



33rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2016

THE COMING PERSECUTION

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Luke 21:19

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

THE SKY IS FALLING!!



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Remember the classic fable “Chicken Little”? Chicken Little caused widespread panic when he mistook a falling acorn for a piece of the sky. He went around telling everyone “The sky is falling!”—meaning, the end is near.

Throughout the ages, from the time of Jesus to the present day, “prophets” have predicted the end of the world. All of them have been wrong—so far.

Our Catholic faith does tell us that the world as we know it will end one day. We believe in the Second Coming of the Lord. When Jesus comes again, he will judge all people. Each person will have to account for his conduct and the deepest secrets of his soul will come to light. How well each person has responded to the prompting of God's grace will be made clear. Jesus said, “*Those who have done right shall rise to life; the evildoers shall rise to be damned*” (Jn 5:29).

The Second Coming of Jesus is often referred to as “The Day of the Lord.” What Jesus tells us about the Day of the Lord is “no one knows the day or the hour” and it will “come like a thief in the night.”

Jesus also tells us to “stay alert,” for when the time comes, a man on his roof won't have time to come down and go inside. There'll be no time for grabbing one's coat or packing up a few nice things for the trip. When it's time to go, it will be time to go.

So what does this mean concretely? It does **not** mean to be like Chicken Little, crying out “The end is coming! The end is coming!” It means that we should live our lives in the way that pleases God as revealed through Jesus. It means loving God and loving neighbor. It means being forgiving and compassionate. It means caring for our children, planning prudently for the future, finishing our little projects, and doing all those things that we normally do with great love.

Question: If Jesus were to return right now, and I were to be asked to give an account of my life and my soul, what would I want the Lord to find me doing and thinking about?

To put this another way, if you knew that you would be dead in two months, what would you do with your time? And if it's nothing like what you're doing with your time now—if you would live in an entirely different way—then why are you doing what you're doing now?

Is there a way that we can develop the wisdom that many people get only in the last months of their lives, at some point earlier than the last two months of our lives?

Yes, there is. It's called living a life of faith. It's called living according to the teachings of Jesus in the gospel. Living in faith will not only have you ready when the Day of the Lord arrives, it will enable you to live abundantly right now.

Fr. Dave

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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.
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.

Thirty-Third 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Nov. 14 7:00 a.m.	Nick Henrici
Tuesday, Nov. 15 7:00 a.m.	Eugene Lachenmyer
Wednesday, Nov. 16 7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Margaret Schwenk Memorial Mass
Thursday, Nov. 17 7:00 a.m.	Ruth Doyle
Friday, Nov. 18 7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	Boudreau Family Bob Cain (All School Mass)
Saturday, Nov. 19 8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Luella Rennie Frances Johnson
Sunday, Nov. 20 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	John Hirschfeld Al Hoss & Christie Hoss Malloch For the Parishioners



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and foreshadowed by his disciples' experience that God has raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs. Pray for the forgotten, those remembered only by heaven above.

From *A Meditation on the Seventh Spiritual Work of Mercy*, by Msgr. Charles Pope



COFFEE & DONUTS VOLUNTEERS for November 20th are Jane Hogan for the 8:00 a.m. Mass crowd, and the Howard Walker family for the 10:00 a.m. Mass crowd. Thank you!

MOMS' GROUP. We will meet in the Parish Center Library on Wednesday, **Nov. 16th**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for a Gospel reflection. Free childcare provided. For more info contact Lori and Heather at hcmomsgroup@gmail.com.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST TODAY!

Today Nov. 13th, the Twin Cities Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 220 will host a Veterans' Day breakfast in the Parish Center from 8:00 a.m. - noon. The breakfast is open to everyone. It is free to all veterans and their spouses. For everyone else the cost is by free-will-donation.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. The 4th Degree will also pay homage to all veterans with an Honor Guard at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ENVELOPES. Envelopes for the Purgatorial Society (All Souls) are available on the shelves at the back of the church. Masses for All Souls are offered on Sundays, Holy Days, and other times of the year.



NO PARKING!

Erwin, Martinkus & Cole, the law firm across the street from Holy Cross at the corner of Clark & Elm, once again stresses that while Saturday evening and Sunday parking are OK in their main parking lot south of their building, it is **NOT OK** on Holy Days of Obligation on weekdays.

Also, **never park** in front of the small red brick building directly across the street from the church parking lot. It is owned by Jim Ploger and whether it be weekdays or weekends, he always needs the only 4 spaces that he has.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	Nov. 19 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Gloria Fellers, Patty Bingaman, John Bingaman Mary Beth Franey, Nora Kelley, Abby Eilbracht
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 20 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Sam Kisting Fran Hacker, Joe Hacker, Greg Koerner, Barry Dickerson John Gibas, Sarah Gibas, Amanda Hummel
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Greg Miely Steven Carter, Karen Ulbrich, Sherri Paris, Jessica McMahon, Bonita Higgerson, Peg Swanson Sydney McMahon, Bailey McMahon, Jack McMahon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer, Anthony Frasca, Elaine Hershberger, Beth Frasca Joe Hoffman, John Paul Hoffman, Tony Hoffman



DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO CHICAGO Sunday, December 4th

Join us on Sunday, December 4th. The bus departs at 7:30 a.m. from Holy Cross School and returns at 10:30 p.m. All Parish and School families are welcome. \$25/person includes: Peoria Charter bus, bagels, coffee, water, 50/50 raffle, door prizes.

Create your own itinerary from the following drop-offs: Science & Industry, Museum Campus, or Navy Pier. Jump back on the bus at 6:15 p.m. following the 5:15 Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, corner of State & Superior. We all eat at Portillo's (your expense), then head to Daley Plaza before heading home at 8:30 p.m.

Call Cathy Koerner at 898-2748 for reservations. Please make check payable to "Holy Cross Troop 9" and get it to Greg or Cathy Koerner by **Monday, November 14th**. Thank you for supporting Holy Cross Troop 9 Boy Scouts.

7:00 a.m. WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14 Daniel Caughlin, Natalie Caughlin	15 Janey Thomas, Katie McFarland	16 Ginny Friedman, Abby Friedman	17 Bailey McMahon, Jack McMahon	18 John Sullivan

SPECIAL NEED

A parishioner of Holy Cross is in desperate need of a kidney. If you feel you can help through your donation of a kidney, please contact the pastor. Your name and the name of the one in need will be kept confidential. Thank you.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for November 5th-6th.....\$10,790.41
School Tuition.....\$2,047.69

Thank you for your generous contributions.

A FOOTBALL FREEBIE



Interested in seeing the Fighting Illini play Iowa for FREE on **Saturday, November 19th**, and helping Holy Cross School raise money? The HC Parent-Teacher Club organizes volunteers for program sales before each Illini home game, then volunteers get to stay and watch the rest of the game as a thank you! Contact Dave Unger at hcsptc@gmail.com with questions and to sign up.

BINGO NIGHT

Join us for BINGO at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, November 18th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase bingo cards. Bingo begins 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, and \$100 (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Sub sandwiches, chips, and dessert for \$5. Soda for \$1. Beer and wine, too!

Proceeds benefit Holy Cross School. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for volunteering your time on Bingo nights!

STEWARDSHIP

"Everything is a gift from God"

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

SANTA IS COMING TO THE SWANN SPECIAL CARE CENTER!

This year we will again participate in the Angel Tree Project providing Christmas gifts for the 40 residents of Swann, ages 7 to 65. With each name is a wish list. Help bring the joy of Christmas Day to these members of Swann.



If you'd like to provide a gift for a resident this year, please call the Parish Office office at 352-8748 for the list of names and ages. **Gifts must be in the office by Thursday, December 1st, so call soon!**

Advent is almost here. It's not too early to get into the spirit of Christmas. A few things already in swing at Holy Cross:



ATTENTION LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please go to the sacristy and sign up to help out during Christmas. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

DONATIONS TO THE FLOWER FUND are welcome now for Christmas. The names of those you wish to remember in honor or memorial will be listed in the bulletin.

OUR SCHOOLS



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

CONFIRMATION. We have 23 8th-grade students who are preparing for Confirmation on December 3rd. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their preparation to receive this wonderful sacrament.

JOB OPENING. We have an opening for a Preschool Aftercare person, Tuesdays-Fridays, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Please send letter of interest to cellis@holycrosselem.org.



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

STM NEEDS A BUS DRIVER. We're seeking bus drivers to aid in transportation to extra-curricular events. If you are interested, email Krista Hinkley at khinkley@hs-stm.org.

STM NEWS & UPDATES. Anyone wishing to be added to the STM email list of Weekly News & Updates, please contact Dianna Oliveira (doliveira@hs-stm.org) so you can stay up-to-date with all the action happening at our school.

OUR DIOCESE



www.cdop.org

November 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Right now, many American families are struggling to make ends meet. As people are laid off, lose homes to foreclosure, face the rising cost of health insurance, and watch retirement funds disappear; it may be difficult to think of others in need. However, financial struggles have become even harder for the 46.2 million Americans who have been living in poverty.

For over 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has come to the aid of organizations nationwide in an effort to eradicate poverty in America. Just as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "the Church's love for the poor...is a part of her constant tradition" (no. 2444), it is also the tradition of CCHD to love the poor by helping to end the cycle of poverty.

Through CCHD the Catholic Church is working to continue its tradition of love for the poor. Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Support CCHD in the upcoming collection.** And remember, 25% of the Collection's proceeds stay here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors.

In Catholic social teaching, we are called to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. (Lk 4:18)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Bishop of Peoria

Note: *The collection will be taken up next weekend, Nov. 19-20*



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC RADIO

Holy Family Radio, 95.7 FM, has now been on the air for over a year and is a great 24/7 evangelization tool. Holy Family Radio needs the support of all C-U parishes.

It takes approximately \$20,000 per year for expenses. In order to keep this service running, donations are needed. Donation envelopes and the programming schedule are still available in the church vestibule. For more information, visit the website at www.CatholicRadioCU.com.

OUR COMMUNITY



COSMIC FAITH: SCIENCE AND RELIGION

On **Sunday, November 20th**, St. Patrick Church in Urbana will host Brother Guy Consolmagno live from the Vatican via Skype. Brother Guy is Director of the Vatican Observatory. He is an award winning researcher, speaker, author, science program radio host, and science columnist. Some of his books include: *Brother Astronomer: Adventures of a Vatican Scientist*; and *God's Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers Make Sense of Religion*.

Brother Consolmagno will present a thought provoking program via Skype on the relationship between science and religion. Father George Remm will serve as moderator.

The event begins at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick Church Main Hall, 708 W. Main St., Urbana. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Carol Conaghan by **Monday, Nov. 14th**, at carol.conaghan@stpaturbana.org or 367-2665 to RSVP with the number of children.



DIVINE MERCY ENTHRONEMENT / CONSECRATION

Jesus promises great graces through the image of the Divine Mercy and its prayers. Join us **Today, November 13th**, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew where Fr. Rayson will lead a brief Divine Mercy Enthronement / Consecration ceremony. Please arrive by 12:15 if you will not be at that Mass.

Enthronement involves placing the blessed image in a place of honor in your home, and the Consecration Prayer entrusts you and your family to the care of the infinitely merciful Jesus. Please bring your image to the ceremony or one will be provided for you there. For more info contact Mary Pellizzari at 217-607-1727. "Happy the family who dwells in the shadow of these Blessed Rays!"

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Culver's

A DAY RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

This retreat is open to those who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent season. It is sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. Presenters will be Sister Charlene Cesario, SSCM, and July Bumbal.

Where? Mercy Community, 301 N. Wright St., Champaign.
When? Tuesday, **December 6th**, 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, November 28th.
Registration is limited to 20 participants.

Open to both men and women. Suggested Donation: \$25.
Lunch provided.

For more info or to register, call Sister Charlene Cesario at 217-841-2916, or email charlenemec@sbcglobal.net.

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
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 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 Turkan
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

Dec. Mem. of Slykas Family
Hershbarger & 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 Turkan
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey