ELM Bulletin News

We are very proud of all that the Enriching Lives Ministry has accomplished and the potential for what is yet to come.

We place regular features in the Holy Cross Bulletin to reach our parishioners in person and online. We love to share our success stories, and the Bulletin is one of the best ways to reach our parishioners. We are able to ask for specific needs, inform them of our ministry's services and explain how to reach us if our services our needed.

On this page we'd like to share our past Bulletin notes. You can find out about our current projects and needs, and learn about our past events and successes.

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Year-Round Support for our Lonely Neighbors

Are you interested in reaching our lonely neighbors through words of inspiration, encouragement and love? Do you want to involve your children or grandchildren in the community through their art, drawings or card-making talents? Are you a teacher who can incorporate writing and drawing into your students' school curriculum? Are you a group leader who can initiate an art project creating cards to share with our lonely neighbors?

The Card Sending Ministry has many opportunities suitable for all ages! See below for a brief description and contact the Card Ministry for more info on each. E-Mail: cards@holycross-batavia-elm.org

Card Sending Volunteer
This includes a volunteer writing to one or several specific residents at a local facility. The volunteer commits to writing to the individual(s) at least monthly or more often if possible.

Quick Card Sending Volunteer
This includes campaigns... sending cards on holidays (i.e., Christmas card campaign) or writing to a new resident staying at a local facility on a temporary basis. The volunteer would write to the individual for the short term. This program may or may not include individual names for whom you will send your cards.

Letters of Love Program
This program is new and includes sending emails. A local facility has set up an email address that volunteers can use to send words of encouragement, letters of love, pictures from children, etc. The Letters of Love program will not have individual names for whom you email your messages. Volunteers can email as often and as many times as they would like.

The Card Sending Ministry is a small part of the wonderful Enriching Lives Ministry at Holy Cross Church. In addition to Card Sending, more programs include: Rosary Crusade, Prayer Hotline, Crafts/Games/Bingo, Yard/Housework, Assistance to Families/Seniors, and much more!

For information on ALL volunteer opportunities ELM has to offer, please contact us here:

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2/28/21

St Patrick's Day Card Sending Campaign

Share the luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day.

We had such a wonderful response from all of you with past campaigns. Christmas and Valentine's Day thus far... we're reaching out again for your help in sending as many cards and heartfelt messages to our lonely neighbors this St. Patrick's Day.

Please consider joining the Enriching Lives Ministry Card Sending team in bringing smiles to local lonesome residents this St. Patrick's Day. For more information about this campaign or questions about joining the Card Sending Team, please use the contact information below. We have many volunteer opportunities available.

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1/31/21

Valentine's Day Card Sending Campaign



Share some love this Valentine's Day!

We had such a great response to our request to send Christmas cards to the many lonely people in our area nursing homes. The Enriching Lives Ministry would like to continue the effort for Valentine's Day.

Join the Card Sending team in bringing smiles to the lonesome residents this Valentine's Day. For more information and to sign up to help, use the contact information below.

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11/15/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry Easing Loneliness

Our lives have all changed in 2020. For many homebound friends, this is a time of extreme loneliness. We have a gentleman who very desperately wants to bring joy and ease some loneliness of others. Just think how nice it would be to look forward to a regular chat with someone who cares and wants to uplift you. If you would like to "meet" a new friend on the phone or know someone who could benefit from this experience, please contact the Enriching Lives Ministry. In addition to this new volunteer, we have a whole list of people who generously share their time being part of our Prayer Hotline. These volunteers have given their phone numbers for us to provide to lonely people who just want someone to talk to.

Holy Cross Parish is a community. Let's lift each other up!

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11/1/2020

Power of Prayer Needs

While many of us continue to feel helpless and at a loss for how we can help these days, there is something we can all do. We can pray. And who better to hear our prayers when so much is out of our control than our Blessed Mother Mary? Turn your worries into prayers by joining the Rosary Crusade.

The purpose of the Rosary Crusade is twofold. First, it has people praying the Rosary for specific people in need of prayers and second, it encourages volunteers to pray the Rosary regularly just as our Blessed Mother has requested. The Rosary Crusade is divided into groups of 20 people each. When a group is given specific people for whom to pray, each person in that group prays one specific decade of the Rosary every day for 20 days for that person.

Thus, each day a complete Rosary (4 mysteries and 20 decades) are said for the person. After the 20-day period, 20 complete Rosaries have been said for the person. A Rosary Crusade is made for a person needing prayers for any reason, with the request for prayers made either by the person, a relative or a friend.

We currently have several open spots. Please help us full up our roster for six complete Rosaries prayed EVERY DAY by committing to pray one decade daily.

Make a difference and turn your worries over to Mary. Join our Crusade for 20 days and see the miracles Mary can bring. Help strengthen our prayers to Mary by committing to pray one decade of the Rosary every day for 20 days. Consider having each member of your family join the Crusade and enjoy some meaningful time prayer together each day.

To join our prayer efforts, send an email to holycross.batavia.elm@gmail.com. You can learn more information about the Rosary Crusade, sign up, read our current prayer intentions and send in new prayer intentions on our website, https://holycross-batavia.org/elm.

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9/20/2020

Prayers Needed

Do you have extra prayers to spare? Well, we have extra intentions that need to be prayed.

Each day, almost 120 people are praying one decade of the Rosary for one of six special intentions. This powerful prayer group is the Rosary Crusade.

Visit our Rosary Crusade intention website to find out what the current prayer intentions are: https://www.holycross-batavia.org/information#rosary.

When urgent prayer requests come in, we include them at the bottom of the page under Urgent Prayer Requests.

Please visit this website often to find out what the current prayer requests are in our parish. Add these intentions to your prayers.

Use the contact information below to find out how you can join the Rosary Crusade and to send in your own prayer intentions.

Miracles do happen through the power of prayers to Mary.

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9/6/2020

Remember When…

Do you remember when we could bring God's love and compassion to the lonely in our community by visiting them in person? What a joy it was to see the smiles on the residents' faces when we would walk in the room. They were so happy to see us. Do you remember the incredible satisfaction you felt when you left, knowing what a difference those few minutes you spent made in that lonesome person's day?

We have faith that this new normal will not always prevent us from visiting the Seniors and those who cannot attend mass in our area. For now, we are restricted to reaching out to others through prayers, phone calls and uplifting cards and letters. While it may not seem like enough, we need to remember every effort we make in the name of the Lord, is doing his work and bringing joy to others.

We'd love to hear from you to find out how you are sharing God's love during this Pandemic. Let us know how this experience is enriching your own life and how you are planning to change your life when more of our restrictions are lifted. We have to believe something good will come from COVID-19.

Please share your thoughts in an email or send a note through our website.

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8/30/2020

Hearing the Call to Share God's Love

We recently received this email:
"I'm a catechist and would love to have my fifth-grade students participate in the *Letters of Love* program by sending uplifting notes and drawings to nursing home residents and/or homebound parishioners of Holy Cross. I will have 10 or 11 students this year, and perhaps we can write notes on a monthly basis. I know the kids would love to participate."

What a joy to receive this note and to remember it is our job as parents, guardians and teachers to demonstrate to our youth the importance of giving to those in need. That need is not always focused around finances. There is a great need in our community for companionship and care.

While we are not able to meet all of our community's needs in person right now, we can show we care through prayers with our Rosary Crusade and by sending notes of encouragement through our card-sending ministry and through the *Letters of Love* program, which involves emailing pictures and notes of encouragement to The Holmstad to be shared with residents.

If you have heard the call to share God's love for yourself, your entire family or your class, contact the Enriching Lives ministry to find out how to get started bringing joy to the lonely in our community. This is a great outreach project for the start of the new school year.

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8/23/2020

ELM Mission

The mission of the Enriching Lives Ministry is to spiritually and emotionally enrich the lives of the elderly, the disabled, the lonely, the depressed, the shut-ins, the sick, people needing more companionship and love through Jesus' boundless love for all people by providing friendship, caring, assistance, spiritual and social fellowship, transportation to Mass, Confession and other church functions, and love to these people on a long-term basis.

Stated simply in another way, the mission is to give extended support to those in need, to give people companionship and love, to help people to be happier, laugh and enjoy life more...and primarily to help people grow closer to Jesus and to see God in Heaven.

The Enriching Lives Ministry helps connect those who would like to help people with those who need assistance. Request help for Yourself, Loved Ones and/or People You Know. We want to make sure no one is forgotten, especially in these dangerous pandemic times. If you yourself, or you feel someone you know and/or a loved one, could use any of these types of help, please contact ELM: at 630 879-4750 x-321 or holycross.batavia.elm@gmail.com

8/16/2020

Miracles from Prayer Intentions

Here is a recent testimonial from a family blessed by prayers from the Rosary Crusade:

Joseph, my Grandson with Spina Bifida, now a little more than 2 weeks out of the womb, had surgery yesterday to correct what was diagnosed back in April to be a nerve bundle which extended outside of his lower back. The surgery was done two days early since Joseph was doing so well after his birth. With a recent MRI just prior to surgery, and then confirmed during surgery, the doctors found that there were actually no nerves in the growth. The nerves were in their appropriate place within the spine and protected by a membrane and not protruding outside of Joseph's back. So the doctors simply cut off the cysts that had grown and sealed him up. Joseph also has normal brain function with no enlarged ventricle, which was another Spina Bifida condition that was borderline during his time in the womb. We believe that it was the prayers of many people, including those in the Rosary Crusade who prayed for this special intention, that caused Joseph to be healed and made the surgery not only successful, but way less severe in nature. Thank you so much to all of the Rosary Crusaders for your prayers.

This testimonial was sent to the Rosary Crusade group who was praying this special intention. Joy and thank-you prayers filled the air!

To find out how you can experience the happiness and satisfaction by being part of the Rosary Crusade or to send in a prayer intention, use the contact information below.

The Blessed Mary is waiting to hear from you!

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8/9/2020

The Time Is Now to Share God's Love

Do you feel like you have gotten into a routine in this new normal? Life is certainly different than it was in 2019!

One thing that hasn't changed is the joy and love shared by the Enriching Lives Ministry's volunteers. The need for this group is stronger now than ever!

The homebound still have restricted visitors and are truly feeling more isolated than the rest of us these days. Now is the time to take the step to reach out to these lonely individuals in our community.

We have a high demand for individuals to send cards and notes of encouragement to the homebound. The residents love to received pictures drawn and colored by our young ones. The Letters of Love program allows you to send notes and pictures via email to be shared with residents at The Holmstad.

Maybe you're a prayer warrior. Join the Rosary Crusade and commit to praying one decade of the Rosary each day. New prayer intentions are sent in regularly, and we need more people to help pray to Mary for miracles.

If you are interested in helping the needy and/or lonely people by joining our card sending team or in any way or for more information about the Rosary Crusade, please send an e-mail to the address below. Now is the time to add the Enriching Lives Ministry efforts to your new normal.

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7/19/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry in Your Life

How has the Enriching Lives Ministry impacted your life? Please share your experience. Did you send in a Rosary Crusade prayer intention and received blessings from the prayers? Did you grow closer to God and Mary when you joined the Rosary Crusade? Did a family member receive encouraging notes/cards or visits from the ELM volunteers? Did your faith increase with the good works you did in the Lord's name? Has receiving or providing a ride to mass changed your faith?

Send us an email, give us a call or respond on our website. Let us know what the ELM has done for you and your family!

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6/28/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry in the News!

The Resource Batavia Catholic is a recently launched publication available In Batavia. The magazine is published by Decided Excellence Catholic Media. *The Resource* is a high-quality monthly magazine that features local Catholic families, relevant parish content, and exceptional articles from Catholics across the nation.

We are thrilled to have the Holy Cross Enriching Lives Ministry featured in the July 2020 issue. For more information about the magazine or to receive a copy of the magazine, send your name and address to Jill Schadt, jschadt@decidedexcellence.com.

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5/31/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry
Sharing Prayer Intentions

We all have our own prayer intentions—prayers for ourselves, for our families and friends, for the community, prayers to end disaster. There is power in prayer!



Did you know we have a group of parishioners who each pray a decade of the Rosary for the same intention for 20 days and then receive a new intention for the next 20 days? These prayerfully committed people are part of the Rosary Crusade. Miracles happen each day due to their prayers.

Visit https://www.holycross-batavia.org/information#rosary to read our current prayer intentions and to learn more about the Rosary Crusade. To join this powerful prayer team or to send in an intention fill out this form: https://holycross-batavia.org/elm-forms or use the contact information below.

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5/24/2020

Who Doesn't Like to Receive Mail?

We all like to receive cards and notes in the mail from our friends and family. What if you lived alone and had no one to boost your spirits? There are many individuals who live alone in single-family homes and also in area assisted-living facilities who have would benefit from your words of encouragement to bring them hope and joy.

The Holy Cross Enriching Lives Ministry Card-Sending Group needs you now more than ever. We need additional volunteers to send cards and notes to nursing home residents and homebound parishioners in our community. In our card-sending ministry, volunteers

are given an individual's first name and last initial and an address, and are asked to send inspiring cards and notes (and/or kids' pictures) at least monthly, hopefully more often, and on special occasions.

If you would rather send anonymous notes and save a stamp, join the Lettters of Love Group. We have volunteers (adults and children), who draw pictures, write notes and poems, take photos and email them to a designated email address at The Holmstad. The Letters of Love are appreciatively shared with residents, and bring them endless smiles and hope.

If you hear God calling you to bring His joy to the homebound or if you know of someone who would benefit from receiving notes from our group, use the contact information below or fill out the volunteer sign up form on our website.

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5/17/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry Supports the Mission of the Batavia CARE Program

In response to COVID-19, the City of Batavia is implementing a new program to work with other local organizations to provide caretaker services to help support the City's elderly and disabled population. The CARE Program coordinates free delivery of essential items (food, water, toiletries, medicine, etc.) to Batavia residents who are unable to obtain these items themselves.

If you would like to volunteer, send an email to communitycare@cityofbatavia.net, titled volunteer, with a phone number, address, list Holy Cross Enriching Lives Ministry as your organization, and include available days and hours that you can assist. Join the efforts to do God's work in Batavia!

If you or someone you know would benefit from the CARE Program, call (630) 454-CARE or email communitycare@cityofbatavia.net.

Learn more about the CARE Program at this website: http://cityofbatavia.net/797/Batavia-CommunityCARE-Program.

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4/19/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry Power of Prayer

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We have just added a 6th Rosary Crusade group and need several more prayerful souls to fill up the 20 slots in this group.

Make a difference and turn your worries over to Mary. Join our Crusade for 20 days and see the miracles Mary can bring. Help strengthen our prayers to Mary by committing to pray 1 decade of the Rosary every day for 20 days. Consider having each member of your family join the Crusade and enjoy some meaningful time prayer together each day.

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4/12/2020

The Lonely People at Residences & Homebound Need You!

The Enriching Lives Ministry (ELM) has been asked by The Holmstad to start some new outreach programs as well as significantly increase the card & note sending during these difficult times. We are excited to be able to reach out and try to meet the needs of the residents at The Holmstad.

Our goal is to start this effort for Holy Cross parishioners as well as the whole Community. The first new program is to solicit people who'll provide their phone numbers and names to Holmstad staff member Angela Kotschi, their Community Engagement Coordinator. The Holmstad staff will then create a Prayer Hotline that lonely residents can use to reach out to our parish members to talk and pray with them if they wish. Holmstad staff will both encourage and assist people with these calls.

We are also working to set up this program at other nursing homes in the area so we really need your help.

Joining the Prayer Hotline will help the lonely people in our parish and community, those who cannot get out or have visitors, and also help us feel better about life during these troubled times. We will help lonely people feel they are not alone and that there is hope and there are people who care about them. We're hoping to arrange video calls for this ministry soon, too. The second program is the Letters of Love program. The Holmstad has set up an email address that our volunteers can use to send words of encouragement, pictures from children, etc. These cheerful wishes and pictures will be shared with the residents at The Holmstad, primarily those in Holmstad's care facilities. At this time when we are stuck at home, it's a great time to send hope to others. Have your kids draw pictures, scan them or take a picture and email them to Letters of Love. We can all write a note of encouragement just to let the

residents know we are thinking of them. To join the Letters of Love program, contact the ELM (see the end of this message).

The Letters of Love program above will not have names for whom you email your words of encouragement, etc. to but the long-existing Card Sending program below will. We also need more volunteers to send cards and notes to nursing home residents and homebound parishioners in our community. In our card-sending ministry, volunteers are given an individual's first name and last initial and an address, and are asked to send inspiring cards and notes (and/or kids' pictures) at least monthly, hopefully more often, and on special occasions. We are also looking for people who could send out words

of encouragement on short notice (Quick Card Sending), when we are notified of new residents just in the facility for rehab on a shorter temporary basis. We all feel a bit helpless right now. There is only so much that we can do to help others, but this is something we CAN do. You can make a difference in someone else's life. If you feel the calling to join these efforts and/or join the ministry and bring joy to the lonely in our community, contact our ministry at:

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or Email: holycross.batavia.elm@gmail.com

3/29/2020

ELM Using Social Media to Reach You

In an effort to reach more people and provide easy access to our services, the Enriching Lives Ministry has added a Facebook page and updated its website. You can reach us on Facebook at "@hcelm" or on the web at https://holycross-batavia.org/elm.

On the website you'll be able to learn more about what our ministry does, how we can help, what our current needs are, read about our current Rosary Crusade prayer intentions and submit new ones, sign up to volunteer and reach out to us if you need help or know someone who needs help.

Be sure to check out our updates and like us on Facebook!

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3/24/2020

Enriching Lives Ministry

Never Doubt the Difference You Can Make

The Enriching Lives Ministry has a group sending cards to homebound parishioners and local nursing home residents. Just read what a difference this ministry makes: These are words from a Lady Who was Helped by ELM Volunteers (Janeen Christensen).

"I want to thank all of you for sending me beautiful cards, remembrances, thoughts, and prayers. I think that many times you may feel that this is unappreciated, and I am here to say that it makes a big difference in my little life. Every time I open a card that I've received, my heart is lifted, and I know that you are thinking of me and sending prayers. I can't tell you what that means to me now. I would never have imagined that it would mean so much, before my disability. When I am not able to come to church, you bring God's love to me.

As much as is in my power, I send you blessings and prayers of gratitude with love. Thank you doesn't seem like enough. Enriching Lives Ministry volunteers have gotten me through ten days without a caregiver, helping me with personal care, housekeeping, and shopping. You continue to be there for me in times of need, and to give me great peace of mind. I have had the privilege of meeting and knowing several fine ladies who have come to help me. Thanks so much Enriching Lives Ministry volunteers for being there for me when no one else was and for getting me through rough times. God bless you all."

If you are interested in helping needy and/or lonely people by joining our card sending team or in any way, please send an e-mail to the address below. We sure could use you. This is a great project for families or service project for Scouts and youth groups.

Need assistance or know someone who does? Please contact ELM: Phone: 630 879-4750 x-321.

3/15/2020

Lead the Pack

We are very fortunate to have had some volunteers come forward to visit lonely, homebound people in our community. Now we need someone to lead this incredible group of volunteers. Listen…is God calling you to step forward?

Yes. You have what it takes to accept God's calling. The role of the leader would involve getting a list of parishioners and nursing home residents requesting visitors, and coordinating them with volunteers. The leader will use a very simple database to enter visitor and resident information. The work can be done with your phone and computer. Once you get started, the weekly commitment will be minimal.

If you are willing to head the visitation group, would like more information about joining this ministry, or if you know of someone who would benefit from visitors, use the contact information below.

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2/9/2020

Holy Cross Enriching Lives Ministry
Visit the Lonely

In the past, one of the most meaningful services offered by the Enriching Lives Ministry was to have our volunteers visit the lonely in the community. We visited lonesome people both in their homes and area nursing homes. You would be surprised by the number of people who have no family and friends to visit them. Just spending 15 minutes with these special individuals once a month will bring them weeks of smiles and happy memories.

We are in desperate need of someone to lead the visitation group and also for people to go out to share God's love by spending time with the homebound. The role of the leader would involve getting a list of parishioners and nursing home residents requesting visitors and coordinating them with volunteers. The leader will use a very simple database to enter visitor and resident information. If you are hearing God calling you to join the visitation group and would like more information, or if you know of someone who would benefit from visitors, use the contact information below.

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1/12/2020

What Does the Enriching Lives Ministry Do?

- Visits to seniors and others and respite care
- Send cards and notes to lonely seniors, families and others
- Assist seniors, families and others in any way we are able
- Rosary Crusade – daily Rosary decades for people in need
- Crafts/games/bingo at Batavia Rehab
- Rides to Mass and other activities for seniors
- Yard work and/or housework, repair for those in need
- Any other activity we are able to do

In the past, many of our parishioners have responded to people's help for assistance. **If you or someone you know needs assistance, please phone the number or send e-mail to the address below.** Please do the same if you would like to join the ministry or simply have questions regarding what the ministry does.

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2/2/2020

Holy Cross Enriching Lives Ministry
Our Mission Statement

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1/26/2020

We Need Entertainers--Share the Gifts God Gave You!

We are hoping to revive our entertainment group, and we're looking for entertainers and a new leader. Seniors at local senior residences are typically very lonely without much to do. When we bring entertainment to them, their faces light up with smiles. WE HAVE A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF ENTERTAINERS AND WE NEED YOU TO BE ABLE TO BRING BACK THIS MINISTRY.

If you or your children sing, play a musical instrument, dance, juggle, etc. please contact the ministry (see below). Seniors especially love seeing children.

We are asking entertainers to volunteer just one time every one or two months. Holy Cross choir members are especially asked to entertain the seniors.

Use the contact information below for more information.

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Enriching Lives Ministry
WOULD YOU LET US PUT YOUR NAME ON AN E-MAIL LIST FOR HELP REQUESTS WE GET?

A few times per month our ministry is told of a special need someone has. We then send out a Flocknote e-mail to some parishioners asking if they could help this person. You only respond when you are able to help. Sometimes we don't get any responders; sometimes we get many. We are asking you to join our ministry to receive these special requests. You won't get many e-mails--we promise. PLEASE E-MAIL OR PHONE US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

NEED ASSISTANCE OR KNOW OF SOMEBODY WHO DOES?

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The Family that Prays Together…

You know how that saying ends. And it's true that nothing can strengthen a family more than spending time praying together. Just ask your grown kids if they remember when you would say family prayers before going to bed at night.

This Advent, start a new tradition for your family. Join the Rosary Crusade. Once you start, we know you'll want to continue and encourage others to join you.

The purpose of the Rosary Crusade is twofold. First, it has people praying the Rosary for specific people in need of prayers and second, it encourages volunteers to pray the Rosary regularly just as our Blessed Mother has requested. The Rosary Crusade is divided into groups of 20 people each. When a group is given specific people for whom to pray, each person in that group prays one specific decade of the Rosary every day for 20 days for that person. Thus, each day a complete Rosary (4 mysteries and 20 decades) are said for the

person. After the 20-day period, 20 complete Rosaries have been said for the person. A Rosary Crusade is made for a person needing prayers for any reason, with the request for prayers made either by the person, a relative or a friend.

Make a difference this Advent. Have your family join our Crusade for 20 days and see the miracles Mary can bring, and find out what a difference this special time will make for your family. Help strengthen our prayers to Mary by committing to pray 1 decade of the Rosary every day for 20 days.

To join us this Advent, send an email to holycross.batavia.elm@gmail.com.

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We Are Here for You

Do you need a ride to mass or a doctor appointment? Could you use a little extra help around the house or yard? Could you or a family member benefit from visitors or encouraging cards/letters?

The Holy *Cross Enriching Lives Ministry* is a group of giving volunteers who want to help you because we care and want to enrich your lives with God's love. No task is too big or too small to ask for help. Just call the ELM helpline at 630 879-4750 x-321 to find out how we can help you.

Learn more about our ministry at https://holycross-batavia.org/elm.

The ***Enriching Lives Ministry*** helps connect those who would like to help people with those who need assistance.