

December 11, 2022

Joy

FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD,
I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY.

LUKE 2:10



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

GUADALUPE

THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Week 3 - 58 minutes

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day - December 12th

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

Narrated by Jim Caviezel.



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
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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

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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 baptismal preparation sessions, 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.

Third 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. 17 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Tim Spila No Ministers Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | Dec. 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Sue Berndt No Ministers Isabella Contreras, Grace Riley |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Andrew Zasada Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Stephanie Farney John Farney, Elaine Hershberger Nate Farney, Mark Elliott Woolwine |



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 12

7:00 a.m. For Nancy Conradt

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Smith

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 p.m. For Lauren Pisani

Thursday, December 15

7:00 a.m. Deacon Ed Ulbrich

Friday, December 16

8:15 a.m. Jennifer Deponai

Saturday, December 17

5:30 p.m. Lizzy Warner

Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Leo Dhom

10:00 a.m. Loretto and Leonard Doyle

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

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.



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet **today, 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.

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 DESPERATELY 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 crakerscomcast.net, or call Harry & Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.



There will be **no** Coffee and Donut Shop on Christmas Day, December 25th, or New Year's Day, January 1st.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass
(12:00 a.m.)
Music at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day
9:00 a.m.

VICARIATE PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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.

Wednesday, December 21st 7:00 p.m. St. Matthew



SIMBANG GABI 2022

Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition, is a series of novena Masses in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Please join us in celebrating the Simbang Gabi novena Masses in our local churches listed below. Masses will be in English with some Tagalog songs. Everybody is invited to attend.

Simbang Gabi Novena Mass Schedule

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| Dec. 15, Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's Chapel (No Fellowship after Holy Mass) |
| Dec. 16, Friday | 7:00 p.m. | Holy Cross |
| Dec. 17, Saturday | 5:30 p.m. | St. Matthew (Community Mass and COVID Caution Mass) |
| Dec. 18, Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | St. Paul (Community Mass and Simbang Gabi Songs Expected) |
| Dec. 19, Monday | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's Chapel |
| Dec. 20, Tuesday | 6:00 p.m. | St. Patrick |
| Dec. 21, Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Holy Cross (Community Mass) |
| Dec. 22, Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Our Lady of the Lake |
| Dec. 23, Friday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Patrick |

St. John's Chapel - 604 E. Armory Ave., Champaign

Holy Cross - 405 W. Clark St., Champaign

St. Matthew - 1303 Lincolnshire Dr., Champaign

St. Paul - 1303 N. Walnut St., Danville

St. Patrick - 708 W. Main St., Urbana

Our Lady of the Lake - 501 W. State St., Mahomet

For further information, please contact:

Evelyn Ondevilla (217-841-9710) or Marvin Brigoli (217-721-4245)

SANTA IS COMING TO SWANN SPECIAL CARE CENTER - MANY NAMES STILL AVAILABLE!



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 differently than in the past. The Swann Center will be providing us with names of the residents and requests specific 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!



If you haven't done so yet, please drop off your Catholic Charities Giving Tree items at the office this week. We can still make it for delivery to those in need. Thank you again!



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 **Today, Dec. 11th** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 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.



Collections

Offering for Dec. 3rd/4th.....\$8,811.00

School Tuition Assistance.....\$675.00

Thank you very much!



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

STM 2022-23 Paideia Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2022-23 Champaign Vicariate and the High School of Saint Thomas More Paideia Award are now being accepted. This award is presented each year to an individual or married couple who exemplifies true leadership in the area of service to Catholic education such as an active commitment to Catholic elementary and secondary education, sustained or substantial contributions of time, talent or treasure to the Champaign Vicariate educational community, and leadership in spreading the Good News of Catholic education. Nomination form attached. Questions, contact Mr. Matthew Vander Vennet at mvandervennet@hs-stm.org or call 217-352-7210.

Distinguished/Young Alumni of the Year Award:

This Award will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 2023 at the STM Annual Spring Gala at Pear Tree Estate in Champaign. It is presented to an STM alum who has made a positive impact on the community (local, long distance, or international), has displayed exceptional human and ethical qualities, and has exemplified success in and out of the classroom or in his/her chosen career. If you know of a deserving STM Alum, submit his/her name to alumni@hs-stm.org along with a short explanation of why you feel this STM alum is deserving of this prestigious recognition. Nominations are due by **Friday, Jan. 13th, 2023.**

Early Enrollment Period Discount Reminder

Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still in our Early Enrollment Discount Period for the 2023-24 admissions cycle. Fully complete and properly submitted admissions applications that are received by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2023 at midnight will be eligible for a 2% tuition discount. After that date, applications for 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. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get this discount! Have questions or need help with the app? Contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Erica Sherman at esherman@hs-stm.org.



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 **Dec. 18th**. If you'd like to order something, please reach out to the Committee Chair at committee9@gmail.com or call 618-975-6687.



Classic Wreath
\$35



Candlelit Centerpiece
\$40



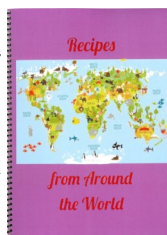
Classic Door Spray
\$30



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Give the gift of Holy Cross this Christmas!!

Multicultural Cookbook, \$30 created by our students! Available at the school office and at Donut Shop on Sundays in the Parish Center.



To help celebrate Cultural Awareness Week 2022, Holy Cross 7th and 8th graders submitted a few of their favorite recipes, which were supplemented with additional dishes from around the globe. We hope Holy Cross families will explore the delicious flavors of different cultures and traditions and incorporate them into their list of new family favorites!



Fridge or Car Magnet, \$5: Available at the school office and at Donut Shop on Sundays in the Parish Center

Cozy up in an embroidered Holy Cross fleece! Prices range from \$20-35: Various sizes available in black & gray fleece, both full zip and 1/4 zip! Available at the school office only! Please email hcs@holycrosselem.org to see what is available for sale!



Season of Advent

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.




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, Donavon and Virginia Gaines; Tony Rein, Rein/Cobb Family members; Devall, Desmier, Jensen, and Patrick Family Members; and Regina Robinson..

Thank you for your support!

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.




ADVENT WEEK 3: Explore the seasons of Advent and Christmas with other great videos, audiobooks, and talks by visiting our Advent & Christmas collection: <https://watch.formed.org/advent-and-christmas>

ADORE: ADVENT WITH FR. JOHN BURNS

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for Week 3: nearness.





BEHOLD | ADVENT WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES, SOLT

Let the Holy Family be your light through Advent as you receive the healing power of Christ.

In this beautiful guided video series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT—author of the bestselling book *Restore* and co-host of the *Abiding Together* Podcast—walks with you as you explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Each week of *Behold* will focus on a different theme that you can connect to your life in a practical way:

Week 1: Motherhood—Receive Mary as your mother and let her tender love soften your heart toward your earthly mother.


Week 2: Fatherhood—Adopt Joseph as your father and embrace his loving strength as you seek healing in your relationship with your own father.

Week 3: Childhood—Become childlike with Jesus and remember the core of who you are as you release your inner joy and playfulness.

Week 4: Stable—Restore peace and unity in your family and regain hope.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://watch.formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

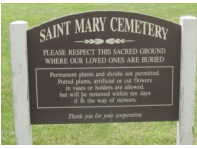
New Funds at the Online Giving Platform



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.



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.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

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| Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families | Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families | Birdie & Edward Cronau |
| Menke & Leahy Families | Barham & Bosch Families | Raymond Timpone |
| James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke | Tangora & Kovera Families | Maxine Timpone |
| Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Follis Families | William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski | Margaret B. Schwenk |
| Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families | McNamara & Mulcahey Family | Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family |
| Robert F. Reiser Family | Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families | Perrodin Family |
| Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families | Boudreau & Arseneau Family | Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family |
| Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Foltzler Families | Margaret Turkcan | Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family |
| Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families | Aloysius J. Winka | Glen & Helen Jones |
| Pellum & Gillis Families | Charlie & Evelyn Bell | Betty Madrey |
| Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks | Zeilenga Family | Menacher & Sizer Families |
| Ed & Jean Bown | Rentfrow Family | Leonard & Loretto Doyle |
| Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart | Towner Family | Alan & Patricia Berndt |
| Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie | Haggin Family | Thomas McCarthy |
| Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families | Rakers-Wade Families | Costello Family |
| Graham & Huguet Families | Hershberger & Kick Families | Leta & Kenny Porter |
| Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families | Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families | Bill Mooney |
| Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families | Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family | Ron Murphy |
| Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families | Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family | Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families |
| Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family | John E. Sullivan Family | Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam. |