

Hope



December 1, 2019



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



PRAYER TO 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.

MARIAN DEVOTION AND MASS

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for a Marian Devotion and Mass. The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Devotion for December is the Immaculate Conception.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
Fr. Remigius Bukuru, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

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Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gloria Fellers

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.
Holy Days: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

MARIAN DEVOTION 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Rose Costello, Interim Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 Mass when school is in session, until Benediction at 2:15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tues, 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 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. 7 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Rochelle Heidbreder Sharon Kristovich, Dennis Menke, Peg Swanson, Gloria Fellers, Jason Heidbreder Amanda Hummel, John Haggin, Noah Fellers
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Dec. 8 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Lucy Busker Barry Dickerson, John Deponai, Judy Deverell, John Sullivan Abby Deptula, Trevor Tucker, Jack Walters
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Victoria Fitzgerald Gary Scaff, Benjamin Laws, Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman, John Dixon, Pat Dixon Abby Friedman, Chris Friedman, Timmy Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	John Farney Penny Devall, Julian Seebauer, Anthony Frasca, Ed Seebauer, Beth Frasca, Elaine Hershberger Anthony Frasca, Kate Frasca, Taylor Crawford

WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck	3 August Christhilf, Philip Christhilf	4 6:00 p.m. John Bingaman	5 Ben Summers, Nate Farney	6 School Servers



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 2 7:00 a.m.	Ann Kinsel
Tuesday, Dec. 3 7:00 a.m.	Lorena Arseneau & family
Wednesday, Dec. 4 6:00 p.m.	Stephen Primmer
Thursday, Dec. 5 7:00 a.m.	Evelyn Jarboe
Friday, Dec. 6 8:15 a.m.	First Friday Memorial
Saturday, Dec. 7 5:30 p.m.	Charles Lehy
Sunday, Dec. 8 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners Joe Stoerger Francisco Uy



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is David Jacob Foztler, son of Matthew and Amy Foztler. Let us support David on his faith journey.

HEAVENLY DUSTERS for December are Ada Murray and Veronica Morton.



COFFEE SHOP. Join us for Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Meet and greet fellow parishioners and enjoy their company!

RECYCLE YOUR MAGNIFICATS
Please place your old Magnificats in the basket provided at the back of the church and we will use them for various projects and ministries. Thank you.



Season of Advent

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 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.

FLOWER FUND

Consider donating to the flower fund to defray the cost of this Christmas Season's poinsettias. You can put your donation in an envelope marked 'flower fund' and drop it into the collection basket at Mass.



If you want to make your donation in memory of family members or friends, include the names of those to be remembered and they will be listed in the bulletin.

Donations have been made in memory Kevin Hodge; the Donna Menacher family; Joe Santarelli; the Lecher, Lynch, & Leathers families; Pat Rodgers; and the Cochrane & O'Brien families.

SAVE THE DATE!

Lori Borgman, National Columnist and Speaker/Author, will be at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Monday, Dec. 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. She will be reminding us, with humor, the reason for the season! This "Life is Sweet" event is free (goodwill donations gratefully accepted).



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

DISCOVER OUR PRE-SCHOOL and Kindergarten.

We are hosting an open house highlighting our pre-school and kindergarten programs on **Wednesday, Dec. 11th** from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents can observe our pre-school and kindergarten classrooms while school is in session. In addition to our teachers, school parents will also be available to talk about their children's experience attending our school. For more information, please contact the school at 217.356.9521 or hcs@holycrosselem.org

KRIS KRINGLE. It's that time of year for the annual Kris Kringle event. Students will visit the Kris Kringle shop with their class on **Dec. 11th or 12th**. They may purchase items for family members. Prices will remain at or below \$3.00, keeping it affordable for all.

We need Pinterest followers and crafters who are willing to share their time and talent. We ask for pre-made donations of interest to the children. If possible, we seek multiples of any particular item, giving more students a chance to buy. If time is a constraint and you'd like to help, gift cards to craft stores are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at ckavelman23@yahoo.com



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

STM WINTER CONCERT. The STM Music Dept. would like to share their musical gifts with our community on **Dec. 6th** at 6:30 p.m. Free admission.

STM MADRIGAL FESTIVAL will be **Dec. 13/14** at 7 p.m. For tickets go to: <http://tmmusicanddrama.ludus.com/1600>.

STM 2020-2021 ADMISSIONS. We are now accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. Visit www.hs-stm.org for our online application and information on the high school. Questions? Call 217-352-7210

STM 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA. Save the date for the 2020 STM Gala on **Feb. 8th** at Pear Tree Estate. More information to come.

CLUCKIN' FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUNDRAISER DINNER



St. Patrick's and Holy Cross parishes will be co-hosting a "Cluckin' for Catholic Education" Smoked Chicken Dinner on Saturday, **January 25, 2020**, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Center. Tickets are \$12 per dinner and will be on sale from January 2nd to January 19th.

*LORD, let us see Your kindness,
and grant us Your salvation.*

BEST *Advent* EVER

SO WHAT IS BEST ADVENT EVER? It's a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays! Sign up at BestAdventEver.com. This year better prepare for Christmas with these daily inspirational videos that help you slow down, reflect on the season, and pray.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:00 a.m.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES

To prepare for Christmas, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of a parish Penitential Service. Several priests will gather to celebrate the Lord's forgiveness. More information to come.



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HEALTHCARE

OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center "**Faith in Action**" seeks volunteers to provide transportation to seniors 55+ in Champaign County. Flexibility to work around your schedule. To learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact Volunteer Services at 217-337-2378, or Faith in Action at 217-337-2778.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to add the name and need to our prayer chain.



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To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria
My dear Friends,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits some 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. As I reflect on the service of our women and men religious, I recall the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: "*Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be*" (Jn 12:26). Through their prayer and ministries, religious can be found wherever Jesus is found—not just in Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, but also in service to the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

In a profound way, we also find Jesus in the ongoing witness of our elder religious. While many continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Yet they remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and world.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increase in the number of those needing care, many religious communities now struggle to provide for their senior members. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital financial assistance to help meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care, and more.

The annual collection is an opportunity for each of us to be in the presence of Jesus to our senior religious. I ask simply that you give what you can. Please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

□ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA

SANTA IS COMING TO THE SWANN SPECIAL CARE CENTER!

This year we will again participate in the Angel Tree Project providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Swann. With each name is a wish list. Help bring the joy of Christmas Day to these members of Swann. If you'd like to provide a gift for a resident this year, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 for the list of names and ages. Gifts must be in the office by Thursday, **December 12th**.



DAILY BREAD SOUP KITCHEN BACKPACK PROJECT

It's Backpack time at Daily Bread, and we will again be giving filled backpacks to the men and women who are our guests at lunch. For many, these backpacks will be their only gifts. Backpacks will be given away on **Friday, December 13th** at 10 a.m. Last year we gave away over 800 backpacks.



Backpacks should be stuffed with toiletries: deodorant, hand cream, toothpaste & brushes, shampoo, shaving cream, etc., and cold-weather items such as gloves, hats, scarves, socks, sweatshirts, T-shirts, long underwear and regular underwear. Also hand warmers, cough drops, books, decks of cards, small fleece blankets, and food items. We ask that all items be new.

All backpacks should be labeled with the gender and size of the recipient (e.g., Man-XL). Most of our guests need at least Large; XL is even better. There is also a need for some 2X and 3X bags. Filled backpacks can be dropped off beginning Monday, **December 2nd** at Daily Bread, 116 N. First St., Champaign from 9 a.m. till noon. Please use the back door when dropping them off. Questions? Contact Ellen Harms at 356-2551, or ellenharms@aol.com

ST. MARY CEMETERY DONATIONS

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Champaign, is asking for donations to help cover annual upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. All donations are appreciated and no donation is too small. Please send your donation to St. Mary Cemetery, care of St. Mary Catholic Church, 612 E. Park St, Champaign, IL 61820. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Denny Santarelli at: d.santarelli@comcast.net or call 217-778-0575.

FertilityCare™ Services of Champaign-Urbana Featuring NaProTECHNOLOGY®

Free group Introductory Session for the Creighton Model System on Wednesday, **December 18th**, at Holy Cross Parish Center. This system is the first of its kind to network family planning with reproductive health. It can be used by married couples to achieve, avoid, or space pregnancies, or by any woman to monitor her health. It offers a fertility-care rather than fertility-control approach to medical evaluation and treatment, and offers new hope to couples struggling with infertility. For more information or to register for the session, visit www.cufertilitycare.org

All introductory sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about an hour. **Locations:** Dec. 18th at Holy Cross; Jan. 22nd at St Matthew; Feb. 25th at St Patrick in Urbana. More sessions to follow.



ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH ORCHESTRA PRESENTS FESTIVE FIRESIDE FAVORITES

Featuring Music from: The Nutcracker, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Polar Express, and more!
Saturday, **December 14th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 708 W. Main St., Urbana. Free Admission

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 Turkan
Aloysius J. Winka
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
Burdie & 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
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy