

Hope

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT
A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.

ISAIAH 40:3

November 27, 2022



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

November 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Jesus began his public ministry, he called twelve Apostles to join him. When his ministry was complete, just before he ascended to heaven, he entrusted the mission to go make disciples to the Apostles while granting them his own power and authority through the gift of the Holy Spirit. While the Apostles were called specifically to the ministerial priesthood, they were not without support in their ministry. Many others, men and women, some who were acknowledged by name, and others who remained anonymous, provided support for them out of their means (cf. Lk. 8:1-3). To this day, our Lord continues to call men to himself for the sake of priestly ministry. Likewise, there remains the need to provide support for these men, especially during the time of a man's formal formation within the seminary.

We are currently blessed with 22 seminarians and there are others already applying for the coming year! Without including the expense of operating the Office of Vocations, the education alone -- tuition, room and board -- costs around \$270,000 per seminarian over the course of his six years of philosophical and graduate level studies in Theology.

In the diocese of Peoria, we do not lament the fact that we are burdened with these costs. Rather, we are thankful that Jesus has called so many men who are willing to enter seminary formation in order to be future priests serving your parishes and families. For this reason, we have chosen to focus attention on this Thanksgiving holiday to thank God for our seminarians and to thank God for all who provide for them.

I ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial donation towards priestly vocations at Mass on Sunday, November 27th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Your gift will directly contribute to the education of our seminarians. Your generous support is much needed and greatly appreciated. Please make your check available to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Office of Priestly Vocations.

Peace and Prayers,

+ *Louis Tylka*

✙ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

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MASSSES

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. (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.

First Sunday of Advent

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.	Dec. 3 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: John Kelley Servers: Nora Kelley, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Dec. 4 Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Nicolette Burton, Avery Natschke
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Michael Roedelbronn EMHC: Jay Ehlman, Margie Hoss Servers: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Beth Frasca EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Servers: James Linnenburger, Will Herges



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28

7:00 a.m. Charlie Brozak

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 a.m. Joyce Hipskind

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 p.m. Cusano and Pera Families

Thursday, December 1

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 2

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, December 3

5:30 p.m. Lorena Arseneau

Sunday, December 4

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Linda Marcin

4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION REVISION

Beginning this first weekend of Advent, November 26th & 27th, we will have a revised process for receiving Holy Communion. Parishioners will come forward from the main center sections first, front to back.

Then the Priest or Eucharistic Minister will move to the sides of the church and distribute communion to the parishioners sitting in the wings of the church. Father will explain this in detail before each Mass.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children Preschool through 1st Grade are welcome to participate during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



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 December we are praying the Litany of Mary, Mother of God.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE



Do you have a gluten sensitivity or allergy? Low Gluten Hosts are available in the center aisle during the distribution of communion. We now have a separate pyx for each of the ciborium to hold the low gluten hosts. Be sure to tell the priest or minister that you need one.

COFFEE AND DONUTS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Coffee Shop continues through the end of May after both Sunday morning Masses. Individuals, families, and organizations are encouraged to host! Please check your calendars and sign up online at Sign-Up Genius, email crakers@comcast.net, or by calling Harry & Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.



Senior Luncheon



If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **December 8th** and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share.



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE PROJECT IS BACK!

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 **Tuesday, December 6th**, 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
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PEORIA, ILL. 61602-1000

SANTA IS COMING TO SWANN SPECIAL CARE CENTER



We need your help! We are providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Swann Center again. It's been 3 years since we have helped with



Christmas at the Swann Center, and we are looking forward to being a part of helping make their Christmas a little brighter. They are doing things a little different than in the past. The Swann Center will be providing us with names of the residents and requests specifically to that resident. However, instead of purchasing gift items, they are requesting gift cards from area stores. Please take a name, or names from the list of residents and purchase a gift card (or cards). A list will be available in the Parish Office, or in the vestibule at the back of the church. Drop them off at the Parish Office, or in the collection basket with the name of the person you have chosen.

Thank you so much for your support!



SWANN
SPECIAL CARE CENTER

SCOUTS SELLING CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Troop 9 will be selling wreaths for the month of December. We will also have a booth setup at the parish center during coffee and doughnuts on December 18th. If you would like to order something, please reach out to the Committee Chair at committeet9@gmail.com or call 618-975-6687.



Classic Wreath
\$35



Candlelit Centerpiece
\$40



Classic Door
Spray \$30



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

A contribution to the Flower Fund would be greatly appreciated as we plan for our Advent and Christmas Season. You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office or put it in an envelope marked 'flower fund' and drop it into the collection basket at Mass. 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.

Donations have been made in memory of Elmer and Sylvia Nicklas; Finn Oliveira; Bingaman Family members; Cosgrove Family members; Joe Santarelli; and Harold, Jo Ann, and Charles T. Heidbreder.

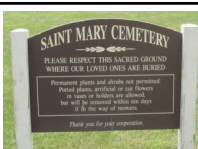
Thank you for your support!



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Attention ladies: Would you like a weekend away? Away from cooking, cleaning, and ferrying kids around? Maybe find a way to get closer to God, have a great time with great food and great fellowship with other ladies?

There is a Women's Cursillo in Christ weekend coming up on February 17th-19th, 2023, at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana. For more information, contact Celene Baxley at 217-778-7016.



ST. MARY CEMETERY DONATIONS

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

Please send your donation to St. Mary Cemetery, c/o St. Mary Catholic Church, 612 E. Park St, Champaign, IL 61820.

"THE GREAT COMMISSION" WITH MATT FALEY

In response to the survey, and to kick off Advent, the Parish Renewal Committee is hosting Matt Faley, the newly appointed Peoria Diocese Chief of Mission, at Holy Cross! The topic: **"The Great Commission: concrete steps to fulfilling God's plan for your life" for parishioners age 15-100.**

The evening will give us the opportunity for discussion, reflection and prayer, which will prepare us for the second part of the presentation, coming in January which will be an actual guided workshop.



Please join us for this first part of a two-part workshop in the **Great Hall at Holy Cross on Saturday, December 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Coffee, fruit, and dessert will be served.



Hello Everyone. Advent begins today, November 27th,

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please go to the sacristy and sign up to help out during Christmas. Be sure to sign up soon.

FOR THOSE SENSITIVE TO INCENSE: Please note that it will be used at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.

DONATIONS TO THE FLOWER FUND are welcome now for Christmas. The names of those you wish to remember in honor or memorial will be listed in the bulletin.

FREE ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS from *The Word Among Us* are available at the back of the church.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



Save yourself the hassle of baking cookies during this busy time of the year. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1070 will hold their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 11th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Parish Center. Cookies are \$7.00 a plate. We have a large variety including nut free and gluten free.

There will also be a Craft Sale of handmade items by the members. Just in time for those last minute Christmas gifts. Children of Hope & Faith will also be holding a Craft Sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to help pay down college tuition costs for Seminarians from Champaign County and other charities in our area.

St. Nick will be there, so bring your kids and camera.



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From Principal Greg Koerner:

**THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ALL THAT GROWS,
THANK YOU FOR THE SKY'S, RAINBOWS,
THANK YOU FOR THE STARS THAT SHINE,
THANK YOU FOR THESE FRIENDS OF MINE,
THANK YOU FOR THE MOON AND SUN,
THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE!**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Job Opportunity: Part-Time Administrative Assistant 7:30 to 12 noon, Monday—Friday Duties: answering phones, computer skills, people person, and being able to bandage a knee.



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

Madrigal Dinner: The STM Music Department presents the 22nd annual Madrigal Dinner, **Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the STM cafeteria. Come and celebrate the Christmas Season with our lords and ladies of the STM Madrigal Dinner Feast. Visit www.hs-stm.org to purchase tickets. Ticket sales end November 30th. No tickets will be available at the door.

Student Shadow Program: The Shadow a Saber Program is back! Full details and registration info can be found on our website www.hs-stm.org by clicking on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Erica Sherman, Director of Enrollment, by emailing esherman@hs-stm.org or by calling 217-352-7210, ext. 304. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Head Girls Tennis Coach, a Girls and Boys Head Track Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at smbridget@hs-stm.org and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorspi@hs-stm.org.



PRAY FOR AN UNBORN CHILD

A priest of this diocese, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, encouraged people to spiritually adopt an unborn child, and thereby combat the abortion mentality and general anti-life sentiment in our world today. It is said that although the identity of the child you pray for will be unknown to you during your earthly life, there is every hope that you will be united with that child forever in Heaven.

Archbishop Sheen wrote the following daily prayer:
"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen."

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #1070 monthly meeting, every second Thursday of the month. (no January or July meetings). Next meeting: December 8th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Call Angie Poulsen at (217) 359-1317 for more information.

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.

Dave & Harry Locksmiths



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," or, at least that's the assumption based on that familiar holiday song. But what does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate the great sales at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving, string lights on the outside of our house, and decorating the inside of our homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.



Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker discuss how to help kids experience Advent as a joyful season of preparation for Christmas.

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, 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 & 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 Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershbarger & 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
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.