

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be
opened to you.”

Luke 11:9



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Celebrate the
Diocese of Peoria's
150th Anniversary
with Most Reverend
Louis Tylka,
Bishop of Peoria
on an 11-day pilgrimage
to Italy for the
2025 Jubilee Year
of Grace, themed
"Pilgrims of Hope."



October 5-15, 2025

PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP LOU

Just a Few More Spaces Left!
You are invited to celebrate the
Diocese of Peoria's 150th
Anniversary with Bishop Louis on
an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy for
the 2025 Jubilee Year of Grace,
themed "Pilgrims of Hope".
Dates are October 5 - 15, 2025.
Contact Sonia Nelson
at sknelson@cdop.org with any
questions you may have.



walking with purpose

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small
group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to
solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow
in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic
women—join us to learn more!

Champaign Catholic Women's Fall Bible Study Launch Event

**Sunday, August 3rd
2:00 - 3:00 pm
St. Matthew Feeney Hall**

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-
hour or more to visit Our Lord
on Fridays beginning after the
8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with
Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



DEVOTION AND MASS

Please join our parish family on Wednesday
evenings for Devotion and Mass.

The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m. in the
church, followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**In July we are praying the
Litany to Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception**



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MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tue., & Thurs.
6:00 p.m. Wed.; 8:15 a.m. Fri.

DEVOTION 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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Greg Koerner, Principal
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ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction
at 2:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tue, Thur, 6:30-6:45 a.m., Fri. 7:45-8:00 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 baptismal preparation sessions,
preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the
Parish Office 3 months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should
call the Office at least 8 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.

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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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Aug. 2 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila John Kelley, Peg Swanson, Sharon Kristovich John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Aug. 3 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Jessica McMahon, Jay Ehlman, Dawn Friedman, Margie Hoss Tim Friedman, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Katrina Covello Ithuriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 28

7:00 am

Lou and Mary Pisani

Tuesday, July 29

7:00 a.m.

Molinda Chartrand

Wednesday, July 30

6:00 p.m.

In honor of Philip Fisk III

Thursday, July 31

7:00 a.m.

Noble and Harriette Morton

Friday, August 1

8:15 a.m.

First Friday Memorial

Saturday, August 2

5:30 p.m.

James Leahy

Sunday, August 3

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Ricardo Galvan

4:00 p.m.

Stephen Primmer



OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

This process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church.

The Order speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey" centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. This journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time to bring about community and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

OCIA is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

OCIA is for:

- Individuals who are not Catholic who know they want to join the Church or who may be interested but need more information

- Catholics who have never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation

Married couples of mixed religious faiths who wish to unite their religious practice in Catholicism

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at the Parish Office, (217) 352-8748.



FAMILY FORMATION

The Family Formation program at Holy Cross serves families with children in grades K-8. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire family. Families are encouraged and supported in their efforts to pray, worship, and grow in faith together as a Catholic family.

All families with children K-8 are encouraged to join our Family Formation community! For those families whose children are not enrolled in Catholic school, Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation.

For more information, or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at (217) 352-8748. You can also check out the website at familyformation.net for more information!

Deadline for registration is Friday, August 1, 2025.

Family Formation is a family-based catechetical program that helps families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding and living the Catholic Faith.



Summer Office Hours

Starting on June 6th going thru August 1st, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays.
Have a great summer!



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street, Champaign. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships, and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or crakers@comcast.net.



BINGO IS RETURNING FOR AUGUST

Save the Date!

We will have only 2 Bingos for the rest of the year and the first Bingo will be on August 15th.

August 15th and November 7th are only bingo dates for the rest of the year. More details to come.....



CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email. If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.



Women of St. Patrick's Church at 708 W Main St. Urbana is hosting their annual Cellar to Garret Rummage sale on Aug 7-9th. Thursday, Aug 7 from 5:30 pm - 9 pm with a \$3 entrance fee. Friday, Aug 8 from 8 am - 6 pm with free entrance. Saturday, Aug 9 from 8 am - 11 am with a \$3 fill a bag sale. Cash or Check only.

We hope to see you there!



The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY is in need of donations.

Thank you to all who have responded to the call for help thus far. The number of people in need, including families with children, increases often. Any non-perishable food item is appreciated. Gifts can be dropped off at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. **Monetary gifts are also welcome.** Please make checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. THOMAS SCHOOL IN PHILO



7th Grade Homeroom Teacher – Full Time
Starting with the 2025-2026 school year.

Eligible candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to promoting Christian ethics and a strong dedication to fostering and developing a quality, Christ-centered environment in the Catholic faith.

For full qualifications of this position, please contact: Principal Jean Cothron at jcothron@stthomasphilo.org or call her at 217.684.2309.



COFFEE AND DONUTS. Coffee, donuts, juice, milk AND great conversation. Stop at the parish center after Sunday morning Masses for all of these. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join your friends, meet new people. Coffee Shop would be an excellent place for stimulating conversation with fellow parishioners. Come join us!

Collections

Offering for July 19/20.....\$6,228.00

Thank You Very Much!



Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



On September 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm, Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception for couples who are celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2025. **If you are among that special group, notify the Parish Office before Friday, August 1st**, so that they can forward the information to the Bishop's office that week. Each couple will receive a personal invitation from the Bishop to attend the special Mass in their honor.



FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. A marriage is only as strong as its foundation. What is the foundation for your marriage?
www.foryourmarriage.org



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

May 27 through August 1- Summer Office Hours

STM Office will be on summer hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, through August. The office can be reached at 217-352-7210 or by emailing info@hs-stm.org.

Admissions Application Open for 2025-2026. STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Spanish Teacher, a Head Girls Tennis Coach, and a Bus Driver.

If interested email:

Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdolaney@hs-stm.org.

May our schools continue to be beacons of light which enable all to live the Gospel message – 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'
(John 13:34)

CHURCH OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS

Moms' Group

Summer 2025 Schedule

Park Play Dates:

June 25	Homer Lake Playscape 1- 3:00 pm
July 2	Morrissey Park in Champaign 9:30 – 11:00 am
July 9	Ambucs Park in Urbana 9:30 – 11:00 am
July 16	Pool party at Sarah's 1- 4:00 pm
July 23	Colbert Park in Savoy 9:30 – 11:00 am
July 30	Noel Park in Champaign 9:30 – 11:00 am
August 6	Hessel Park/Splash Pad in Champaign 1- 3:00 pm

Nights Out

June 6	Bonfire @ Lori's 6:00 pm
July 11	Weiners & Wine @ Sleepy Creek Vineyards 7:00 pm
August 5	Moms' Pool Party @ Sarah's 6:00 pm

E-mail us at: hcmomsgroup@gmail.com

Join our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms/>

Lori Wood: 217-821-3811 • Sarah Bautista: 217-799-1338



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

Summer Office Hours:

The school office summer hours began on Monday June 2nd.

Summer Office Hours are:

Monday & Friday - closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular office hours (7:30a-3:30p)
resume on Wed. July 30.

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
BOWLING FOR ATHLETICS FUNDRAISER**

We are excited to announce the Bowling for HCS Athletics fundraiser coming August 24th at Old Orchard Lanes! Grab a team of 4-6 or sign up as individuals! This is a family friendly event and all proceeds will go toward our Athletic Program. We are still working toward our goal of purchasing a 14-passenger van for sporting and other activities! Please reach out if you have any questions!

<https://bowlhcs25.givesmart.com>

BOWLING
For HCS Athletics.



AUGUST 24TH- \$25 PER PERSON

ENTER AS A TEAM OF 4-6 OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL

START TIMES -10:00AM OR 1:30PM PLAY UP TO 3

GAMES DURING THE SELECTED TIME PERIOD

OLD ORCHARD LANES

**SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE, LOTTERY AND PUNCH
BOARDS!**



<https://bowlhcs25.givesmart.com>



Word from Joy - Pro Life News and Good Catholic Happenings!



3 Local Catholic Families Need Assistance

We are aware of one domestic violence victim and two hard-working families that need some assistance.

- One woman who was a victim of domestic violence is needing some rent assistance. We helped her with partial rent once last year. Her situation has changed and she is looking into moving into a less-expensive place. She is planning to get a second job also. We are looking into raising a half-a-month's rent, and possibly some funds for a security deposit for her next apartment. This is a limited situation and we'd like to get her on better financial footing. We will be working on her budget and are arranging food assistance thru St. Vincent de Paul (Thank you SVdP)!
- A family of a separated mom with several children needs a highway-worthy car in good repair. If anyone has a car in good repair that can be given to this family, we would be grateful. This mom also needs a financial cushion because she is not getting much help from her husband, and she is working two jobs already.
- The other family is a single woman with one child still at home, who is also providing assistance to her grandparent. We will be helping with referrals for assistance for the grandparent, and offering budgeting advice.

If anyone wants to help these local families, please consider making a donation to the Holy Cross Pro-Life committee.

You can donate by:

- on-line giving (see special area for Pro-Life with TJ's picture),
- in the collection basket (*please put you're your name and contact info, and that the \$ is for Pro-Life, or
- check (** please be sure to put Pro-Life in the memo line **)

For more info – please call Joy at 217 840-0322. Thank you and God bless you!

Please keep everyone in your prayers!

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
Before you were born I set you apart.

~ Jeremiah 1:5



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.

OSF Healthcare

----- New families needing diaper assistance -----

We have a returning single mom with two children in diapers, who is also pregnant. This mom has many challenges, and prayers are also definitely in order. Thank you.

We have another new family – a Mom and Dad with 3 children and one on the way. They are in a stable relationship and were referred to us by a former family we assisted. The parents are both working, but the mom's income is unstable.

We will be giving them diapers for their two youngest children, and when their baby is born, we will help that youngster also. We are giving this family food assistance thru St. Vincent de Paul also.

We look forward to working with these new families!

.... **Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name.** ~Isaiah 49:1

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
Living & 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, Oetzel, Parod, Fotzler & LoGrasso Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families
William & Mary McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family
John E. Sullivan Family

Theresa Brya
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perodin Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
Dan Crawmer