

December 4, 2022

Peace

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...

PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



*Hail O Mary,
Mother of God
by St Cyril of
Alexander
(376-444)
Doctor of
the Incarnation
Known as
“The Pillar of
Faith”*

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Virgin and Mother!
Morning Star, perfect vessel.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Holy Temple in which God
Himself was conceived.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God,
Chaste and pure dove.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God,
Who enclosed the One who cannot
be encompassed in your sacred womb.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, From you flowed the true
light, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God,
Through you the Conqueror and triumphant
Vanquisher of hell came to us.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Through you,
the glory of the Resurrection blossoms.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God,
You have saved every faithful Christian.

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen

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.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*

TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Elizabeth Kelley

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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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. (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.

Second 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

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| Saturday 5:30 p.m. | Dec. 10 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Dave Kristovich Kathy Murray Tom Murray, Sam Easton |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | Dec. 11 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Barry Dickerson No Ministers Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Joe Mefford John Dixon, Pat Dixon August Christhlf, Philip Christhlf |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Rob Shanahan Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca Kristina Maloney, Lucy Rank |



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Jack Burton

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Deacon Bob Ulbrich

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 p.m. Cusano and Pera Families

Thursday, December 8 (*Immaculate Conception*)

7:00 a.m. Max Hershberger

8:15 a.m. Rev. Robert Spilman

Friday, December 9

8:15 a.m. For Sarah Czar and Family

Saturday, December 10

5:30 p.m. Charles Leahy

Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Bernadette Atek

4:00 p.m. Lee and JoAnne Cabutti

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION REVISION

Beginning this weekend of Advent, 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.



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 crakerscom-cast.net, or call Harry & Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.



Bereaved Parents of the USA

Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet on **Dec. 11th** at 3:30 p.m. at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We'll meet in the community room and continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more info contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.



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.

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 for your support!



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF PEORIA
PROVIDING REAL CHARITABLE CARE

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. **Please bring the gift cards in by Dec. 14th.**

Thank you so much for your support!



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; Harold, Jo Ann, and Charles T. Heidbreder; Frank Hartman; and Donavon and Virginia Gaines.

Thank you for your support!



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, Dec. 11th** from 8.00 a.m. to noon 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.



New Funds at the *Online Giving* Platform

Recently, several new funds were added to our *Online Giving* platform located at the Holy Cross Church web page. For those who don't like using cash or checks anymore, electronic means offer an easy way to donate or pay fees. One of the new funds is the Flower Fund. Donations to this fund are used to decorate the Church during the Christmas and Easter seasons. There is also an option of dedicating the donation as a memorial in honor of a family member or friend. Their names must be entered in a special space provided by the *Online Giving* platform.

Payment of various fees will become much easier using the following new funds: Family Formation Fee, Wedding Fee, and Miscellaneous Fees. The Family Formation. Fee fund can be used to pay an annual fee for participation in the Family Formation. program at our Parish. This program is an opportunity for the entire family to grow in faith and is open to all families, especially for those whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school. Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation.

Miscellaneous Fees fund can be used to pay for seasonal Parish activities such as Bible Study, WATCH program, or other occasional events. In order to recognize what the payment was for, an additional note must be entered in the space provided. Wedding Fee fund can be used by couples who have already scheduled their wedding at Holy Cross Church.



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

Thank You for Attending the 2022 Info Night Series!

Thank you to our prospective partner school students and families who came out for our first Information Night Series over the last month. It was great to meet so many 7th and 8th grade students and families and answer your questions. We feel blessed to have your interest in STM and if there are any other questions we can answer, please let us know by calling the school at 217-352-7210. We hope to see you again soon!

Early Enrollment Period Discount Reminder: Thursday, Sept. 1st was the opening of our 2023-2024 admissions application as well as our Early Enrollment Discount Period. From Sept. 1st to Dec. 1st at 11:59 p.m., all applications received that are fully complete and properly submitted are eligible for a 5% tuition discount. Any applications received from Dec. 1st to Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2023 at midnight that meet the same criteria will be eligible for a 2% tuition discount.

After that date, applications for the next school year will still be accepted; however, no Early Enrollment Period Discounts will be available. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on "Explore" then "Apply Now" to get started today. We look forward to reviewing your 8th grade or transfer student's admissions application soon! Have questions or need help with the app? Contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Erica Sherman at esherman@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.

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 Volleyball Coach, 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.

Collections

Offering for Nov. 26th/27th.....\$5,923.26

Thank you very much!



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

Cold and Chilly Weather is Here!

All the staff at Holy Cross would like to remind you to send your student prepared to be outside for their recess breaks each day.

- Students need hats, gloves and a coat at a minimum please.
- Please label your student's items—even their gloves!
- Snow boots/snow pants can only be worn for recess.
- Students need to bring their 'school shoes' in their backpacks to change into for the school day.
- Winter boots cannot be worn inside the school during the school day.

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.



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



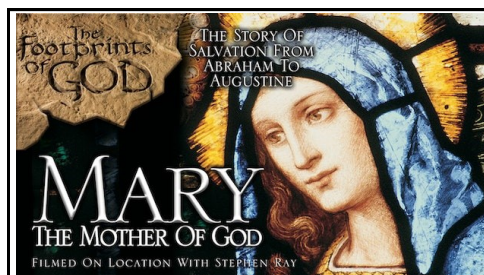
LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please go to the sacristy and sign up to help out during Christmas. Be sure to sign up soon.

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.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



MARY: THE MOTHER OF GOD

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the

Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.



BLESSED DUNS SCOTUS: DEFENDER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This is the inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest

and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans in the 13th century, in which he defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception. He laid the groundwork for the Church to define that as a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power. His public defense of the papacy as the head of the Church eventually got him thrown out of the country.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."

St. Padre Pio

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.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

VOLUNTEER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DECEMBER 2022

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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.