

**"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."**

**Mark 1:3**

*Peace*

# *A* 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## 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.

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Wednesday Devotion for December 8th at 5:30 p.m.  
is to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

## PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
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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.



# 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

<b>Saturday</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b> Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: Gloria Fellers Servers: Mary Beth Franey
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b> Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Nicolette Burton, Trevor Tucker
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon Servers: Philip Christhilf, Ben Summers
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: Ed Seebauer EMHC: Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca Servers: Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Deacon Bob Ulbrich

#### Tuesday, December 7

7:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Mai-Chi-Thanh

#### Wednesday, December 8

##### *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

8:15 a.m. Fr. Remigius Bukuru

12:10 p.m. Jean Marie Cullen

6:00 p.m. Teresa Kim Thi Nguyen

#### Thursday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Louis A. Pisani

#### Friday, December 10

8:15 a.m. Intentions of the Easton family

#### Saturday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Bill Neumann

#### Sunday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Bob Weber

10:00 a.m. Stephen Warner

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

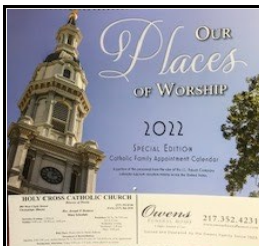


**ATTENTION LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please go to the sacristy and sign up to help out during Christmas. Be sure to sign up soon.

**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* are available at the back of the church.



**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!

### ADVENT IS HERE



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. 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](http://BestAdventEver.com) and sign up now!



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Holy Day of Obligation: Mass Times are 8:15 a.m. (school Mass, masks are required), 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (after 5:30 Devotion).



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholic).

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



## 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. Heidbreder, Jo Ann Heidbreder, Charles T. Heidbreder; the deceased members of the Calcagno & Christians families; Donna Menacher; the Hettinger, Painter, & Wagner families; the Cochrane & O'Brien families; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; and Diana Hettinger.



## 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 is 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**  
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## MOMS' GROUP



Holy Cross Moms' Group is meeting on Wednesday, December 8th, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Parish Center basement. We will be making Christmas cards for the elderly in our community. Please wear a mask. But stay home if you or anyone in your family isn't feeling well.

Please join our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms](http://www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms)

If you'd like to view our entire fall schedule and meet some wonderful moms, please join our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms](http://www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms) and/or e-mail us at [hcmomsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hcmomsgroup@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting friends and growing in holiness together!



## 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.



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
217-352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**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 [smbriidget@hs-stm.org](mailto:smbriidget@hs-stm.org) and Mr. Anthony Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

### *Last Week's Collection*

Offering for Nov. 20th/21st .....\$8,040.00

Campaign for Human Development ..... \$526.00

Thank you very much!

**HEAVENLY DUSTERS** for December are  
Jane Hogan and Gerrie Rein



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



## PRO-LIFE

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**40 Days for Life** has ended for the Fall, but we will be back once again in Spring 2022. Many thanks to all who participated in praying for help and healing for everyone affected by abortion. There were 779 lives saved since September that are known. That makes it a total of 20,297 lives saved since 2007 when 40 Days for Life officially began. Just imagine how many lives those individuals have touched and impacted.

**Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling.** Saturday, December 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. outside at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton., Champaign. This will be followed by hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, and fellowship at Stratford Park Bible Chapel, 2801 West Kirby, Ch.

This annual event takes place all over the country, with people singing traditional Christmas carols (song books provided) on the public sidewalk outside abortion clinics. Our purpose is to bring the hope and joy of Christmas to one of the world's darkest places, the abortion clinic, in hope that the familiar sounds of Christmas carols might save a life. **Free and Open to All** Donations of Christmas cookies are most welcome. If you are not in Central Illinois and want to hold this event or attend one in your area, visit the web site for the details. Contact Renee at 217-607-0811.



### FORMED DAILY: ADVENT WITH DR. TIM GRAY

This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

Register at <https://formed.org/advent>

### WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the

Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NECESSARY?

When Catholics say Mary was immaculately conceived, they mean that at the moment of her conception Mary was filled with God's sanctifying grace. God protected her from sin throughout her life, but did it have to be this way? Trent Horn explains why it was fitting for Mary to be conceived without sin for her role as Mother of God.

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## 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  
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  
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