



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).

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 Kelly Sullivan at 314-541-2285 or kelly.sullivan@stcharlesauto.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 26th Sunday After Pentecost
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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 with us today! Have you ever started counting down to some activity or event before it happens? It appears the world does that all the time. Black Friday is only twelve days away. Of course, many stores or online providers of goods are trying to do a pre-emptive strike. Christmas commercials abound. News media outlets of all sorts are preparing for either the best or the worst after the first of the year when a newly elected president, as well as senate and congressional men and women take office. But what about in our personal lives? Are we always alert to what is happening before our very eyes? It could be a matter of physical health, or a host of things that could cause us anxiety.

As God's people, we are being encouraged to keep our eyes open for the return of Jesus Christ. He exhorts us to be on the "watch" for we do not know when He will return. We do know that when He returns, He will welcome all who stand firm to the end into His Presence for a blessed eternity.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pastor Jarold Rux in honor of Ruth & Pastor Jim Kirk's wedding anniversary.

Bible Class Tuesday 11/12. There will be Bible Class at 10:30 am this Tuesday.

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.

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY November 17	MONDAY November 18	TUESDAY November 19	NEXT SUNDAY November 24
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion		Bible Class 10:30am	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion
<p>If pastoral care is needed, please call our elders: Rick Hutson (573-780-9390) Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279) Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060)</p>			
<p>Three ways to give: 1) offering plate—cash or check. 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the "Give" icon. 3) by mail.</p>			

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.