

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*



*I am  
the vine;  
you are  
the branches.*

If a man remains in me and I in him,  
he will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.

—John 15:5

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

**May 3, 2015**



## REMAIN ON THE VINE

In Hampton Court near London, there is a grapevine which is about 1,000 years old. This grapevine has one root which is at least two feet thick, and some of the branches are 200 feet long. Despite its age the vine produces several tons of grapes each year. Although some of the smaller branches are 200 feet from the main stem, they still bear the sweet and delicious fruit because they are connected to the vine. Life flows from that single root and throughout the vine, bringing nourishment and strength to each of the branches.

Jesus promises to do the same for us. He claims to be the "true vine" that brings life to each of the branches. The purpose of the vine is to bring nourishment to the branches in order that they might produce fruit. When separated from the vine, the branches wither and die. Therefore, if Jesus is the true vine, then the vitality of our spiritual life is dependent upon our connection to Him.

Here's some good news. Notice that Jesus tells us to "remain" on the vine. That means that we are already connected to Him. Our Lord does not say "get on the vine" or "strive to be grafted to the vine." No, Jesus tells us to remain where we are. And, if we do, we will produce fruit because of the life-giving nourishment that Christ gives.

How, then, are we to remain on the vine? Jesus himself tells us. He says: "*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.*" The first step of remaining on the vine is to familiarize yourself more and more with the Word of God. The words of Jesus are life. They are the sap that flows from the root up into the branches. In order to remain, we need to be fed on God's word and live by it.

Secondly, to remain on the vine, you need an active prayer life. Prayer is our communication with God. Just as the life-giving sap flows through the vine into the branches every day, so too our communication with God needs to be a daily opening to His inspiration.

With God the Father being the best of gardeners, and Jesus Christ as the most excellent vine, the Lord wants us to remain on the vine in order to produce good fruit. What kind of fruit? The kind that will build up God's Kingdom right here in our midst—the fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

A branch on a vine will produce the expected fruit if it just remains firmly attached to the vine, and no outside influence poisons its fruit-bearing process. We, too, will produce the expected fruit with our lives if we are fed on the Word of God and if we communicate well and often in our prayer. You and I are on the Vine already. We just have to remain there.

Fr. Dave

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Fr. David Sajdak, S.D.B., Pastor*  
*Fr. Joseph Santa Bibiana, S.D.B., Parochial Vicar*  
*Fr. William Bucciferro, S.D.B., in residence*  
*Deacon Henry 'Hank' Hart*  
*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*  
*Deacon Robert 'Bob' Ulbrich*

#### TRUSTEES

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*Cindy Howie*

#### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

*Scott Montgomery*

#### TRIBUNAL AUDITORS

*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher Deacon Henry Hart*

### MASSES

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.

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Christina Ellis, Principal*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

### 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.

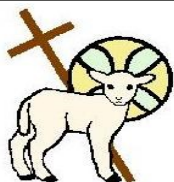
**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 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

<b>Monday, May 4</b> 7:00 a.m.	Jozef Vamos
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b> 7:00 a.m.	Jean Davis
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b> 7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Chuck Schweighart Memorial Mass
<b>Thursday, May 7</b> 7:00 a.m.	Linda & Mike Wesolowski and Bill McMahon
<b>Friday, May 8</b> 7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	Bernie Cain In honor of Deb Feinen & family (All School Mass)
<b>Saturday, May 9</b> 8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Donald Fonner Tom Cosgrove
<b>Sunday, May 10</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Patrick Higgins Anna Marie Ulbrich For the Parishioners



### TOTUS TUUS 2015

JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>

HERE AT HOLY CROSS

MAKING YOUR SUMMER SCHEDULE  
FOR THE KIDS?

DON'T FORGET  
THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE!

The Totus Tuus summer catechetical program is a week-long "parish mission" for Catholic youth in grades 1 through 12. It is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Flyers with more information are available in the Parish Office and at the back of the church. Registration and information are also available on the Parish Website, or contact Jessica McMahon at 255-1197 or [jmcmahon01@yahoo.com](mailto:jmcmahon01@yahoo.com).



**COFFEE & DONUTS VOLUNTEERS** for May 10<sup>th</sup> are the Longfellow family for the 8:00 a.m. Mass crowd, and the Morton family for the 10:00 a.m. Mass crowd. Thank You!



### ON HIS WAY TO THE PRIESTHOOD!

Holy Cross parishioner and Peoria Diocese Seminarian, Michael Pica, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.

This means he will be ordained a priest the following year. Please keep Michael in your prayers as he enters into this final phase of his preparation for the priesthood.

**THE HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will meet **Today, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center Library. Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

**MOMS' GROUP.** Join us for food, fellowship, and some mommy time on Wednesday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The nursery will be open for our little ones.

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES!

Special blessings and congratulations to our wonderful Pastor, Father David Sajdak, who will celebrate the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Fr. William Bucciferro who will celebrate his 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and Fr. Santa Bibiana who celebrated his 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to God for all of you and for your dedication to the Church and to us. We are truly blessed!

Congratulations also to our Deacons who will celebrate their ordination to the Permanent Diaconate this month: Deacon Hank Hart on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Deacon Ed Mohrbacher on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and Deacon Bob Ulbrich on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## First Holy Communion



**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST**  
 was celebrated on May 2<sup>nd</sup> by the  
**First Communicants of Holy Cross Parish.**  
 Let us remember these young parishioners  
 in our prayers:

Aaron Benedum	Jackson LeFaivre
Braxton Boatright	Zoe Lindgren
Kaitlyn Brown	Madelyn Logsdon
Rebecca Cahill	Kristina Maloney
Sara Cahill	Josephine McFarland
Dawson Caldwell	Catherine Messner
Dylan Criollo	Cristina Mills
Michael Donnelly	Miles Moomaw
Catherine Feinen	Joshua Moore
Kate Frasca	Susannah Paoli
Christopher Friedman	Kaleb Ritter
Deven Galvez	Finn Scott
Chloe Garcia	Angelina Stewart
Christian Garcia	Elizabeth Tullos
David Hasenstab	Makenna West
Noelle Hunt	Frances Williamson
Isabelle Jordan	Philip Withers-Sickles
Ellen Klein	Owen Yeager

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>May 9</b> Lector: Euch Min:  Servers:	Carol Sage Sherri Paris, Patty Bingaman, John Bingaman, Gloria Fellers, Dennis Menke Libby Calcagno, Christina Calcagno, Emma Brunson
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 10</b> Lector: Euch Min:  Servers:	Victoria Fitzgerald John Deponai III, Judy Deverell, Frances Hacker, Joseph Hacker, Mary Shelden Josh Koerner, Sydney Longfellow, Cameron Longfellow
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Euch Min:  Servers:	Joseph D. Murphy Margie Hoss, Carol Bergeson, Peg Swanson, Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahan, Karen Ulbrich, Steve Carter Nick Hasenstab, Julia Tangen, Sarah Tangen
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: Euch Min:  Servers:	Audrey Plisch Sharon Foreman, Sally Feller, Joanne Cabutti, Lee Cabutti, Mary Grace, David Grace Joe Hoffman, John Paul Hoffman, Rachel Burdette

## MAGNIFICAT RENEWAL AND NEW ORDERS

It's time to either renew your subscription to the Magnificat or start a new one. If you already receive one, please fill out the renewal form included in your June issue. The Magnificat is ordered through the Parish Center, so make your check payable to "Holy Cross," not Magnificat, and bring it or mail it to the Parish Center, or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Magnificat".

If you'd like to place a new order, please call 352-8748. The cost is \$25.00 per year, which is half the regular subscription cost because we order as a group. Payment and order form must be in by Monday, **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## DINNER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Some parish families provide dinner for our priests one weekday a month. If you would like to be among them, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to schedule a day, or log in to the calendar and sign up as follows:

[www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org)  
 Care calendar # 154196  
 Helper security code: 9944

Thanks for your consideration!

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Jon Gibas, Sarah Gibas, Annika Scott	5 Wade Baillon, Patrick Zielinski	6 Sarah Tangen, Julia Tangen, Ella Tangen	7 Rachel Burdette, Sofia Cadena, Abigail Eilbracht	8 Natalie Deptula, Abby Deptula

"GOD ALWAYS GIVES HIS ALL,  
 ISN'T IT TIME,  
 FOR US TO DO THE SAME?"

- ANDRU O'BRIEN

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 OFFICE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
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www.comeandfollowme.org

## OUR SCHOOLS



Holy Cross School  
356-9521  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

**TEACHER POSITION OPEN.** Holy Cross School has a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position opening for the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants can send a letter of interest and a resume to Chris Ellis (principal) at [cellis@holycrosselem.org](mailto:cellis@holycrosselem.org) or to 410 W. White St., Champaign 61820. Applicants must be practicing their Catholic faith.

### RAFFLE TICKETS BEING SOLD TO SUPPORT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Grand prize raffle ticket is a 32" Samsung TV. Other prizes: restaurant gift cards, Saint Thomas More and Holy Cross apparel, and more. All proceeds will go toward updating the science lab and purchasing a mobile computer lab for our students. Please stop by the Holy Cross School Office to purchase tickets. Tickets also available after Masses this weekend at the back of church, and at Coffee & Donuts.

The raffle will be held **next Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. You need not be present to win, but tables are still available if you would like to join us for a fun evening of trivia, a silent auction, and hors d'oeuvres. If any questions, contact Joslyn at 314-791-6535 or [joslynunger@gmail.com](mailto:joslynunger@gmail.com). Thank you!



High School of St. Thomas More  
352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**FINE ARTS NIGHT.** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, help STM celebrate our student achievements in the fine arts featuring music, drama, and visual art. The art will be on display in the hallway "gallery" beginning at 6:00 p.m. The musical concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

**BREAKFAST!** Support the Saber Football Team for their new uniform fundraiser Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's, 2121 N. Prospect, Champaign. Breakfast: \$5 a person. Tickets can be purchased through any member of the 2015-2016 Sabers Football Team or Coach Hennessey at [dhennessey@hs-stm.org](mailto:dhennessey@hs-stm.org) or 352-7210.

### Last Week's Collection

Offering for April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> .....\$10,462.35

Thank you for your generous contributions.

**A Reminder:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend will be taken up for the Holy Cross Development Fund.

## OUR DIOCESE

### 2015 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are off to a great start! A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small, can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are pledge cards in the Parish Office and at the back of the church. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services, and every dollar raised over our goal will come back to us 100%.

**Any funds received above our goal are returned to our parish. Last year, because of your generosity, we received a total rebate of over \$26,000.**

**Our 2015 ADA Goal: \$96,868**

## VOCATIONS

**"A call from God to live in a particular way"**

*"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."*  
Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest or consecrated religious? Love demands truth and action. Call Msgr. Brian Brownsey at (309) 671-1550, or write: [msgr\\_brownsey@cdop.org](mailto:msgr_brownsey@cdop.org).

Please pray for all vocations: Marriage, Priestly, Religious Life, Consecrated Single Life. Pray also for all Salesian seminarians and Diocese of Peoria seminarians.

### Holy Cross Annual Trivia Night Goes To The Movies!



**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

Proceeds benefit Holy Cross School. Oscar-oriented trivia, glamour, hors-d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and rare finds at our Silent Auction & Raffle.

Tickets, \$25 per person;  
\$200 for a table of 8.

Reserve your seats!

Contact: [annettedonnelly@mac.com](mailto:annettedonnelly@mac.com)

## OUR COMMUNITY

### SAVE THE DATE! 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CRUSADER 5K RUN/WALK

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Run/Walk starts at 7:30 a.m.  
Kids' Fun Run starts around 8:45 a.m.

**WE NEED SPONSORS!** Levels range from Platinum (\$500) to Bronze (\$100) and include great benefits for your donation. Friends of the 5K Sponsorship: \$25 donation in exchange for your family name printed on the back of the race shirt.

Visit [www.crusader5k.weebly.com](http://www.crusader5k.weebly.com) for more information.

### SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERS:

Do you have extra time on your hands? Would you like to make a difference in another person's life? Or, are you a senior who needs a little help with shopping, light errands, or getting to appointments?

Consider the Caring Companions Program! The goal is to improve the quality of life for seniors in the community. It provides socialization, transportation, and assistance with activities of daily living by matching volunteers with seniors based on need and compatibility so as to improve the quality of life for seniors in the community.

If you are interested, contact Kim McAvoy 217-637-2395, or [kmcavoy@ccdop.org](mailto:kmcavoy@ccdop.org). People of all faiths are welcome!

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

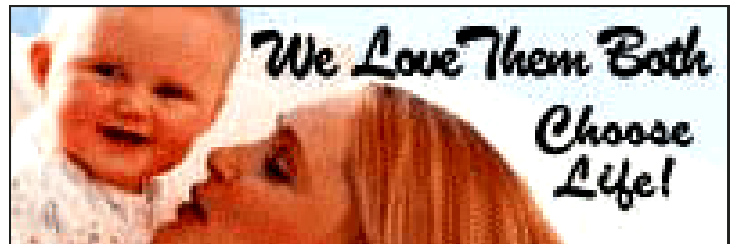
The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

**Chladny Orthodontics**



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Bereaved Parents of the USA in the Champaign-Urbana area offers support meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. The next meeting is Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at Stephens Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Drive South, Champaign, 61822. After entering the front door, the room is down the hall to the left. For more information contact Jane Pica at 373-1321 or [pica2521@comcast.net](mailto:pica2521@comcast.net).

### PRO-LIFE ISSUES



## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

### REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS, MAY 2015

#### **Universal: Care for the Suffering**

*That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.*

#### **Evangelization: Christians in Secularized Cultures**

*That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be open to proclaiming Jesus.*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

### HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke Family  
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, Parod, Fotzler Families  
Bruns Family  
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families  
William Pellum & 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  
ALL SOULS, Living and Deceased

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 Turkcan  
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  
Loretto B. Doyle  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Christie & Hoss Families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family