



In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **A**doration: praising God for who He is. **C**onfession: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **T**hanksgiving: thanking God for specific blessings. **S**upplication: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery • Pete Rust (Archer Mills' grandfather, cancer), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children). Kelly Sullivan (Knee Surgery & recovery), Ray Beckham (surgery & recovery).

For those celebrating birthdays in November • Catherine Dew (Nov. 3), Lisa Schlueter (Nov. 13), Meaghan Schremp (Nov. 15), Mary Perschbacher (Nov. 19), Bill Surman (Nov. 20), Bonnie Zerwig (Nov. 24), Isaiah Reiter (Nov. 25), Randy Ruzicka (Nov. 27).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in November • Carl & Cheryl Noll (Nov. 2), Pastor Jim & Ruth Kirk (Nov. 20), James & Stacy Bell (Nov. 26).

For those who mourn.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations & missionaries

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office at 573-883-5361 or holycrossstegen@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please contact Kelly, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.



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**The Last Sunday of the Church Year
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Our Father's Business

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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again soon!

As We Gather • Welcome to all who worship here on the Last Sunday of the Church Year. As we prepare to begin the season of Advent to prepare once again to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we pause to consider where we are on our journey of faith. May He who was, Who is, and Who is to come lead us to worship Him in spirit and truth!

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 pm.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by John & Bonnie Zerwig thanking and praising God for the blessings He has given us all.

Sign Up Sheets. The sign-up sheets are up for Christmas Festival in Ste. Genevieve December 7th & 8th and Christmas Church Tour December 19th.

Marian Cliff. Once Again, Holy Cross will collect items throughout December for Marian Cliff in St. Mary. This is a residential care center offering assisted living to approximately 60 residents, mostly Veterans. They have requested hygiene products such as shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, double-bladed razors, 3-in-1 body wash, combs, Polident, emery boards, sweats for men size medium to 3X, pillows, snacks, large print puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles, and twin sheets (flat and fitted). Items will be delivered after the holidays. There is a drop box in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Bible Class. No Bible Class Tuesday 11/26.

Upcoming dates available for flowers for the altar: Advent Poinsettia December 22. The January Flower Chart is now up. Thank You! Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it in the offering plate.

Saturday, November 30, at 8:30 A.M. • Church Decorating inside and outside. Dress for the weather if working outside! Need Help!!

SUNDAY November 24	TUESDAY November 26	WEDNESDAY November 27	NEXT SUNDAY December 1
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion	No Bible Class	Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00pm	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion
If pastoral care is needed, please call our elders: Rick Hutson (573-780-9390) Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279) Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060)			
Three ways to give: 1) offering plate—cash or check. 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the "Give" icon. 3) by mail.			

Help From and To Community. One of the many wonderful things about Holy Cross is the help we get from the community to help others. This week The Sons of the American Legion presented Holy Cross a check for \$500. This generous donation will be used to help those in need in our community through our various ministries. A huge Thank You to the Sons of the American Legion!

You're invited! During Chester's Christmas on the River weekend, Saturday, December 7, St. John's Lutheran Church, is hosting an Open House at the church from 10-4 in celebration of their 175th Anniversary. Come see the decorated church along with a display of nativities, learn about the memorial gifts given in celebration of the church's centennial celebration that are still being used today as well as the changes in the altar area that have been done over the years. Refreshments will be served. Address: 302 W. Homes, Chester, Illinois Website: <https://www.sjshornets.com/>.

Living with God in faith on earth is the beginning of living with Him in heaven.