

HOLY CROSS CONFIRMATION
DECEMBER 5, 2020

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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.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
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Deacon Michael Smith

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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. Monday thru Friday
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Greg Koerner, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

ADORATION

Adoration is available on the patio in the
courtyard anytime.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday, 6:30-6:45 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, and 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.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 28

7:00 a.m.

Margaret Jackson

Tuesday, Dec. 29

7:00 a.m.

Teresa Nham Tran

Wednesday, Dec. 30

7:00 a.m.

J. Baptist Tro Nguyen

Thursday, Dec. 31

7:00 a.m.

Rita Siewert

Friday, Jan. 1

7:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day)
Joe Hacker

Saturday, Jan. 2

5:30 p.m.

Patrick & Violet Cosgrove Family

Sunday, Jan. 3

8:00 a.m.

Phyllis Gentile

10:00 a.m.

Jim McNabney

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners



**This little baby is born again,
been reborn in the hearts of men.
Every Christmas, this child is born again.**

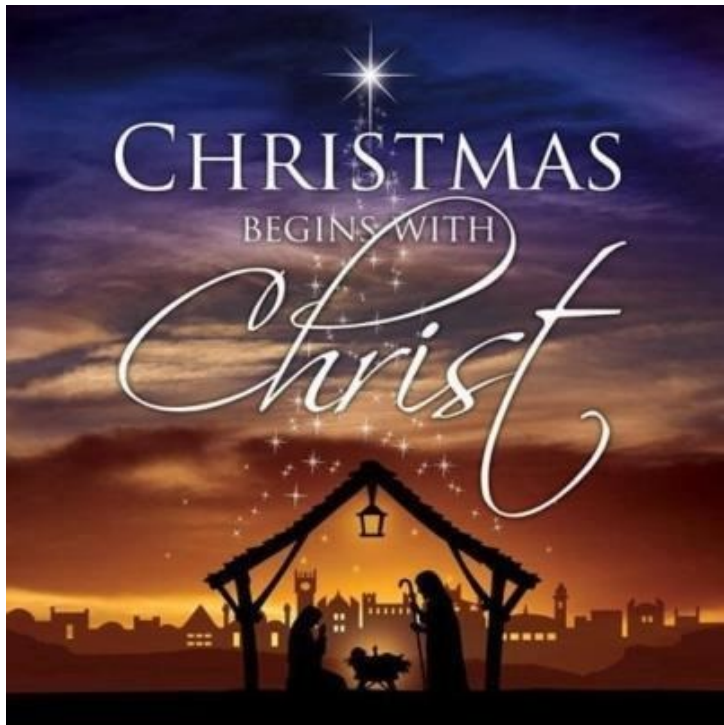


HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

HOLY CROSS: January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Cross will offer one Mass on this day, at 7:00 a.m. Other Masses are available as follows:

ST. MATTHEW: Dec. 31st, Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 1st, Mass at 9:00 a.m.
(both Masses in church and livestream)

ST. PATRICK: Jan. 1st at 12:10 p.m.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 2

5:30 p.m. Patty Bingaman

Sunday, January 3

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John and Pat Dixon

4:00 p.m. Ed & Juliann Seebauer, Elaine Hershberger



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED BUT MASS STILL TAKING PLACE



The Parish Office is closed until further notice. We are still available by phone (217) 352-8748, and email: office@holycrosscatholic.org. You can also find information at holycrosscatholic.org on our website.

The lobby of the Parish Center will be open for drop-off or pick-up of any necessary items or materials.

At this time, we are still having Mass. We will continue to practice the COVID safety guidelines. This includes social distancing, wearing a face mask over your mouth and nose, and sanitizing practices.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Donations have been made in memory of the Hettinger, Painter & Wagner families; Rose Baum; Norma Wilson; James & Zachary McNabney; Finn W. Oliveira; Skip Hartman; Mel Meyer; John & Clara Rakers; Wayne & Delores Wade; Donna Menacher; the Murray & Huckaba families; Robert Lewis & Robert Plecki Sr., the Cochrane & Vedder families; Tom & Anne Corkery; John & Catherine Murray; Ethel Cox; Sr. Rita Corkery; Francine Cindy Gibas; Harold, Jo Ann & Charles Heidbreder; the Williams, Barham & Lykins families; Jim & Kathryn Bristow; the Calcagno and Christians families; Chuck Schweighart; Leathers, Lynch, Lecher & Rodgers Families; and Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for December 12th/13th.....	\$7,237.00
Development Fund.....	\$317.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$1,259.00
Fr. Remi's Mission Appeal.....	\$23,305.00

Thank you very much!

MISSIONARY APPEAL

You can still help support Fr. Remi's diocese in Tanzania. Put your donation in the collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office, or mail it to us. Make checks payable to Holy Cross. Your contributions are much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2020 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 352-8748.

NAME: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____



A FAMILY BLESSING

Lord of All,

Bless our families.
Be they formed by blood
or by circumstance.
Make them holy.

May we find you
In our relationships.
In our marriages, in our families,
In our households, in our
communities,
In our global humanity.

May we look across
All that divides us
And see family,
And embrace as a family does.
And love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather
In your name,

There are you.

Amen



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrossselem.org

Save the Date! Empower Illinois Scholarship Reservation Day

Reserve your spot to apply for an Empower Illinois Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year on **Jan. 13th!** Reservations open at 6:30 p.m. in order to submit at 7:00 p.m.

Need Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year? You Must:

1. Apply for an Empower Illinois Scholarship.
2. Submit and pay for (\$30) the FACTS Grant & Aid Application (usually opens in January each year).
3. Apply for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship (more info to come after January 2021).
4. Request assistance from your home parish (Holy Cross, St. Patrick, or St. Mary's).



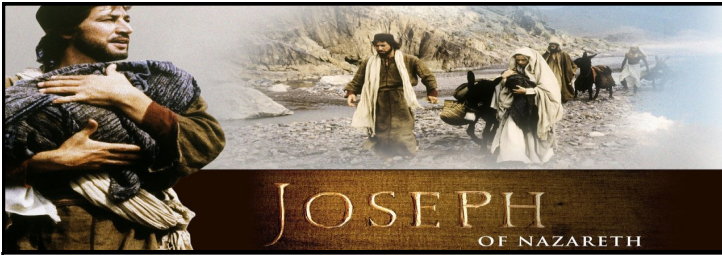
High School of St. Thomas More
352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The High School of St. Thomas More is seeking applicants for a Spanish Teacher and a Biology Teacher for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Athletic Department is seeking applications for an Assistant Boys and Girls Tennis Coach. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget, srmbridget@hs-stm.org.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 22ND, 2021

The Ecumenical Memorial Prayer Vigil will be at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Urbana. This will be an in-person and virtual event. Virtual guest speaker will be national speaker Rebecca Kiessling, president of Save the One, a Pro-Life organization featuring those conceived in rape or incest. Stay tuned for more information.



JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ.

Starring Tobias Moretti in a manly, appealing performance, we are shown the human, noble, and deeply spiritual aspects of Joseph the carpenter, son of David, servant of God, and loving husband of Mary. He is presented as a man of faith who must grapple greatly with the profound mysteries of the miraculous conception, the Virgin Birth, the Incarnation of the Son of God, and the incredible challenges of protecting and raising Jesus amidst the threats on his life from the moment of his birth and beyond.

As Joseph is informed by God's messengers about trusting and following his plan for Christ, the dangerous flight into Egypt to save his child, and finally returning to Nazareth to raise Jesus, this lovely film presents beautiful vignettes of these and other powerful scenes in the life of the young Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring. Also stars Stefania Rivi, Franco Interlenghi, and Andrea Prodan."



MARY OF NAZARETH

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

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Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Follis Families
Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families
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Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Fotzler Families
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Pellum & Gillis Families
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
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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
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
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
Costello Family