

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word
became flesh
and made
his dwelling
among us,
and we saw
his glory, the
glory as of
the Father's
only Son,
full of grace
and truth.

JOHN 1:14

December 25/26, 2021

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE HOLY FAMILY

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, to imitate
the example of your Holy Family,
so as to make our home another Nazareth.
May peace, love, and happiness prevail.

Grant us the grace to be
the parents we should be.

Grant that our children may find
solid support for their human dignity
and for their growth in truth and love
within the embrace of our home.

And when the time comes for each of us
to go to the everlasting home
you have prepared for us,
may your glorious Mother and St Joseph
take us to you, after the final grace
of a happy death. Amen.

Wednesday Devotion for December 29th at 5:30 p.m.
is to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

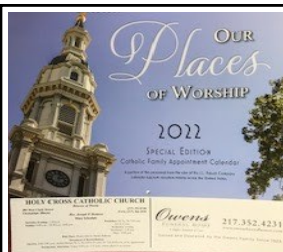
The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives 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.	Jan. 1 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: John Kelley Servers: Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 2 Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Ben Laws, Margie Hoss Servers: Abby Friedman, Timmy Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca Servers: Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney

PARISH OFFICE NEW YEAR'S BREAK

The Parish Office will close at noon on Thursday, December 30th for New Year's break and will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th.



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 complementary calendars every year!



No Coffee & Donut shop today after the 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

There will be **NO** Adoration on Friday, December 31st.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Donovan Plisch

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Margaret Jackson

Wednesday, December 29

6:00 p.m. Robert Rosner

Thursday, December 30

7:00 a.m. Maurice Decker

Friday, December 31

8:15 a.m. Rita Siewert

Saturday, January 1*

5:30 p.m. Peggy Flannery

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. William Basehart

4:00 p.m. Bob Weber

**Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*



Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
lays down His sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky
Look down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes.

I love you, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.



THANK YOU!!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Champaign County #1070 want to thank you for your support of our Annual Christmas Cookie and Craft Sale. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to give generously to a Seminarian from Champaign County!

We enjoyed seeing and visiting everyone and look forward to doing this again next year. Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



FLOWER FUND

Donations to the Christmas Flower Fund have been made in memory of Harold T. Heidbreder, Jo Ann Heidbreder, Charles T. Heidbreder; the deceased members of the Calcagno & Christians families;

Also Donna Menacher; the Hettinger, Painter, & Wagner families; the Cochrane & O'Brien families; Jim & Kathryn Bristow; Diana Hettinger; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Kevin Hodge; Herbert & Florence Desmier; Noble & Eleanor Devall;

Also Angel Jensen; Carol Jensen; Chris & Val Patrick; Richard, Marian & Christina (Bucher) Walker; Hieu Nguyen & Kim Nguyen; Linda McMahon; Mike Wesolowski; William A. McMahon; Donald McDuffee; James & Zachary McNabney; Patrick & Violet Cosgrove family;

Also the Walter & Kathryn Bingaman family; Burl, Rosella, Michael, & Janet Manuel; Gene, Elaine, & Ross Mayor; Tom & Anne Corkery; John & Joan Murray; Ethyl G. Cox; and John & Lynette Barham family.



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THE Giving Tree

Thank for your generosity for the Catholic Charities Giving Tree Program. Holy Cross contributed more than \$1,300 in gift cards and monetary donations that will help families in need, at Christmas time, throughout the diocese

ST. MARY CEMETERY DONATIONS

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in 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, care of St. Mary Catholic Church, 612 E. Park St, Champaign, IL 61820.

Total Collections for November

Sunday & Holy Day Collections.....	\$32,599.28
Automatic Contributions.....	\$9,905.00
Online Giving.....	<u>\$8,495.00</u>
	\$50,999.28
Tuition Assistance	
Holy Cross.....	\$1,826.50
STM.....	\$582.00
Development Fund.....	\$2,483.00

***May this New Year bring you many Joys
and Blessings all year through!***



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

From Principal Greg Koerner:

Dear Holy Cross Community

Happy Holidays! As we come to the end of another highly successful year and semester, I want to personally thank you for all your support. When I first arrived at Holy Cross 18 months ago, I was thinking how much I loved Holy Cross School. Now, I can confirm that I have the best job in the world.

Walt Disney once said, "You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality." This is certainly the case as a Principal. The reality is that the learning experience and projects that have taken place this semester could not have happened without a great deal of commitment and support from the staff, parents, students, and community.

I can't thank everyone enough for the endless hours of volunteering, organizing, donating, and doing everything you could to support our students and staff. Special thanks go out to our PTC who, as always goes above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever is necessary to add our students' school experience.

One of the highlights of the holiday season is the extra time we have to spend with our loved ones and celebrate the meaning of family and friends. I wish all of you a peaceful holiday and a happy New Year.

School will resume on January 3, 2022.

"Always Home - Always Family"
WE ARE HOLY CROSS

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION
DECEMBER 2021**

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
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>.

Distinguished Alumni of the Year. STM is asking for nominations for the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award which will be presented on Saturday, February 5th at the Spring Gala at the Pear Tree Estate. This award 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 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 **Thursday, January 6th, 2022.**

STM is Going to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. A group from The High School of Saint Thomas More will attend the annual Pro-Life event in late January and humbly asks for your help in donating to the trip. Checks can be payable to The High School of Saint Thomas More, with March for Life included in the memo line. Please contact Miss Lyons at elyons@hs-stm.org if you have any questions or would like to assist. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2021 for tax planning purposes, please fill out this form, cut it out, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Or you can also email your request to:

office@holycrosscatholic.org

Or call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

NAME: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

BINGO!

Join us for BINGO and FUN at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, January 7th!**

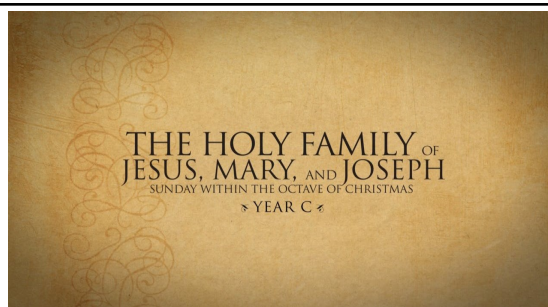
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase Bingo cards. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games! \$20 for 9 cards per game, or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own.

If you have questions, call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$5. Soda for \$1. Proceeds go to Holy Cross School. We request that masks be worn while not eating and drinking.



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THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR C)

It's tempting to think that the Blessed Virgin was somehow different from the rest of us—that she knew exactly what would happen in her life and never had to work through difficult periods. Yet, she did. And in her, we see how certain trials in our lives fit perfectly within the bigger picture of God's work—and the graces that we obtained through them.

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

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.



Catholic Radio
95.7 FM; WLHF-LP
"Holy Family Radio"
Champaign/Urbana, Illinois



THE MASS EXPLAINED

Do you have questions about why we do certain things during Mass? Do you wonder why Father wears so many vestments? Why do we stand and sit so much? All your questions can be answered!

Father Joseph is holding a "Teaching Mass" for our RCIA candidates on January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. We would like to invite you to join us! Please note that this will last longer than our usual Wednesday evening Mass. Father will cover everything from vesting to the final blessing and beyond!

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 Giuffrè & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin 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
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
Ron Murphy