

December 18, 2022

Love

IN THIS WAS MANIFESTED THE LOVE OF GOD
TOWARD US....GOD SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN
SON INTO THE WORLD.

1 JOHN 4:9



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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

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)

A Big Thank You! to Holy Cross Parishioners for coming through with a successful Catholic Charities Giving Tree and Swann Special Care Santa List collection. Your generosity will help make Christmas time easier and more special for many individuals and families!



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

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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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.

Fourth 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

 Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 24 Lector: (Need 1) EMHC: Dawn Freidman, (Need 1) Servers: Abby, Chris, Tim Friedman, and Trevor Tucker
 6:30 p.m.	Dec. 25 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: Sharon Kristovich, John Farney, (Need 1) Servers: Sam Easton, Nate Farney, (Need 1)
 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass	Lector: (Need 1) EMHC: Peg Swanson, (Need 2) Servers: Ben Summers, (Need 2)
 Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.	Lector: (Need 1) EMHC: John Deponai Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck,



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 19

7:00 a.m. Christine Kamphaus

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Max Hershberger

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 p.m. June Whalen

Thursday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Donna Morris

Friday, December 23 - (No Adoration)

8:15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve**

4:30 p.m. Ricardo Galvan

6:30 p.m. Johnny Calcagno

Midnight For the Parishioners

Sunday, December 25 - **Christmas Day**

9:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

No Adoration on Fridays, Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

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

Midnight Mass (12 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

The Parish Office will close Friday, Dec 23rd through Dec. 27th. We will open again on Wed., Dec. 28th.

The Parish Office will close Friday, Dec. 30th through Jan. 2nd. We will open on Tues., Jan. 3rd., Thank you.

Blessings to all during this Christmas Season!

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION REVISION

We now have a revised process for receiving Holy Communion. Parishioners come forward from the main center sections first, front to back. Then the Priest or Eucharistic Minister move to the sides of the church and distribute communion to those sitting in the wings of the church.



No Coffee and Donut Shop on Christmas Day or New Year's Day



ANNUAL STATEMENTS FOR HOLY CROSS CHURCH

	FISCAL YEAR <u>2021/22</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2020/21</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2019/20</u>	
CHURCH INCOME				
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	587,401	555,391	616,306	
Gifts/Donations for the Church	68,408	85,087	73,863	
ADA Rebate	—	—	11,380	
Development Fund Collec. Used for Church	54,143	20,224	17,888	
Tuition Assist. Collections & Donations	29,396	35,602	33,893	
Federal Tax Reimbursement - Parish	97,815	--	--	Employee Retention Credit
Other Revenue (Rent, Interest, Fees)	22,549	101,516	22,016	Includes PPP Loan
TOTAL REVENUE	859,711	797,820	775,344	
CHURCH EXPENSES				
Church Payroll & Benefits	357,234	331,120	348,005	
Church Operating Expenses	137,877	120,683	160,418	
Repairs & Improvements	86,612	59,293	22,039	
STM High School Assessment	47,359	53,838	50,198	
STM Tuition Assistance Expense	22,932	11,842	14,471	
HC Tuition Assistance Expense	57,958	48,471	66,870	
ADA Shortfall	7,577	—	—	
Church Support for Holy Cross School	172,680	128,298	178,997	Includes PPP Loan
Federal Tax Reimbursement - School	(452,970)	--	--	Employee Retention Credit
Other Expenses	22,775	6,199	9,847	
TOTAL EXPENSES	460,088	759,744	850,845	
NET INCOME/ (Loss)	399,623.80	38,075.86	(75,500.91)	

Note: Please read the Holy Cross Finance Committee's letter explaining Parish finances on next page.

Note: A detailed version of our annual financial statement is available for your review in the Parish Office. If you would like to examine it, please call the office at 217-352-8748 to schedule a visit.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Aid to Churches in Eastern Europe	\$2,767.00	Extra Parish Collection 2021/22
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,607.00	
The Holy Land	\$1,526.00	Missionary Appeal, Tanzania \$51,421.00
Peter's Pence—Holy Father	\$1,488.00	
Mission Sunday	\$2,257.00	
Campaign for Human Development	\$1,331.00	
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal	\$970.00	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,587.50	
Total	\$13,533.50	



To Holy Cross Parishioners:

For more than two years we have all been affected by Covid, both as individuals and more broadly throughout society. It has taken a physical, emotional and financial toll. Holy Cross Parish has been no different. Family incomes and expenses have been impacted, and so has our church family's budget.

During this time the parish has incurred higher expenses in order to address unique pandemic needs. At the same time, we experienced a significant decline in Sunday and Holy Day collections. Over the last three years there was an almost 5% drop in giving. Over a four-year period, it is an even more pronounced decrease at 11%. Navigating these financial challenges required the parish to draw on its reserves and seek programs that would assist it in meeting its obligations. The goal was to provide continuity of programs and fulfillment of the parish's mission of providing a spiritual home for all who share our Catholic beliefs and values.

During this time both the federal and State of Illinois governments developed programs to provide financial assistance to individuals, families, businesses and organizations to ease pandemic-related burdens. The federal government provided programs to help non-profit organizations as well. Efforts such as the Paycheck Protection Program, the Employee Retention Credit and Emergency Assistance Non-Public Schools Grants provided funds to retain staffs and cover expenses incurred in meeting Covid-related mandates.

Holy Cross Parish participated in these programs because it was the prudent thing to do to be able to keep our school and Parish doors open. The parish anticipates that these programs will provide more than \$1,000,000 to Holy Cross. These funds are used to cover operating income shortfalls and provide for needed maintenance on the parish's properties.

Regarding the maintenance of the properties, the Parish has a number of capital projects that need to be initiated to ensure that the physical plant of our parish is well-maintained for future generations. Some of those projects are replacement of the west window wall in the school, replacement of the air conditioning system in the Great Hall of the parish center, repair and replacement of the parish center's exterior surface, resurfacing of the parking lot, and a number of other maintenance expenses. The money received through these government grants will ensure that some of these projects will be completed.

While all these special funds will be used, more will be needed to keep the parish in good order.

Over the years, Holy Cross Parish has been blessed with exceptionally generous parishioners. They have always provided the resources necessary—whether through bequests, individual donations, or weekly collections—to meet the financial needs of the parish at the time. Rarely has the parish been in a position where it needed to directly ask for the financial assistance of its parishioners beyond Sunday collections and the Annual Diocesan Appeal. To underscore this point, the last major capital campaign undertaken by the parish was to air condition the church, which was over twenty years ago.

As previously mentioned, the funds received through the various federal grants will provide for some of the capital improvements anticipated to be made in the near future as well as to cover the parish's operating deficiencies. That money will eventually run out and the parish will continue to need your assistance. In that regard, the Finance Committee humbly asks for your consideration of an increase in your weekly offering and donating to support one or more of the projects mentioned.

We realize that these are difficult times, but we would remind you when considering increasing your financial assistance that prior generations of parishioners sacrificed to provide us with the beautiful church and parish facilities that we enjoy. Today we can pay that debt forward so that our families, and those who come after us, may continue to find a Catholic home where we can share Christ with our community and the world around us.

Thank You -

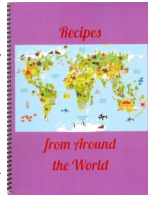
Members of the Holy Cross Parish Finance Committee.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
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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!**

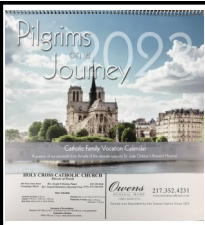


CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

A contribution to the Flower Fund would be greatly appreciated as we plan for our Advent and Christmas Season. You can make a contribution online, 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; Regina Robinson; Calcagno and Christians Family members; Tom and Anne Corkery; John F. and Catherine Murray; Ethel Cox; Gene, Elaine, and Ross Mayor; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; Rakers and Wade Family members; In Honor of Fr. Danton and Fr. Leo; and John and Karen Walker.

Thank you for your support!



2023 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 complementary calendars every year!

Collections

Offering for Dec. 3rd/4th.....\$6,044.00
 Development Fund.....\$972.00

Thank you very much!

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email. If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.



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 & Foltzer 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.