

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God so loved
the world
that he gave His
only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in Him
might not perish
but might have
eternal life.
For God did not send
His Son into the
world to condemn
the world,
but that the world
might be saved
through Him.

John 3:16

September 13, 2020

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, your divine Son Jesus is the perfect Mediator between God and humankind, because He alone could in all justice merit our reconciliation with God as well as the graces that God would impart after the reconciliation. You are the Mediatrix in union with Christ, from Whom your mediation draws all its power.

You merited the title of Unique Associates above all by your union with Christ in His redemptive sacrifice. After Jesus, no one suffered as you did. Now your action is primarily one of intercession. In your contemplation of God, you behold our needs with our prayers and you beg God to grant these favors.

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption. May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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TRIBUNAL AUDITOR
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MASSSES

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: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 MATTHEW

18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 14 7:00 a.m.	Kathryn & Walter Bingaman Fam.
Tuesday, Sept. 15 7:00 a.m.	The Irle & Drebes Families
Wednesday, Sept. 16 7:00 a.m.	Beverly Lynch
Thursday, Sept. 17 7:00 a.m.	All Souls
Friday, Sept. 18 7:00 a.m.	Patricia Petry
Saturday, Sept. 19 5:30 p.m.	Tom Cosgrove
Sunday, Sept. 20 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Stafford Perrodin For the Parishioners Stephen Primmer

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SIRACH

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

FAMILY FORMATION
A WHOLE FAMILY APPROACH TO
LEARNING AND LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH



The Family Formation Program at Holy Cross serves families with children in Grades K-5. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire family. Families are supported and encouraged in their efforts to pray, worship, and grow in faith together as a Catholic family.

For families whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school, **Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation.** However, all families with children in Grades K-5 are invited to come and be part of the Family Formation community.

For more information or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Gloria Fellers at 352-8748.

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

Non-Catholics who know they want to join or who may be interested but need more information.

Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Married couples of mixed religious faiths who wish to unite their religious practice in Catholicism.

For more details, please contact Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office, 217 352-8748.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 19

5:30 p.m. No ministers

Sunday, September 20

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Ben Laws, Jessica McMahon

4:00 p.m. Jan Weber, John Farney



Our prayers and best wishes go with Richard Vincent Noel and Amelia Pearl Harrington, who were married here on Saturday, September 5th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!

RCIA
 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

WHAT IS RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. This journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

RCIA is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

1ST, 2ND & 3RD YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation preparation classes for students attending public schools will begin in October. It is a 3-year cycle that begins with monthly classes for 6th & 7th graders. Registration forms can be sent to you, or pick one up at the Parish Office. For more info please call Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office, 217-352-8748.



PRAY to END ABORTION!



WWW.CDOP.ORG

UPCOMING ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Next week our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Please give generously as God has given to you.



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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOERNER

God only gives us so many Actual Graces during our lifetime. It is up to us to recognize and accept His grace. Unfortunately, over time these graces will disappear. Those of us who get caught up in a fast-paced life will not recognize these graces that He dangles out in front of us.

For me God gave me an Actual Grace and I accepted it. I have been truly blessed ever since I said yes. That grace for me was to become the principal at Holy Cross School. Since I said yes, I have felt the love, joy, hope, prayers, and encouragement.

I have been blessed to be surrounded by people who believe in Jesus Christ.

I have been blessed to have the support of our Holy Cross School community.

I have been blessed to have the understanding and caring of our parents and stakeholders.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work with Fr. Donton, Fr. Anthony, and Fr. Remi.

Looking back at the Actual Grace that God gave me, how could I say no? Look at what I would have been missing from my life.

I encourage you to pray for each other. I encourage you to pray for our Priests, I encourage you to pray for our school. I encourage you to pray for our teachers and staff, and I encourage you to pray for all mankind.

God will come to you at some point in your life and offer you an Actual Grace. It will be up to you to accept or decline. But I want you to know that I will be praying for you.

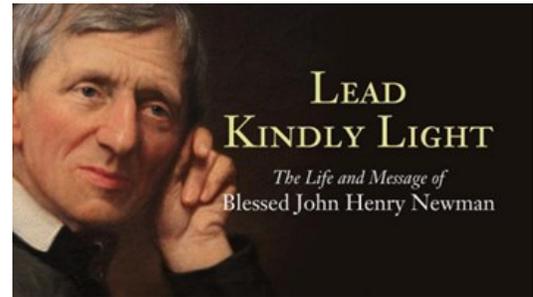
In closing, we have learned how to soar above the clouds of the sky. We have learned how to descend to the depths of the ocean. We have learned how to split the atom, and to gaze at the edges of the universe. Now teach us, Lord, how to get along with one another.

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross School.

JOB OPENING: We are seeking another part-time Evening Janitor. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at hcs@holycrosselem.org

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PICK OF THE WEEK

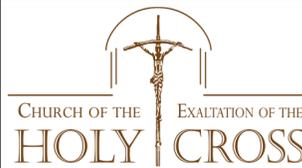


Lead Kindly Light

An influential teacher, a distinguished theologian, a man who endured many trials, a father of souls—Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890) remains as fresh and relevant today as he was during his lifetime. In this engaging film, Fr. Nicholas Schofield and Fr. Marcus Holden, hosts of several other Ignatius films, present the inspiring story of Newman's life and visit the places in England where he lived and worked.

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OUR FEAST DAY is tomorrow, September 14th, which means this is Feast Week! Although it may be different from past years, due to Covid-19, we are still celebrating Holy Cross!



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. We're seeking applicants for a Baseball Coach and a Wrestling Coach. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org

STM ADMISSIONS: Calling all 8th graders. You belong here. Become a Saber. Applications for 2021-22 officially open September 1st. To apply, go to <https://collect.accelaschool.com/stm>.



CUB SCOUTS

Interested in Scouting? The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Holy Cross Pack 9 achieves this through numerous fun activities and service projects. The Cub Scouting program is open to boys and girls, grades K-4 and we hope to see more girls joining this year! Please visit our website at www.hcpack9.org or contact our Cubmaster, Jim Linnenburger, at pack9cubmaster@gmail.com to find out more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Much has happened in recent months and many activities were put on hold, including pro-life events. Unfortunately, the abortion industry never stopped operating. We are very glad to share that there are more pro-life activities and events coming up in the near future. Please prayerfully consider how you can get involved and help foster a stronger Culture of Life! Details are below:

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children:
Saturday, Sept. 12th.

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Event, Tuesday, Sept. 15th.

40 Days for Life Fall 2020: Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st.

Pro-Life Billboard Project: Ongoing

VoteProLifeFirst Election Campaigning and Advocacy:
Ongoing

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Event: "At the Foot of the Cross" Why **your** presence matters at the abortion center: Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. Eric Scheidler, Executive Director of Pro-Life Action League, will give an overview of what is happening in the abortion industry, the importance of voting pro-life, and why **your** presence outside an abortion clinic is so impactful and can save lives. Choose in-person (limited to 50 attendees) or virtual option via Zoom for attendance. Free and open to all.

Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 or
reneemullen1@comcast.net

A WORD FROM JOY

There will be a virtual event with **Erich Scheidler of the Pro-Life Action League in September**. The time as we have it now is Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a virtual event via Zoom and Facebook.

The zoom event can accommodate 100 people/groups. If someone has many friends interested, consider having a COVID-19 safe viewing party! If you know of anyone who wants to participate but does not have access to the technology, we will have a limited way to participate in person, but that will be limited to 50 people. Please contact Rene Mullen for that information. reneemullen1@comcast.net or call 217 607-0811.

Needs: Diapers/Pull-Ups: we now need size 2T-3T pull-ups (girls and boys). Size 5 (not LUVS) and size 6.

Gift cards to Sam's Club, Aldi, Walgreens, and Amazon.

Possible need for a tutor to help assist parents who have children attending school remotely.

Prayers needed as our families navigate at-home learning for their children while still trying to maintain a working life.

How to help: Online giving via Holy Cross Church, there is a separate category to direct any donation to Pro-Life. We also accept checks made out to Holy Cross Church; please put "Pro-Life" in the memo line

Questions? Contact me at joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 (home). Thank you and God bless you for your support.

PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP meets via Zoom every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting: September 21st. To join in on the call, please contact Joy (see above). This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion—and living a pro-life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe that every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because he or she is human!.



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 & Foltzler 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 & Huguette 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 McMahan, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
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
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