



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



Dear Friends,

I was 14 when I experienced exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. I found refuge there in the peace of Christ. In the many challenges, frustrations, changes, and general anxieties that being a freshman in high school presented, I simply sat at his feet. It was during a winter retreat that our youth minister invited us to pray if we liked. After several minutes, others began to leave for lunch. I stayed. I had found a haven in the storms of life. My stomach eventually said it was time to eat.



I left at the same time an upperclassman, Brent, did. He had no idea who I was. He was so much of what I wanted to be — wrestling team captain, faithful disciple, well-spoken and well-liked. He was moral, strong, and lived his faith boldly. *"It's so wild,"* he said to me, *"I don't even know you, but we just spent time together in prayer and it's like, we're brothers, you know?"*

The Eucharist is powerful because when we gather around the Eucharist, we gather around a person, not a symbol. Yes, Brent and I shared quiet prayer time in Eucharistic Adoration, but later we would partake in receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and be united in the Body of Christ in a profound way. That retreat changed my life.

Three years passed, and I was a senior in high school — a wrestling team captain, deeply involved in my youth group, and trying to confront the struggles of living your faith while in high school. I walked quietly into the sanctuary space of our parish alongside many others. We were there to grieve PFC Brent Vroman, who was killed on December 13, 2004, while serving as a marine in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

And yet, in the center of that moment, there was the Eucharist. Jesus' presence was with us — and in His presence there is peace. There is hope. The funeral Mass for Brent was profoundly moving, the source and summit of our faith, and I remembered that moment from three years prior. *"It's like, we're brothers."* Yes, and much more.

We don't walk alone. There is a place from which we go and always return. It is the Eucharistic sacrifice — Jesus present to us in the Blessed Sacrament — who promises to be with us always as we run the race ... even to our last breath.

Joel Stepanek

Chief Mission Officer, "National Eucharistic Congress"

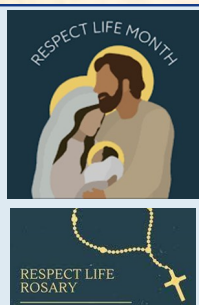


DEVOTION AND MASS

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 October, we are praying the
Rosary for Respect of Life**



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
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Deacon Michael Smith

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TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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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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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.	Oct. 7 Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: John Kelley Servers: John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 8 Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Michael Roedelbronn EMHC: Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss Servers: August, Philip, & Camille Christhlf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Ed Seebauer EMHC: Juliann Seebauer Servers: Kristina Maloney, Ithuriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 2 7:00 a.m.	Rosemary Decker
Tuesday, October 3 7:00 a.m.	Charlie Brozak
Wednesday, October 4 6:00 p.m.	Linda Marcin
Thursday, October 5 7:00 a.m.	Tony and Gerrie Rein
Friday, October 6 8:15 a.m.	First Friday Memorial
Saturday, October 7 5:30 p.m.	Deacon Bob Ulbrich
Sunday, October 8 8:00 a.m.	Sylvia Nicklas
10:00 a.m.	Ricardo Galvan
4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners



SEPTEMBER 29TH -- OCTOBER 1ST

Help those with special needs! The Knights of Columbus will hold their Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of September 29th through October 1st. They will be selling tootsie rolls outside of **County Market on Kirby and Duncan on Friday, Sept. 29th**, and at **Holy Cross after each Mass on Sept 30th and Oct. 1st**. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs for those with developmental disabilities. Proceeds will go to help organizations such as Special Olympics, SWANN Center, and Camp Hope. Please consider making a donation to benefit people with special learning and life needs!

Questions? Call Andrew Zasada at (217) 305-9681.



SAVE THE DATE!

October 20 – 22, 2023

*Holy Cross
Eucharistic Revival Weekend
with Fr. Luke Spannagel*

Fr. Luke will celebrate Friday school Mass and all weekend Masses



Friday: Fr. Luke will visit classrooms

Saturday: Parish Potluck after 5:30 p.m. Mass, please bring a side dish or desert to share. Pulled pork sandwiches provided.

Sunday: Coffee Shop after morning Masses.

Adoration from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. with meditation by Fr. Luke followed by Parish Ice Cream Social



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Elena Ruth Jones, daughter of Chase and Karina Jones. Let us support little Elena on her faith journey!



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. on **Sunday, October 8th** at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We will meet in the community room. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more information, contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Madeline Lewallen. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



SENIOR LUNCHEON — We have made a few changes to the Senior Luncheon. We decided it would be a good idea to start a free will offering to defray the cost of the chicken we all enjoy so much, so we will have a basket on the food table each month to collect any donations. But remember, it is free will, not mandatory. We will also start bringing our own plate and dinnerware to each luncheon that we can then take back home, so that we can spend more time visiting with each other after lunch, instead of washing up. We also decided to bring in recipes to swap for those who would like to! So, come and enjoy good food and friendship, and spread the word!

We are still meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next luncheon will be on October 12th. See you then!



HOLY CROSS MOMS' GROUP

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, **Oct. 4th** at Holy Cross Parish Center for Moms' Panel – Ask questions about motherhood, parenting, or marriage.

Email us at: hcmomsgroup@gmail.com

Join our Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH WITH CHILDREN?

We are interviewing for catechist and assistant catechist positions within our Family Formation Religious Education K-8 program and Children's Liturgy of the Word program.

Requirements:

- Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must fulfill all Safe Environment requirements
- Must Love Our Lord!
- Must have a desire to share joy and minister to our youth

Please contact Elizabeth Kelley at 217-352-8748 or elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Please join us **Saturday, October 7** for Mass at 7 AM at St. Matthew Church in Champaign. Following Mass, participate in our customary First Saturday Devotion. Process to the lovely new Marian Grotto for a Lady of the Rosary recitation of the Joyous Mysteries. Pope Leo XIII granted a Plenary indulgence for this prayer, commemorating the victorious Battle of Lepanto.

(In case of rain, the Rosary will be recited in the church.)



2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Once we receive a report from the Diocese, we will

update you on where we stand towards our goal of \$119,000. It will take a collective effort from our parish to reach our goal. No gift is too small. Your gift will support ministries that give food to the hungry, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our seminarians, Pre-Canas for engaged couples, adult faith formation, and support for parishes and leadership in our schools so that the next generation will carry on the Catholic Faith that we so lovingly cherish.

If you have not completed a pledge card, please do so. There are pledge cards & envelopes in the back of the church and at every exit. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will come right back to our parish! To those who have pledged, thank you!

Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account, or online at www.cdop.org/ada.

Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's ADA appeal.



BINGO IN OCTOBER! LAST BINGO OF 2023

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, October 6th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. Concessions open at 5:30 as well. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$10. Additional cans of soda are available for \$1. Dinner: Baked pasta, salad and bread. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

This will be the last BINGO until after Advent and the Christmas season. Bingo will resume on January 5th.

Collection

Offering for Sept. 23rd/24th.....\$8,380.00

Thank you very much!



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

Fall Open House: Check us out! STM will host its Fall Open House at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18th. Families of students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to meet our administration team, learn about our sports, clubs, and activities, and take a tour of the school. Questions? Email admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to hs-stm.org and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Director of Advancement, Head Girls Soccer Coach, Head Boys Swimming Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at stmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Bowl Making: The Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase which benefits a local food pantry is Friday, Nov. 3rd! Two more bowl-making nights open to anyone are Tuesday, Oct. 10th and Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Come to STM anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. These handmade bowls will be sold at the event. Please reserve a spot with Mrs. Pagel at dpagel@hs-stm.org so we can have enough supplies and help!



HOLY CROSS STM INFO NIGHT



Come join us for STM Info Night on October 10th at Holy Cross in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Come hear about what STM has to offer! Open to all Middle School and Junior High parents and students.



PLEASE contact the Parish Office or Stephanie for information on how to help save EMPOWER ILLINOIS!

This allows many students to attend the school of their choice. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Parish Office 217-352-8748 stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

217-356-9521

www.holycrosselem.org

From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

Who would have thought that we are already through the month of September? The school year has gotten off to a great start. Students have completed their fall MAP testing and we have celebrated with the marching band marching in the Labor Day parade, the living rosary and hot dog day. As we move closer to the end of the first quarter, we will be celebrating anti-bullying month, cultural awareness week, and then Halloween.

On a recent trip to Texas, I came across this quote, and it got me thinking. Do I do these things in my life and if not, why not?

*Always Pray To Have Eyes That See The Best In People,
A Heart That Forgives The Worst,
A Mind That Forgets The Bad,
And A Soul That Never Loses Faith In GOD.*

Thank you for all the support that you give the school!

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



The Holy Cross Cabaret Committee is hosting the 6th Annual Cabaret Night

Friday evening, November 3rd
in the Holy Cross Church Parish Center

Entertainers Geoff Poor and David Thies will again perform popular music for every generation, featuring the Great American Songbook.

Special guests include Bobby Poynton of The Lettermen.

Tickets are \$40 and include Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Wine, Martinis, Beer & Coffee and can be purchased in the parish office or online at <http://e.givesmart.com/events/yDL>.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. program 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Sponsorships are available in the amounts of \$250 (bronze), \$500 (silver), and \$1,000 (gold), and include an ad in the program and tickets to the event.

Please email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org for more information!

All proceeds will benefit Holy Cross School.

New Fiscal Year 2023/24

	August Contributions	July-Aug. Contributions	July-Aug. Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus
Sundays & Holy Days	27,721.42	66,798.71	66,666.67	132.04
Automatic Contributions	9,550.00	19,100.00	19,166.67	(66.67)
Online Giving	10,611.25	20,254.25	18,333.33	1,920.92
Subtotal	47,882.67	106,152.96	104,166.67	1 986.29
HC Tuition Assistance	1,935.00	4,241.50	4,166.67	(74.83)
STM Tuition Assistance	587.00	1,136.00	1,000.00	136.00
Development Fund	2,178.00	4,562.00	8,333.33	(3,771.33)



PRO-LIFE



LIFE CHAIN 2023

WHEN: Sunday, October 1
from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hessel Park,
Champaign (on the public
sidewalk along the south
side of the park)

WHAT: Please join us, along with others across North America, in peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the Right to Life for All. We will be standing with pro-life signs along the south side of Hessel Park, on the public sidewalk along West Kirby Avenue. This is a silent, prayerful witness for voiceless children who are threatened by abortion and who need us to stand up for them. Pro-life signs will be provided and can be picked up at the south-west corner of Hessel Park at the intersection of West Kirby Avenue and Grandview Drive. Attendees are also welcome to make and bring their own signs (peaceful and encouraging messages please, no graphic images). Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. Rain or shine.

Respect life. All life is sacred.



OCTOBER 2023



Join others, praying peacefully for an end to abortion.
Fall 2023 / Sept 27 - Nov 5
23,525 lives saved since 2007

Where: Planned Parenthood
307 E. Stoughton St., Champaign, IL

Planned Parenthood is the largest single abortion supplier in the U.S. According to their 2021-22 annual report, they performed over 374,155 abortions in the U.S.

Free 2-hour parking directly next to the apartment building at 3rd and Stoughton ONLY

Sign-up at www.40daysforlife.com

Leader Contact Info - Sandi Ostrowski (217) 781-2022
sostrow@mchsil.com

At the Champaign site, they perform abortions by pills (to 10 weeks) and surgically (thru 21 weeks = 6 months of pregnancy). We know a child in the womb has a beating heart at 3 weeks, a beautiful ultra-sound starting at 6 weeks, and is growing and living as long as his or her environment is safe (no abortion).

Illinois is now a destination state for abortion. Our laws and Executive Orders encourage women to travel to Illinois to get their abortions to avoid their own state laws.

Won't you pray and stand for LIFE? Come and join us.
Join your family and friends to defend the most vulnerable among us.

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.

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
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 & Foltzler Families
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tuft & Dec. Mem. of their family
Barham & Bosch Families

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

Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Margaret B. Schwenk
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.