



October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given
to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Matthew 21:43

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



"Give me the grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and especially to rejoice in the presence of Your body, sweet Savior Christ, in the holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen."

-St. Thomas More

The Miracle of Bolsena – Orvieto, Italy



In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He is described as being a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church and named for this martyr), he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal.

The priest was immediately confused. At first he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, the city where Pope Urban IV was then residing.



The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the diocese to bring to Orvieto the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood. With archbishops and cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.



Excerpt from *Eucharistic Miracles* by Joan Carroll Cruz

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
Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Joseph P. Danton, Pastor (leave of absence)
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
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

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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-Seventh 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. 14 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Nora Kelley, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 15 Lector: John Karduck EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Andrew Zasada EMHC: Jessica McMahon, Terry Sturdyvin Servers: Jack and Brooke McMahon, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Anthony Frasca Servers: Will Herges, Isabella Contreras



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 9

7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Phil and Vinna Leahy

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Charles Wuebben

Wednesday, October 11

6:00 p.m. Robert Rosner

Thursday, October 12

7:00 a.m. Joyce Hogan Kaes

Friday, October 13

8:15 a.m. Marcella Richards

Saturday, October 14

5:30 p.m. Thomas Menke

Sunday, October 15

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Leonard and Loretto Doyle
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer



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



Encounters With Jesus



On the **second Wednesday** of the month, now through December, we are gathering to view and discuss "The Mass" a series by Bishop Robert Barron that walks us through the Mass. The videos last approx. 25 minutes with a discussion following. We plan to meet for about one hour. Here are the remaining sessions:

Oct. 11 - "Responding to God"

Nov. 8 - "Preparing for Sacrifice"

Dec. 13 - "The Real Presence Creates Communion"

You are invited to our "Holy Hour with Jesus" on the 4th Wednesday of each month! Come and spend time with Him from 6:30—7:30 p.m. All you have to do is sit with Him and bask in His presence!

Your life will change - We promise you!



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!



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. **Today, 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.

Devotion and Mass are cancelled on Wednesday, October 18th due to Priest Assembly Days.



URGENT! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The Empower Illinois Invest in Kids Act will expire at the end of this calendar year if



our legislators do not act to renew or extend the program. This program has provided funding for 133 students to attend Holy Cross School over the last 6 years. The last legislative session of the year is the Veto Session which begins on Oct. 24th and will end on Nov. 9th. If nothing is done, the law will sunset, and with it the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program. This program has helped us raise around \$100,000 a year in scholarship funds for our students. Many of our families rely on these funds to be able to send their children to Holy Cross.

Please **contact your lawmaker** to make sure they know Tax Credit Scholarships are a priority for their constituents. We also invite you to join us in praying for this program to be renewed. Joining us in praying the Novena for Catholic Schools beginning on Oct. 15th. The last day of the novena will be on Oct. 24th, the first day of the legislative session. You can find the novena and sign up for daily reminder emails at

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-for-catholic-schools/851828>

In the meantime, all funds received through Empower for this coming school year will still be distributed regardless of the program possibly expiring at the end of December. We still have 63 eligible students on the list for an Empower IL scholarship. If you donate to Holy Cross School through Empower Illinois, you will receive 75% of your donation back as a credit on your Illinois state taxes. This could be your last chance to take advantage of this program! To make your gift, visit

<https://donations.empowerillinois.org/donations>.

Questions? Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org.

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.

Parish Office at 217-352-8748

or stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

FOR THE SYNOD - OCTOBER 2023

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world.

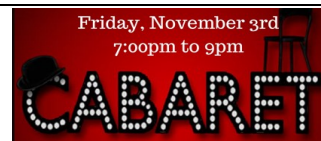
www.apostleshipofprayer.org

Collection

Offering for Sept. 30th / Oct. 1st.....\$5,807.93

Tuition Assistance.....\$703.00

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.



Why are we doing Growing Disciples as a Diocese? We are Growing Disciples. Bishop Tylka chose that title intentionally. The world is different and we have to find new ways of doing things. We have fewer priests. Fewer Catholics. Fewer children. People are moving. We have to reimagine the way we reach people with the Good News.

The Growing Disciples process is designed to provoke conversation, to gather data and receive feedback. No decision has been made – and Bishop Tylka will consider all of the data and your feedback as he discerns the future footprint of the Diocese of Peoria.

Please attend our parish meeting, and check out growingdisciples.cdop.org for information about how the second draft models were created and how to provide your feedback to them. Please continue to pray that all our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

**The Parish meeting for Holy Cross will be
Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
in the Great Hall of the Parish Center.**

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit - Matthew 28:19**



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.

Don't Judge or Condemn

"No one can look into another person's soul. We see only what happens on the surface. Refraining from judgment and condemnation is an act of mercy, because it allows us to accept the good in every person and spare that person suffering caused by our negative attitudes."



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

Holy Cross School considers bullying to be a serious issue. We promote a safe and secure learning environment in which students are able to learn, grow, and develop. The school also seeks to enlist the support and co-operation of all parents in the school community.

October is National Bully Awareness Month. Here at Holy Cross we support a **Bully Free School Environment**. As part of our continued effort to provide awareness against bullying, we will implement a month of bully-free activities. This will be beneficial to all students and staff at Holy Cross.

October 2—6: Bully Awareness Workshop for Grades K-8

Bully Awareness Workshops will be held for all students in all grades to educate them about the harms and dangers that bullying causes, and to show students what they can do to prevent and stop bullying.

October 10—13: Culture Awareness Week

This week we will focus on the variety of cultures we have at Holy Cross.

*See Culture Awareness Week activity schedule below

October 16—20: Stand Up for Others Against Bullying Week

This week we will focus on the theme "**Friends lead, bullies divide.**"

Did you know students who experience bullying are more likely to find peer actions more helpful than an educator or self-actions? By teaching children to stand up for one another, they learn to not only help their classmates and the importance of bully prevention, but that they can always turn to their classmates for help and support.

October 23—27: Share-a-Kind-Word Week

Students will participate in creating posters, with positive messages on post-it notes, handing them out to students at school, and share inspirational stories in the classroom.

October 30: Blue Shirt Day to Support Bullying Awareness

Students and staff will demonstrate their commitment to ending bullying by wearing either a navy or light blue school uniform polo shirt.

With your help, we hope to foster a safe, educational school environment where all students learn of the harms of bullying, and the importance of stopping bullying and supporting its awareness.



*HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CULTURE AWARENESS WEEK



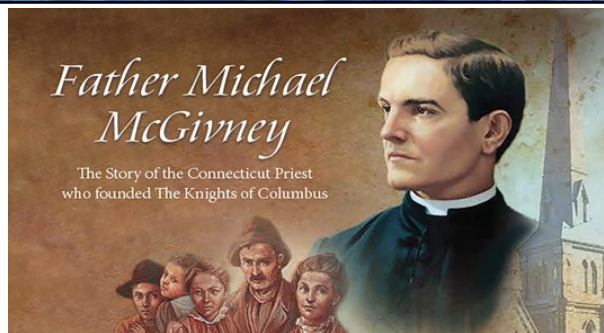
Tuesday October 10, Morning prayer in Spanish. Traditional clothing from student's home country day. Opening ceremonies with students marching in to the gymnasium with their countries' flags and anthems. Fr. Leo will talk to the students and show pictures from the Tanzanian well project. Lunch: Taste of Mexico.

Wednesday October 11, Morning prayer in Swahili. Presentations from different countries, Lunch; Taste of Asia.

Thursday October 12, Morning prayer in German. Finish the presentations in the classrooms. Lunch; Taste of America.

Friday October 13, Morning prayer in Greek, Red, White and Blue shirt day. Mass intentions on prayers for the world. Closing ceremonies. Lunch; Taste of Italy.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: THE STORY OF THE CONNECTICUT PRIEST WHO FOUNDED THE KNIGHTS OF THE COLUMBUS

Father Michael McGivney is a documentary that brings to life the story of one of America's most extraordinary Catholic priests. Born in Connecticut of Irish immigrant parents just a few years before the Civil War, Michael McGivney grew up at a time when millions of Catholic immigrants were struggling to overcome poverty and prejudice. As a parish priest in the gritty New England manufacturing town of New Haven, he made a deep impact on his community, earning the respect of the Protestant establishment and the love of his parishioners at St. Mary's Church. Emboldened to care for families threatened by the death of the breadwinner, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, a mutual benefit society that today remains the world's largest Catholic lay organization with 1.8 million members in 13 nations. This film offers a rare glimpse into the life of an extraordinary priest and visionary leader. From defending the persecuted Church to protecting widows and orphans, Father Michael McGivney celebrates the triumphs and tribulations of a priest who may very well be America's first canonized parish priest.



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 Tufte and 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
Zeilenga 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.



PRO-LIFE



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

At Planned Parenthood, 307 E. Stoughton St., Champaign
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-hr 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.

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