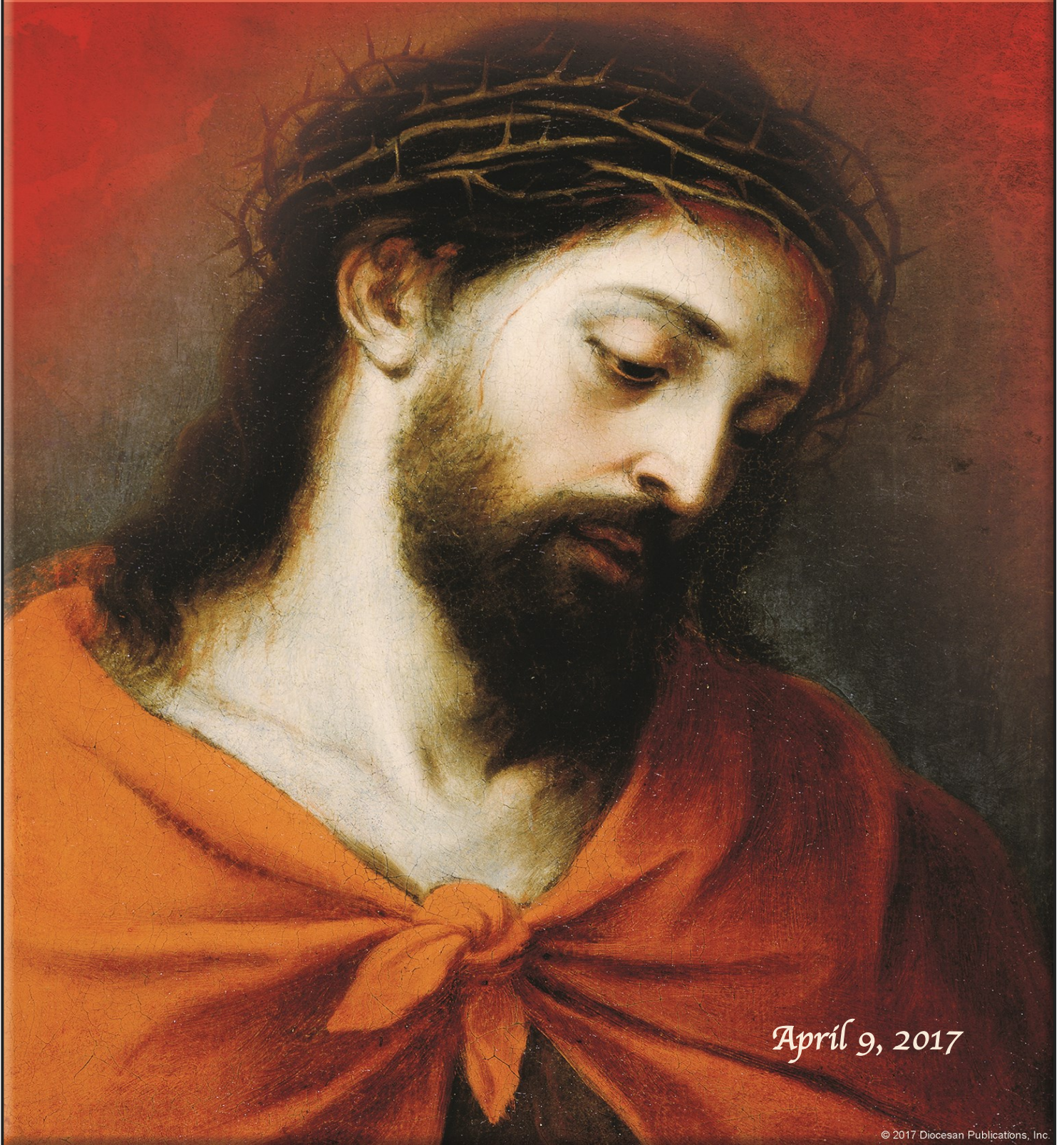


THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST



April 9, 2017

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

LIVE THE EVENTS OF THIS WEEK

Let's not just sit back and observe what is happening in the Church this week, but let us place ourselves within the saving mystery. Make yourself part of the events that took place in the Upper Room, out in the Garden of Olives, upon Calvary, in the tomb, and beyond.

If you relate to Peter, who said he would never deny Jesus, but in fact denied Him three times, place yourself as Peter in the gospel story—get in touch with your fear of knowing the Lord, and why you deny over and over again to even *know* Him.

If you relate to the apostles, Jesus' closest friends, who ran away from Jesus when he needed them most, abandoning Jesus to arrest and ill treatment, then place yourself as an apostle in the gospel story. Examine why you flee from the Lord when He needs you.

Maybe you even relate to Judas, who betrayed Jesus. Place yourself in the gospel story as Judas and feel your desire for Jesus to prove himself. Get in touch with your impatience with the patience of God. Ask the Lord why He does not act in the way you think He should. Know that even in your betrayal, Jesus still desires you as an apostle, that His forgiveness is available to you for you to accept it.

Maybe you relate to Simon of Cyrene, who was pressed into service to help carry the Lord's cross. Maybe you feel you are burdened by worries and problems that are not your own. Know that Simon was surely rewarded for his service to Jesus, and you will be too.

Perhaps you relate to one of the thieves hanging on either side of Jesus. You recognize you have done wrong. Maybe you are now suffering from the wrongs of your past. Maybe you feel you are being crucified because of your wrongful past. You now have a chance to be like the "good thief." You can ask Jesus to remember you in His Kingdom. You can ask for forgiveness and accept the crucified Lord hanging next to you as your Savior.

Maybe you relate to the pain of Mary, the Sorrowful Mother of Jesus, standing at the foot of the cross. Maybe you have felt the pain and helplessness of watching a loved one die a painful death. Know that Mary consoles those who have refuge in her. She believed God would not abandon her, that He would make all things new.

Are you like the Roman centurion? Who after seeing how Jesus died, after hearing how Jesus even forgave those who crucified him, said of Jesus: "Truly, He is the Son of God." If so, let the example of Jesus stir you to do the same, forgiving those who hurt you deeply. Give up your doubts and know that Jesus is Lord.

Are you like Joseph of Arimathea? If you are, then go to the ones who still order Jesus to be crucified in our world today, and ask for the Lord's crucified body, so you could place the Holy One within the tomb of your own heart.

Place yourself in the greatest story ever told, and live the Paschal Mystery.

Fr. Dave

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. David Sajdak, S.D.B., Pastor

Fr. Michael Mendl, S.D.B., Parochial Vicar

Fr. William Bucciferro, S.D.B., in residence

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

Deacon Robert 'Bob' Ulbrich

TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cindy Howie

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Scott Montgomery

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.

Daily: 7:00 a.m. Mon–Fri, 6:30 p.m. Wed,
and 8:15 a.m. Sat.

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ADORATION

Fridays all day, with Benediction at 4:45 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday: 6:45 to 6:55 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 three months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should call the Pastor at least eight 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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

† † † Masses For The Week

Monday, April 10
7:00 a.m. Ann Kinsel

Tuesday, April 11
7:00 a.m. Dee Moore

Wednesday, April 12
7:00 a.m. Hazel Cacioppo
6:30 p.m. Marian Mass

Holy Thursday, April 13
7:00 p.m. For the Priests

Good Friday, April 14
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, April 15
8:00 p.m. For the Catechumens and Candidates

Easter Sunday, April 16
8:00 a.m. Lois & Louise Arseneau & family
10:00 a.m. Jeri Hix
12:00 noon In honor of Louis A. Pisani

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Laura Mohrbacher
Eucharistic Ministers: Gloria Fellers, (need more)
Servers: Alex Summers, Adam Zasada, Ginny Friedman

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Greg Miely
Eucharistic Ministers: ?
Servers: Alex Summers, Adam Zasada, Abby Friedman

HELP! Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and 2 Lectors needed. See below and above. Please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to let them know if you are willing to help. Thank you!

COFFEE & DONUTS VOLUNTEERS for April 16th are John & Patty Bingaman for the 8:00 a.m. Mass crowd, and Dan & Kim Coffey for the 10:00 a.m. Mass crowd. Thank you!

SENIOR LUNCHEON. Join us for our monthly potluck on Wednesday, **April 12th**, at noon. Those who can should bring a covered dish and their own table service. A Parish Nurse will be available for BP checks and health related questions.

7:00 a.m. WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10	11	12	13	14
Donavan Gudauskas, Brooke Hasenstab	Katie McFarland, Owen Robinson	Rohan Thope, Erin Patton	<u>Holy Thurs.</u> No Morning Mass	<u>Good Fri.</u> No Morning Mass

Saturday, 8:00 p.m.	April 15 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	HOLY SATURDAY Rick Atterberry, Tim Spila Bob Weber, Jan Weber. Peg Swanson, Gary Scaff Alex Summers (<u>need more</u>)
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	April 16 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	EASTER SUNDAY Brian Rosten John Sullivan (<u>need more</u>) Alex Summers (<u>need more</u>)
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	? ? ? Adam Zasada, Ginny Friedman, Abby Friedman
12 Noon	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	? ? John Goyette (<u>need 1 more</u>)



YOU ARE INVITED!

All are invited to a reception, both to honor and to say farewell to our Director of Music, Scott Montgomery, on **Sunday, April 23rd**. Please come to greet Scott and thank him for his exceptional musical service: It will be held in the Great Hall of the Parish Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Scott has been our Music and Choir Director for almost 22 years, and we wish him Godspeed and our best regards as he departs for his new assignment in Arkansas. We will miss him and his gift of beautiful music.



WATCH WEEKEND RETREAT

Save the Date! The next WATCH weekend retreat will be held **April 28th-30th** right here at Holy Cross. Brochures for registration are at the back of the church and in the Parish Office.

WATCH stands for "We Are The Church." The theme for this retreat is 'Trust God and He Will Help You.' Take advantage of this opportunity to be spiritually refreshed. Call Elaine Hershberger at 621-7325 if you have questions.



Last Week's Collection

Offering for April 1st-2nd.....\$8,974.79
School Tuition Assistance.....\$1,940.70

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND INFORMATION, 2017

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED at Noon on Good Friday, April 14th, and all day on Easter Monday, April 17th.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

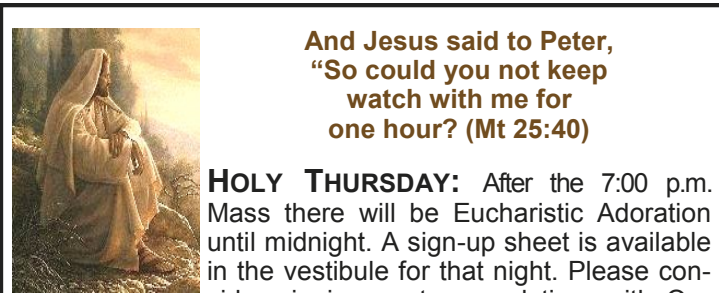
Holy Thursday	April 13	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 14	7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday	April 15	8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 16	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon



FOR THOSE SENSITIVE TO INCENSE, please note that it will be used on PALM SUNDAY, HOLY THURSDAY at the beginning and end of Mass, and at the EASTER VIGIL.

PALMS FROM LAST YEAR ARE BLESSED, and must be disposed of properly. This means burning the palms and burying the ashes. If you'd rather have the parish handle it for you, please bring your palms from last year to the Parish Office and we will dispose of them properly.

ON GOOD FRIDAY our parish will take up the annual collection for the **Holy Land**. Please be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic community in the Holy Land and help protect the Holy places and Christian shrines.



And Jesus said to Peter, "So could you not keep watch with me for one hour? (Mt 25:40)

HOLY THURSDAY: After the 7:00 p.m. Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule for that night. Please consider signing up to spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration anytime following the 7:00 p.m. Mass until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00 p.m. There is no adoration that day. The Good Friday Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: Of special interest to those of Slovak, Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Central European background will be the traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at 1:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 15th, in the church. There will be NO confessions heard on that day.

EASTER SUNDAY: There will be NO 4:00 p.m. Mass.



EASTER FLOWERS

Our beautiful Easter altar decorations are made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. Donations have been made in memory of Jeri Hix; Bernard Buese; Grace Ispinghausen; Carol Dicken; the Grace & Arseneau families; Frank Pace Jr.; Donna Menacher; Bob & Mary Wright; Ray & Maxine Timpono; the Folts & Synon families; Chuck Schweighart; and Larry Hausmann.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 23rd**, with your friends and family at St Matthew Church here in Champaign. Prayer Service/Holy Hour will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Be sure to start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday so that it will be completed by Divine Mercy Sunday. And remember to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 8 days prior to or following that Sunday.

OUR DIOCESE

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Diocese of Peoria are continued and carried forward. Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation.

If you have not made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are envelopes in the vestibule. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services, and every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with the many needs of our parish and school.

Our 2017 ADA Goal: \$103,983

CDOP CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Peoria is having a Day of Renewal, "Claiming the Victory of the Cross" on **Saturday, May 6th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Spalding Center in Peoria. The day will consist of prayer, teachings, worship, praise, and fellowship. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. For more information go to ccr-cdop.org or call the CCR office at (309) 636-9622.

VOCATIONS

"A call from God to live in a particular way"

"Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest or religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, call Fr. Tim Hepner at (309) 671-1550, or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

HE'S GONE TO LUNCH BUT HE WILL BE BACK



Every third Thursday of the month, Deacon Hank Hart, Fr. Richard Mullen, and I went to lunch. We called it the "Three Martini Lunch" without the martinis. It started out as a neat idea and soon became a ritual.

During those lunches we covered just about every topic imaginable. Here are just a few examples: God, the Church, heaven, hell, purgatory, family, clergy, friends, people we love, people we struggle with, politics, sports, and countless other topics.

I soon discovered that when you are fortunate to be able to spend time, *quality time*, with great people who are chronologically advanced and then listen very carefully, you can learn a great deal—not only about them, but about life! I can tell you this about Deacon Hank: He loved his God, he loved his church, he loved his family, he loved his fishing cabin, and he loved his lunches.

He was and is loved by his family. He was loved by the people of Holy Cross. He was loved by the Diaconate community where he was considered the deacons' deacon. He was also highly respected and admired in the business world.

See you at lunch, Hank. I have every third Thursday reserved in my calendar book.

Deacon Bob Ulbrich

OUR SCHOOLS



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS, PRESCHOOL AND GRADES K-8, is open for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the school office so we can get your preliminary information and schedule a tour of our school.



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

EASTER BREAK. We will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday for Easter Break, April 14th-17th.

SAVE THE DATE! We're rolling out the red carpet for STM's Annual Gala on Saturday, May 6th! Enjoy an evening of old-school Hollywood glamour while raising funds for current and future generations of STM students. Where? The City Center at Fat City, Champaign. For more information call STM at 217-352-7210.

OUR COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH CENTER

Catholic Daughters of Champaign County, court #1070, will meet at St. Matthew's Parish Center, small room down the hall just south of the side entrance to the church, on **Tuesday, April 11th**. Please gather at 11:30 a.m. and bring a sack lunch.

We will pray together and discuss activities planned for the next few months, especially our 90th anniversary for the court; we want to plan a celebration for this summer. Please come with ideas and share some time with the wonderful ladies of our group! All are welcome. Call Debby at 356-9961 for more info.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON IN TOLONO

On Wednesday, **April 12th** at 11:30 am, the Champaign-Piatt County Good Samaritan Program will host a potluck lunch at St Patrick's Parish Center in Tolono. The talented Unity High School a cappella group, Surreal Sound, will be singing for us. Everyone age 55 and over is invited, feel free to invite your friends. Please bring a dish to share. Call Kim McAvoy at 637-2395 if you have questions.

PRO-LIFE ISSUES

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Spring Campaign ends today, April 9th.
But don't stop praying for the safety of the unborn.
Prayer is powerful. Nationwide, over 250 babies saved
from the violence of abortion in this spring campaign.

Crown of Thorns Maze

Use a crayon or pencil to find your way through the crown of thorns.



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A WORD FROM JOY

Last week and this coming week: we delivered many diapers to a mom with a one-year-old, who also cares for her one-year-old grandson. She has MS and has 4 other children at home—so we spend time checking in on her and her family. She is grateful for our help. We are also helping a young mom deal with an injury and balancing work and motherhood.

Current needs: Anyone work at a car repair place? If that company may be willing to discount putting in a new transmission, please call Joy. OR, if any family has a car in good working condition that they are willing to donate, we have a mom with 4 boys who needs reliable transportation.

Let's do what we can to help families in need. Interested in helping the poor in our midst? Contact Joy at 359-8406 for more information.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, & Edward Knoke
Dec. Mem. of Henry, Butler, Reynolds Families
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
Bruns Family
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
William & Kevin Pellum
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Lary 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 Tuft 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
Evelyn Bell
Wm. Zeilenga Jr.
Eleanor Zeilenga
Ellen Zeilenga
Arlin Rentfrow
Rita Rentfrow
Ron Murphy
Fred Porter
Harold Kremer
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 Gilbert & Betty Graham Family
John E. Sullivan Family
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Margaret Hettinger
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Bill Gilles
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Christie & Hoss Families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
John Michael Cabutti
Living & Dec. of Kincheloe, Helt & Kestel Families
Margaret Turkcan
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey