

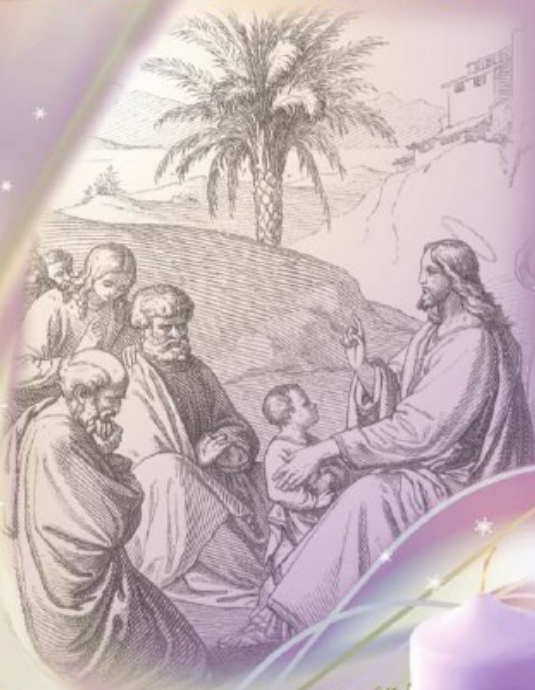
November 28, 2021

Be Watchful! Be Alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.

Mark 13:33

Hope

A 1ST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O pure and immaculate and likewise
blessed Virgin, who art the sinless Mother
of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe,
thou who art inviolate and altogether holy,
the hope of the hopeless and sinful,
we sing thy praises.

We bless thee, as full of every grace,
thou who didst bear the God-Man.
We bow low before thee; we invoke thee
and implore thine aid.

Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin,
from every necessity that presses upon us
and from all the temptations of the devil.
Amen.

Wednesday Devotion for December 1st at 5:30 p.m.
is to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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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. 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 2:15 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.

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. 4 Lector: David Kristovich EMHC: John Bingaman Servers: Garrett Unger, Nick Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Dec. 5 Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Michael Roedelbronn EMHC: Jessica McMahon, Bonita Higgerson Servers: Abby Friedman, Timmy Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Servers: Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 29

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 30

7:00 a.m. Maurice Decker

Wednesday, December 1

6:00 p.m. Bill Neumann

Thursday, December 2

7:00 a.m. Lorena Arseneau

Friday, December 3

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, December 4

5:30 p.m. Lizzy Warner

Sunday, December 5

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Charles Leahy

4:00 p.m. Steve Primmer



"Thank You," Coffee Shop Hosts!

Thank you to the following who have hosted our parish Coffee Shop during the last several weeks: Jim Doyle, Jenna & James Hurley, Pat Gallagher, Sue Berndt, Karen & Brian Easton, the ladies of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Kathy & Bob Plecki, Michael Roedelbronn, Alyssa Nunez, and the Christhilf family. We are extremely fortunate in that some of our coffee shop hosts are newer parishioners at Holy Cross who have chosen to "jump in" and contribute their time so we can continue to extend our Sunday morning gatherings. It's also a wonderful way to get to know them.

Remember Holy Cross is "Always Home - Always Family".

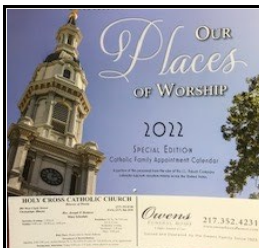
ADVENT BEGINS TODAY



Join Matthew Kelly on a life-changing journey through *Best Advent Ever*. You



can receive daily inspirational emails with videos, encouragement, and coaching for Advent. Beginning today, the first Sunday of Advent, and continuing every day through December 23rd, Dynamic Catholic will email you simple yet powerful messages from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic voices. Don't miss the opportunity to make this your best Advent ever. Sign up now! It's simple, and the only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Advent. Go to BestAdventEver.com and sign up now!



2022 CALENDARS are available next to the bulletins as you exit the church after Mass, as well as in the Parish Office. Many thanks to Owens Funeral Home for providing us with complimentary calendars every year!

EUCCHARISTIC OUTREACH is available

now! If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email at office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.





PRAYER FOR SYNOD

A synod is a council of a church, usually convened to decide an issue of doctrine, administration or application. The word synod comes from the Greek word meaning “assembly” or “meeting.” Every ses-

sion of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer “Adsumus Sancte Spiritus,” the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years.

As the diocesan phase of the synod has begun, leading to the 2023 Synod on Synodality, the Diocese of Peoria encourages the use of this prayer to invite the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE



We will be collecting Gift Cards to be distributed to less fortunate families by Catholic Charities. They are requesting gift cards preferably from Walmart and Target. The gift cards must have the value clearly marked on them.

There will be a Christmas tree in the back of the church decorated with tags, but you do not need a tag to purchase the gift cards. The cards may be placed in the collection basket, or mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office.

If you would rather make a monetary donation and have the gift cards purchased on your behalf, please place that in an envelope marked “Catholic Charities.”

Deadline for the gift card collection is December 5th.

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

Thank You For Sharing “God’s Gift of Love”



**HEART OF CHRISTMAS
& GIVING TREE**
Catholic Charities



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 donate 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 Harold T. Heibredner, Jo Ann Heibredner, Charles T. Heibredner; and the deceased members of the Calcagno & Christians families.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.

RESERVED SEATING:

The 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Masses will be
by reservation only.



Seating will be available in the church AND the parish hall. Doors will be open 30 minutes before Mass begins. All four Masses will be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholic.

You can make a reservation by calling the Parish Office (217) 352-8748 or emailing us at office@holycrosscatholic.org.



ATTENTION LECTORS, 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* will be available at the back of the church.



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Early Application Tuition Discounts. Our 2022-2023 admissions application is now live and it is FREE to apply! Please note that if you submit your completed application, including all forms, by February 1st, 2022, you will be eligible to receive a 2% discount. Get started on the first step of three for the admissions application by going to <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>.

Job Openings. STM is looking for a part-time P.E. Health Teacher and a Bus Driver. If interested, please contact Sr. M. Bridget at smbridget@hs-stm.org and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org

Madrigal Dinner. Please join us at STM on Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Christmas Season with our lords and ladies for the Madrigal Dinner Feast. Tickets are \$30 each and include your dinner. Ticket sales end December 2; no at-the-door ticket sales. Order your tickets online at <http://stmusicanddrama.ludus.com>. Questions? Email the Music and Drama Boosters at mad@hs-stm.org.

STM Shadow Days. Attention Future Sabers: STM Shadow Days are open to 7th and 8th graders. Please go to <https://forms.gle/8NyCPGiRf3CZj5az9> to register. We look forward to welcoming you to campus! You belong here; sign up today!



FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Holy Cross School's next Family Night Out is at Chipotle, on December 13th from 4 to 8 p.m.



This year you can order in advance online at chipotle.com! Our school gets **33%** of your bill!. Put our fundraiser code **B9BXYGQ** in the "promo" field so we get credit.

For in-person ordering, you may show the cashier a paper flyer, a digital flyer, OR just tell them you're there for Holy Cross.

Chipotle is at 903 W Anthony Drive, next to Drury Inn.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

We're Baaaack!!!! Christmas is just around the corner and, no time to bake those goodies your family craves? Let the Catholic Daughters take care of one thing on your To-Do-List.



Where: Holy Cross Parish Center

When: Sunday, December 12th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Cost: \$7.00 per plate (must fit in Ziploc bag)

Wide Assortment of Cookies (including Nut Free and Gluten Free). Proceeds go to assisting Peoria Diocese's Seminarians and Postulants to pay off college debt.



Holy Cross School

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From Principal Greg Koerner:

Listening to Fr. Donton's Homily on November 7th, he talked about and posed the question "How can I serve?" These words really got me thinking about serving. Here are a few of my thoughts.

To serve God starts with serving in our families. Daily we work, clean, love, support, listen to, teach, and endlessly give of ourselves to the members of our family. We may often feel overwhelmed with all that we must do, but the key is to know and understand your own capabilities and limitations and then to pace yourself, allocating and prioritizing your time, your attention, and your resources to wisely help others, including your family. As we lovingly give of ourselves to our family, and serve them with hearts full of love, our acts will also be counted as service to God.

One of the simplest and easiest ways to serve God and others is by befriending one another. As we take the time to serve and be friendly, we'll not only support others but also build a network of support for ourselves. Make others feel at home, and soon you'll feel at home.

Kindness is the essence of greatness and the fundamental characteristic of the noblest men and women I have known. Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes. Who does not love and need friends? Let us make a new friend today!

Each of us has been given talents from the Lord that we should develop and use to serve God and others. Examine your life and see what talents you have. What are you good at? How could you use your talents to help those around you? Do you enjoy making cards? Are you good with children? Are you good with your hands? Computers? Gardening? Building? Organizing? You can help others with your skills by praying for help to develop your talents.

Each of these three areas that I have mentioned, serve your family, be a friend, and share your talents are all things that we are trying to instill in our students here at Holy Cross School.

"Always Home - Always Family"

WE ARE HOLY CROSS



JOB OPENING: We are seeking a morning **Teacher's Aide** for Kindergarten, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call the school office at 217-356-9521 if you are interested, or email us at www.holycrosselem.org

A Word from Joy

We need prayers for the court cases that are being heard. It is possible that Roe v. Wade could be overturned with the case being heard Dec 1st regarding a Mississippi law. We really need everyone to pray. While that will do nothing in practical terms here in Illinois, it would send abortion back to the states. I hope someday the protections of the human will extend to the pre-born and newly born. That would really help matters. If it could be done with recognizing every human as worthy of protections, then it should extend to those also before birth, God-willing!

Our Discussion Group meets via Zoom normally every 3rd Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Please pray; 2 Pro-Life cases are being taken up at the Supreme Court.

Next meeting, December 20th. There is so much going on right now regarding Pro-Life matters and legislative items regarding abortion; we will have a lot to discuss. To join in on the Zoom meeting, please contact Joy at:

joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information and a link to our meeting!

This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything, from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion – and living a Pro-Life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!

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PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR PEACE

St Joseph, teach us the ways of peace and wisdom. Protect us from the evil that breeds hatred in our hearts.

Heal the brokenness in our hearts. Release us from the bondage of fear and distrust of our neighbors, especially those who are strangers in our midst.

Help us be strong in defense of justice and care for the poor. Help our Church be a prophetic leader in the struggle for world peace. Help us to be generous and constant in praying for this peace. Amen.

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 Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Haggin 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
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
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney