December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Be Watchful! Be Alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.
Mark 13:33

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
**PRAYER**

O pure and immaculate and likewise blessed Virgin, who art the sinless Mother of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe, thou who art inviolate and altogether holy, the hope of the hopeless and sinful, we sing thy praises.

We bless thee, as full of every grace, thou who didst bear the God-Man. We bow low before thee; we invoke thee and implore thine aid.

Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin, from every necessity that presses upon us and from all the temptations of the devil. Amen.

**MARIAN DEVOTION AND MASS**

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for a Marian Devotion and Mass. The Devotion for December is The Immaculate Conception. It begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church, followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.
**First Sunday of Advent**

**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.

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**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

- **Monday, Dec. 4**
  - 7:00 a.m. William F. Bowen

- **Tuesday, Dec. 5**
  - 7:00 a.m. Nancy C. Hughes

- **Wednesday, Dec. 6**
  - 6:00 p.m. Chick Bruns

- **Thursday, Dec. 7**
  - 7:00 a.m. In honor of the marriage of Michael & Lily Brozek

- **Friday, Dec. 8, *The Immaculate Conception***
  - 7:00 a.m. Shirley Bowen Stanley
  - 8:15 a.m. William Busker
  - 12:10 p.m. Dr. John Roger Powell

- **Saturday, Dec. 9**
  - 5:30 p.m. In honor of Sarah Czar & family

- **Sunday, Dec. 10**
  - 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Lierman
  - 10:00 a.m. Stephen Warner
  - 4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

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**7:00 a.m. WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

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Newest Members of the Church, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are: Annah Kathryn, daughter of Darrin & Mallory Fiedler; Allyson Grace, daughter of Tyler & Sarah Classen; and Jaylis Velez Luquez, child of Jaime & Elizabeth Luquez. Let us support these children on their faith journey.

Coffee & Donuts Volunteers for December 10th will be Jay Geistlinger for the 8:00 a.m. Mass crowd, and the Unger family for the 10:00 a.m. Mass crowd. Thank you!

The Holy Cross Bereavement Support Group will meet today, December 3rd, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center Library. Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

Heavenly Dusters. December Heavenly Dusters are Debora Newsome & Ellen Vanoos.

Moms’ Group. We will meet on Wednesday, December 6th, in the Parish Center Library to say the Rosary.

Deck the Halls With Holiday Evergreens From Troop 9!
Before you shop for decorations this season, please consider purchasing fresh greenery from a friendly Troop 9 Boy Scout! 20%-25% of each sale directly helps a boy pay for his scouting activities. Wreaths and centerpieces are available. For more information or to have a Scout contact you, contact Jennifer Walters at 898-8697, or jlwalters@sbcglobal.net

Shop with Scrip
ShopwithScrip is a rebate fundraiser that supports Holy Cross school families with their school fees. Just purchase a gift card at face value for places you already shop. Then 50% of the rebate is applied to your family’s account in June. The accumulation of rebates is applied to the following year’s fees. If you do not have a student enrolled, you may direct your rebate to support the school.

We will have Scrip To Go at coffee & donuts after the morning Masses on Sunday, Dec. 10th. Scrip is always available for purchase in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Questions? Go to hc.scrip.orders@gmail.com.

Last Week’s Collection
Offering for November 18th-19th……………….$9,458.80
Campaign for Human Development…………..$1,282.00
Offering for November 25-26th………………..$8,477.21
Bishop’s Seminarian Appeal………………….. $1,171.76

Thank you for your generosity!

RECYCLE YOUR MAGNIFICATS
Please place your old Magnificats in the basket provided at the back of the church and we will use them for various projects and ministries. Thank you.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: Please go to the sacristy and sign up to help out during Christmas. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

For those sensitive to incense: Please note that it will be used at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.

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.

Free Advent Meditation Booklets from The Word Among Us are available at the back of the church.

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
12:00 Midnight
Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:00 a.m. only

Parish Penitential Services
To prepare for Christmas, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of a parish Penitential Service. Several priests will gather at the following churches to celebrate the Lord’s forgiveness:

Monday, Dec. 18
7:00 p.m.
Holy Cross
Tuesday, Dec. 19
7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick
Wednesday, Dec. 20
7:00 p.m.
St. Matthew
Thursday, Dec. 21
7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake

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Congratulations to those who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, December 2nd. May God’s grace fill their lives!

Adam Bergh Abigail Eilbracht Nora Kelley Katelyn Paris
Carly Bitler Anthony Frasca Wyatt Kenyon Emily Ritter
Sofia Cadena Virginia Friedman Ellen Loftus Owen Robinson
Alana Cahill Pablo Gonzalez Joshua May Alden Summitt
Daniel Caughlin Colleen Hege Madelyn McCoy Jack Vazquez
Leilani Costello Brandon Hood Katherine McFarland Abigail Vessell
Abigail Deptula Olivia Jackson Bailey McMahon Jack Williamson
Patrick Zielinski

Our Schools

Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

Congratulations to our 8th Graders who were confirmed on Saturday, December 2nd, by Bishop Jenky!

School Christmas Music Programs are almost here, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the gym: K-5 on Thursday, Dec. 7th, and Grades 6-8 on Thursday, Dec. 14th.

Breakfast with Santa. Our Preschoolers are looking forward to breakfast with Santa on December 9th at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

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

12th Annual Madrigal Dinners! Come out to STM on December 8th and 9th at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Christmas Season. Tickets are $30. Order online at: https://stmmusicanddrama.ludus.com or email Miss Davis at sdavis@hs-stm.org.


Employment Opportunities. We are seeking a Food Service Worker, an Assistant Baseball Coach, and a Head Boys’ Tennis Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org for more information.

Apostleship of Prayer

Reflections on the Pope’s Monthly Intentions, December 2017

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org
**OUR COMMUNITY**

**BACKPACK TIME AT DAILY BREAD**

We at Daily Bread Soup Kitchen will hold our annual backpack give-away on **Friday, December 15th**. Please help us provide them again this year. Drop them off as of **Friday, December 1st**, at Daily Bread, 116 N. First St., Champaign, on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please use the back door when dropping off backpacks. They can also be dropped off at Ellen Harms’ (705 S. Elm Blvd.) or at Pam Hagle’s (713 S. Elm Blvd.) Tax forms will be available.

Backpacks should be stuffed with things such as deodorant, hand lotion, toothpaste & brushes, shampoo, shaving cream, and gloves, hats, scarves, socks, sweatshirts, tee shirts, long underwear, and regular underwear. Other items could include hand warmers, cough drops, books, decks of cards, small fleece blankets, and food items. All items should be new. All backpacks should be new or nearly new. We are also happy to accept empty backpacks and items to fill them.

All backpacks should be labeled with the gender and size of the recipient (e.g., Man-XL). Most of our guests request at least a size Large, and especially XL. We also need some 2X and 3X bags. We will NOT be giving out children's backpacks this year, as there are other programs in our community that offer gifts for kids.

**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.

**State Farm, Brian Hanson**

**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
- Robert F. Reiser Family
- Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
- Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Fotzler Families
- Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
- Pellum & Gilis Families
- Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
- Ed & Jean Bown
- Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweigart
- Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
- Graham & Hughett 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
- Boudreau & Arseneau Family
- Margaret Turkcan
- Alyosius J. Winka
- Evelyn Bell
- Zelenga Family
- Rentfrow Family
- Ron Murphy
- Harold Kremer Family
- Rakers-Wade Families
- Hershberger & Kick Families
- Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
- 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
- John Michael Cabutti
- Margaret Turkcan
- Glen & Helen Jones
- Betty Madrey
- Ott-Pinheiro Families & Friends

**HOLY FAMILY RADIO**

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

**PRO-LIFE ISSUES**

**I ♥ Babies**

**A WORD FROM JOY**

We paid another partial electric bill, and delivered diapers. We are looking for 2 twin mattresses and box springs. Thank you for your generous donations of diapers, pull-ups and gift cards to Aldi.

**Special need:** A local family needs help with reliable transportation. They have a new baby and a used car that needs major repairs. The grandmother is a Holy Cross parishioner. It would be nice to help them out. Any donations would be welcome. Contact Joy at 359-8406.

Want to help more? Please purchase gift cards for Sam’s, Amazon, Target, Aldi or Walgreens. We use these gift cards to purchase diapers or other goods for our families. Please bring to Holy Cross Parish Office. And God bless you for wanting to help families in need!