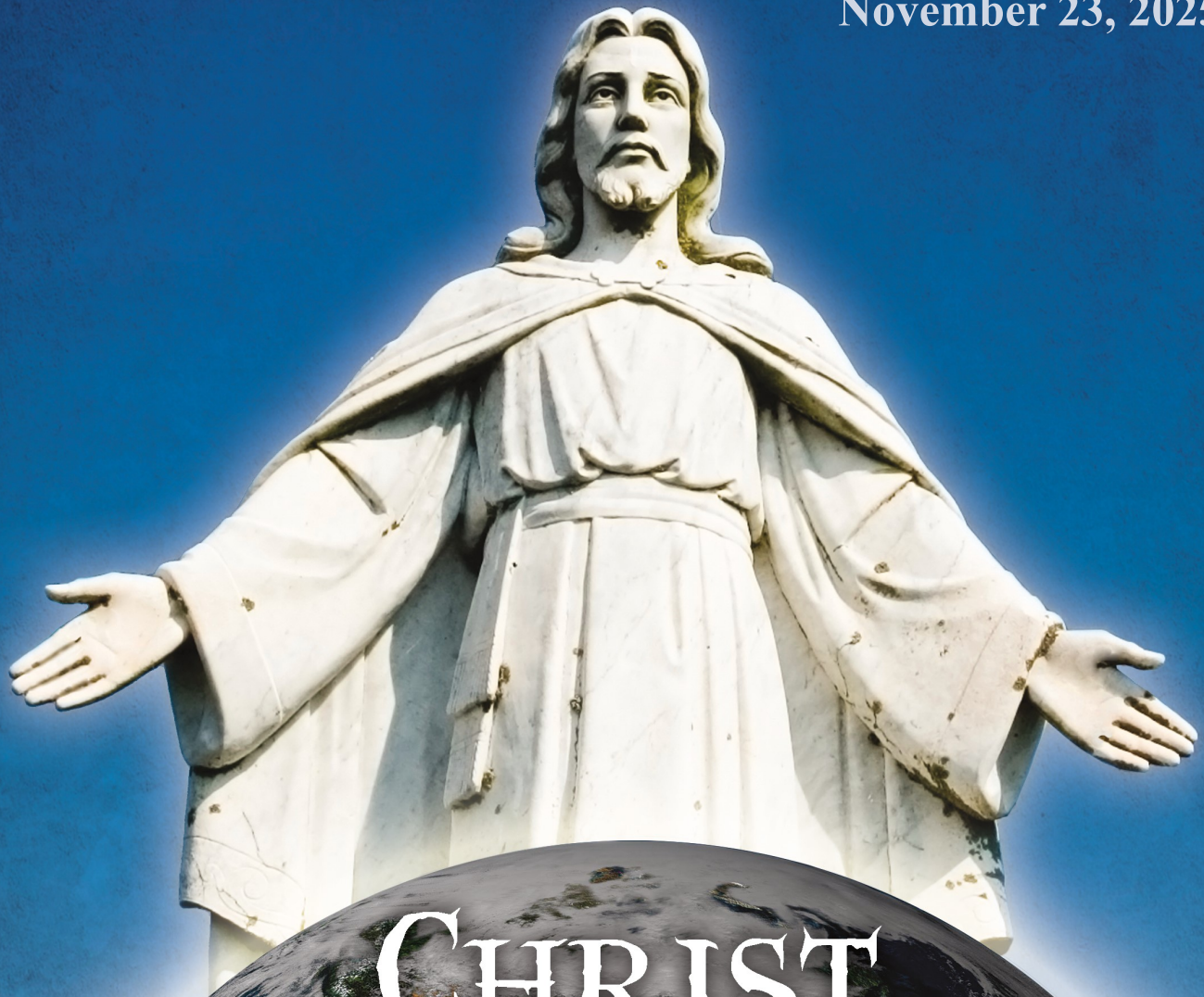




November 23, 2025



# CHRIST THE KING

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**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**





### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.*

*Thank you for the gift of creation and the gift of life. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal. Thank you for our faith and religious heritage. Thank you for our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.*

*Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.*

### **PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS**

*Msgr. Brian Brownsey  
Father Joseph Baker  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher  
Deacon Michael Smith*

#### **TRUSTEES**

*John Powers John Kelley*

#### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Elizabeth Kelley*

#### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

*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**

405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL, 61820  
Phone: 217-352-8748 Fax: 217-366-2929  
e-mail address: [office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org)  
website: [www.holycrosscatholic.org](http://www.holycrosscatholic.org)

### **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

*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.

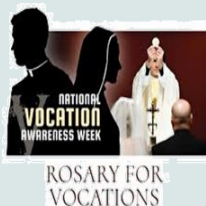
**MATRIMONY:** Couples contemplating marriage should call the Office at least 8 months in advance. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until you have discussed this with your 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.

### **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.



# Solemnity of Christ the King

## 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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 29</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Sharon Kristovich, Kathy Murray Tom Murray, Ethan Weldy
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 30</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt Ray Tucker, Barry Dickerson Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higgerson Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Stephanie Rank Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, November 24

7:00 am Matthase Itebiye and  
Iyenahe Itebiye

#### Tuesday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Gabrel Eigbike and  
Imhanbibu Eigbike

#### Wednesday, November 26

6:00 p.m. Ron Davis

#### Thursday, November 27 - *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 a.m. Bernie Hammel

#### Friday, November 28

8:15 a.m. Karen Santarelli

#### Saturday, November 29

5:30 p.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

#### Sunday, November 30

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners  
10:00 a.m. Maria Rosa Mussari  
4:00 p.m. Michael Cornyn

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,  
whose mercy endures forever.

Ps 106:1

### HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!



The Parish Office will be closed, Wednesday,  
November 26 through Friday, November 28th and  
reopen Monday, December 1st.

Mass will be 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.  
(There will be NO 7:00 a.m. Mass)  
Thank You!

**Christmas Cookie  
& Craft Sale**

**Sat. Dec 13, 6:30-7:30**  
**Sun. Dec 14, 8:00-1:00**

**Holy Cross Parish Hall**  
Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
All proceeds go to charity

Catholic Daughters & Children of Hope and Faith will sell handmade crafts

### 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!



### 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.

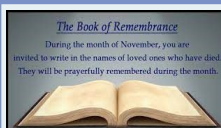
Join friends or meet new ones at the parish center.



### Collections

Offering for November 15th/16th.....\$7,426.25

Thank You Very Much!



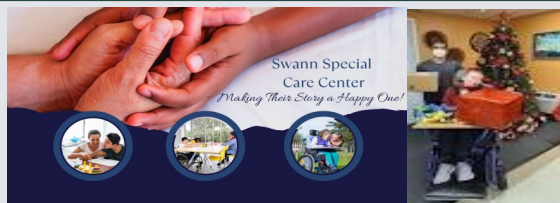
### The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, you are  
invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died.  
They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.

**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.



# 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 THROUGH CHARITY



**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** - Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email. If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

December is fast approaching, and it's not too early to contribute to the flower fund to pay for this year's poinsettia order 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.

If you want to make your donation in memory or in honor of family members or friends, please write those names on a slip of paper and include it with your donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity



## ST. MARY'S CEMETERY DONATIONS

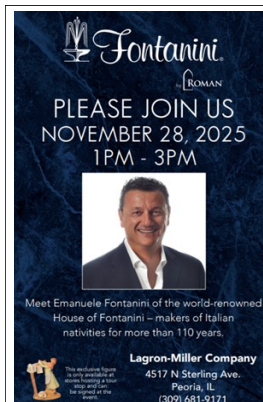
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Champaign is asking for donations to help cover lawn mowing and general maintenance of the cemetery for 2026. All donations are appreciated and no donation is too small!

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](mailto:dennysantarelli2@gmail.com) or 217-778-0575.



## FONTANINI AT LAGRON-MILLER IN PEORIA

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.



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](http://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>.

### STM Winter Concert

Join us for an evening of festive music and seasonal cheer on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. Our talented students will perform a variety of classical, contemporary, and holiday favorites to celebrate the season. Admission is free! Come support our students and enjoy the holiday spirit!

### Admissions Application Open for 2026-27

STM is accepting admissions applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://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](mailto: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!

### 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](mailto:pa@hs-stm.org). See you there!



### 2026 STM Gala: Rooted in More

**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.

**STM Job Opportunities:** STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Spanish Teacher, an English Teacher, a Cross Country Coach, a Girls Track Coach and an Athletic Bus Driver.

### If interested email:

Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org) and

John Delaney, Athletic Director at [jdelaney@hs-stm.org](mailto:jdelaney@hs-stm.org).

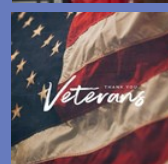


## Holy Cross School

217-356-9521

[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

### SOME PICS FROM VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES



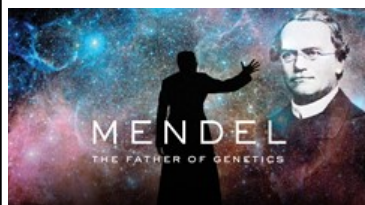
**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



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.



## MENDEL: FATHER OF MODERN GENETICS

This beautifully produced European documentary tells the story of Gregor Mendel, a scientist, Catholic priest and scholar renowned as

the founder of genetics and discoverer of the laws of inheritance. He was also an astute observer of the sky and the stars, all this as a monk and abbot of an Augustinian monastery. In the 19th century, he was ahead of the discovery of DNA and the human genome and showed that science and faith go hand in hand to understand Creation.

"From Copernicus to Mendel, from Albert the Great to Pascal, from Galileo to Marconi, the history of the Church and the history of the sciences clearly show us that there is a scientific culture rooted in Christianity. It can be said, in fact, that research, by exploring the greatest and the smallest, contributes to the glory of God which is reflected in every part of the universe."



## TOTALLY TODDLERS

An animated video series designed for children ages 3-8. The series uses simple concepts, catchy songs, and colorful animation to teach toddlers about their faith, with the purpose of creating a wholesome and engaging way for toddlers to learn basic concepts and build a strong foundation in their Catholic faith.

## 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.

**Starcrest**



## Pro-Life News



### ~~~~~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.

### ~~~~ Note from Joy ~~~~

I love it when our families keep us up-to-date with pictures of their growing children and sharing with us their precious family milestones and moments. It is a privilege to share life and memories together, and to have these children saved from abortion! Praise be to God!

No family ever said to us that they should have aborted that particular child that was saved....

However, we have heard from many of our families that they regret their abortion. In both cases we help families cope the best we can.

Choosing life is indeed a life-giving reality – it grows love and expands the heart.

We are so fortunate and privileged to be a part of that decision.

Hope is a beautiful thing.

## DONATIONS FOR PRO-LIFE

If you would like to help families in need, consider making a donation to the Holy Cross Pro-Life committee.

You can donate by:

- on-line giving (see 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!

## HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
 Menke & Leahy Families  
 James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke  
 Living & Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Folis 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