hosted a sausage and pancake Veterans day breakfast at Holy Cross after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM masses. Everyone, not just Veterans, was welcome.

~~This weekend, the Knights are providing an honor guard at St. Mary's parish in Pesotum for their 150th anniversary celebration. Bishop Tylka celebrated the mass.

~~ We are also starting our annual "coats for kids"

We invite you to stop and talk to one of us, and SEE FOR YOURSELF what we're doing and what we're all about. We won't pressure you to join, but we will try to show you all the benefits of becoming a knight.

Check out "kofc.org/join" online.

Till next time, "in service to 1 - in service to all".

Look for "Knights Corner" news in future bulletins.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Culvers

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
Living & 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 & LoGrasso Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families
William & Mary McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Hagglin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Theresa Brya
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perodin Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
Dan Crawmer



Pro-Life Discussion Group for October

Special drop-in time at **Panera's on Kirby**
11am-12:30 pm November 17th.

Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch, and join in a drop-in discussion!

This is an Ecumenical Group - and we discuss Pro-Life items - from current items in the news, to specific topics and we answer questions and discuss.

Join us for any amount of time for friendship and fellowship!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

~~~~~New News~~~~~

- We have two new babies! Please keep both of these families in your prayers!
- One little one was born very small - 4 lbs, 10 oz. She is home with her mom and two siblings. Prayers needed here, since this mom is developmentally challenged. Please pray for the mom and her whole family.
- The second baby was normal weight, born into an intact family with a mom and dad and 3 other siblings. (picture)
- With SNAP (food) benefits going away with the Federal shutdown, many families are struggling to get food for their families. We added 3 families for the November SVdP food pickup.



Thanks so much to St. Vincent de Paul and Holy Cross for their service to the poor.



FAMILIES IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

If anyone wants to help families who need assistance, please consider making a donation to the Holy Cross Pro-Life committee.

You can donate by:

- on-line giving (see special area for Pro-Life with TJ's picture),
- in the collection basket (*please put you're your name and contact info, and that the \$ is for Pro-Life, or
- check (** please be sure to put Pro-Life in the memo line **)

For more info - please call Joy at 217 840-0322.

Thank you and God bless you!

Please keep everyone in your prayers!

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL