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Church of the Exaltation of the 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.
Holy Days: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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

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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.

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.

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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Dec. 21 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	David Kristovich Dennis Menke, Sharon Kristovich, Jason Heidbreder, John Kelley, Peg Swanson Molly Moomaw, Miles Moomaw, Michael Moomaw
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Dec. 22 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Barry Dickerson, Sue Berndt, John Deponai, Judy Deverell Abby Deptula, Veronica Burton, Nicolette Burton
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Joe Murphy Karen Ulbrich, Jessica McMahon, Gary Scaff, Benjamin Laws, John Dixon, Pat Dixon Becca Hege, Cara Hege, Colleen Hege
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	David Morris Penny Devall, Tylor Hull, Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Juliann Seebauer, Ed Seebauer Rohan Thope, Anthony Hoffman, Kristina Maloney



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 16 7:00 a.m.	Evelyn Jarboe
Tuesday, Dec. 17 7:00 a.m.	Jennifer Deponai
Wednesday, Dec. 18 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Richard Mullen
Thursday, Dec. 19 7:00 a.m.	Joe, Ruth, & Pat Doyle
Friday, Dec. 20 8:15 a.m.	John Roberts
Saturday, Dec. 21 5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 22 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Leonard & Loretto Doyle Christine Kamphaus Stephen Primmer



OUR PRAYERS & BEST WISHES go with Trent Smith & Nicole Yoder, who were married here on Saturday, December 7th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life.

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



WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
16 Garrett Unger, Nick Unger	17 Miles Moomaw, Michael Moomaw	18 6:00 p.m. John Bingaman	19 Chris, Abby, & Timmy Friedman	20 8:15 a.m. School Servers



Hey Kids!

Santa will be visiting Holy Cross **Today, December 15th** after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish Center. Share a donut with him and tell him your Christmas wishes! Parents, bring your cameras.



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

Donations have been made in memory of Kevin Hodge; the Donna Menacher family; Joe Santarelli; the Lecher, Lynch, & Leathers families; Pat Rodgers; the Cochrane & O'Brien families; Bern Busey & Jeri Hix; the Desmier, Devall, & Jensen families; Jack & Janet Dixon; Margaret, Jim, & Bobby Spencer; the Wagner, Painter, & Hettinger families; Ed & Jean Bown; Delores & Wayne Wade; and Clara & John Rakers.



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 25th, 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.

SANTA AT SWANN SPECIAL CARE CENTER

We are again participating in the Christmas Wish List providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Swann. With each name is a wish list. Help bring the joy of Christmas to them. If you'd like to provide a gift for a resident, call the Parish Office at 352-8748 for the list of names and ages. Or pick a name from the basket at the back of the church. Gifts must be in the office by Monday, **December 16th**.



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, December 24th thru 26th, and will reopen on Friday, December 27th. We wish you a Blessed Christmas! We will also close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st, and reopen on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.

SIMBANG GABI 2019

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.

Dec. 15, Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Holy Cross
Dec. 16, Monday	7:00 p.m.	St Matthew
Dec. 17, Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Our Lady of the Lake
Dec. 18, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Holy Cross
Dec. 19, Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St Patrick, Urbana
Dec. 20, Friday	7:00 p.m.	St Patrick, Urbana
Dec. 21, Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St Patrick, Urbana
Dec. 22, Sunday	5:15 p.m.	St Matthew
Dec. 23, Monday	7:00 p.m.	St Matthew

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

It is being held **today, Dec. 15th** at the Parish Center from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a wide assortment of cookies including Nut Free and Gluten Free. Proceeds will help Peoria Diocese seminarians and postulants pay off college debt.



Last Week's Collection

Offering for December 7th/8th.....	\$8,421.25
Development Fund.....	\$718.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$1,423.74



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 at the following churches to celebrate the Lord's forgiveness.

Monday, Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	Holy Cross
Tuesday, Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick
Wednesday, Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	St. Matthew
Thursday, Dec. 19	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of the Lake

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We recently celebrated two Rites of Initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (those preparing for their Baptism) and the Rite of Welcoming (those already baptized in another Christian tradition who seek full communion with the Catholic Church).

Catechumen David Nunez celebrated the Rite of Acceptance. Candidates John Barham, Megan Kelly, Alyssa Nunez, Mandy Quick, and Karen Walker celebrated the Rite of Welcoming. Please pray for our catechumen and candidates as they enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS, DONATION OPPORTUNITY

There is good news if you have reached age 70^{1/2} and would like to help (your parish, school, ministry). If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to (your parish, etc.) during 2019 and have it distributed **free of federal income tax!** What a wonderful opportunity for those 70^{1/2} to help us. Please contact the person who handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor, or contact Debbie Benz at dbenz@cdop.org

ADVENT VESPERS AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

Please join us **Today, Dec. 15th** at 7:00 p.m. for Evening Prayer, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. This is a beautiful way to end the day, by giving thanks to God for the day just past and making an evening sacrifice of praise to God. *"Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice."* (Ps 141:2)



Holy Cross School

356-9521

www.holycrosselem.org

COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT! On Tuesday, **December 17th**, our Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will be having a Christmas Concert in the school gym at 6:30 p.m. Come hear them sing!

CHRISTMAS VACATION begins on **Monday, December 23rd** and school will resume on Monday, January 6th. May our students and teachers have a great Christmas break! Note that there will not be Eucharistic Adoration for the Fridays of December 27th and January 3rd, as our students will not be available to attend.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER. Eat at Portillo's, 2306 N. Prospect, Champaign, on Monday **December 16th** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and 20% of your bill will be donated back to Holy Cross School. Text@fno2017 to the number 81010 for the e-flyer.



High School of St. Thomas More

352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

STM OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING. Our school office will be closing the afternoon of Friday, December 20th, and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, January 6th.

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

STM 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA. Our 2020 STM Gala will be on **February 8th** at Pear Tree Estate. Celebrate 20 years and give thanks to all who had the vision for a Catholic high school in our community. To find out about the Gala sponsorship opportunities available, contact Bobbie Jo Kirby at bjkirby97@gmail.com or Matthew Vander Vennet at vandervennet@hs-stm.org



KIDS CORNER

PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING Saturday, December 21st, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Who doesn't love singing traditional Christmas carols focused on the true meaning of Christmas? Plan now to join others as we bring the hope and joy of Christmas to one of the world's darkest places, the abortion clinic, in hopes that the familiar sounds of Christmas carols might save a life. This gathering is open to all. We will be on the public sidewalks outside Planned Parenthood (302 East Stoughton, Champaign) for the caroling, so dress for the weather. Song books with lyrics will be provided. Free parking nearby.

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A WORD FROM JOY

Thank you for a generous family donation to continue our work! We are arranging Christmas for four of our families: two are sponsored by St. Matthew School and the other two by our committee! Thank You to Slumberland Furniture; they donated a new twin bed, box spring, frame and delivery! Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul Society for providing aid to one of our families! We are sharing our bounty with others and are donating items to Birthright to further their mission. We paid part of a water bill for a family. We are arranging Christmas meals for three of our families. Thank you, St. Vincent de Paul Society!

Needs: We have one family with 4 boys plus a nephew. We are trying to sponsor them for Christmas, and help with food and gas assistance. If you would like to help with any of these needs, please contact Joy at 359-8406.

WORDSEARCH



MARY	JOSEPH	REJOICE
ANGEL	PURPLE	SAVIOR
JESUS	WREATH	EMMANUEL
ADVENT	BELIEVE	GOODNEWS
CANDLE		ISRAEL

STEWARDSHIP

“Everything is a gift from God”

“You received without payment; give without payment.”

(Matthew 10:8)

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