



The Solemnity of
All Saints

October 29, 2023

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives
and believes in me will never die.” *John 11:25-26*

The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Dear Friends,

In a post-COVID world, airports are a funny thing. One thing I have noticed remains hard for me to accept: the judgmental thoughts that run through my mind: “Who didn’t wipe down that counter-top?” “What is wrong with that person?” “I’d never dress like that.” And, I am sorry to admit, the list could go on and on. I think the best and the worst of us can come out when we are trying to move on from wherever we are—but the real question for you and me is, “What is really going on in my head and in my heart?”



As I reflected on the critical spirit, I noticed that the biggest finger I was pointing was at myself: “What is wrong with me?” Now, there is only one answer to that question — but it is the hardest answer to accept: there is nothing wrong with me. God made me good. Sometimes I make bad choices; sometimes I sin. That is when I need to run to the Lord for His mercy and forgiveness — especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There is only one way to heal a broken heart, only one way to stop the cycle of judgmental thoughts and negative self-talk. It is the way of love. In this life, the most profound encounter we can have with God — who is love — is in the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

If you have been away from confession for a while, it is never too late to seek God’s merciful love in that powerful sacrament. And this weekend, when you go to Mass, as the priest invites you to “lift up your heart” at the beginning of the Preface, don’t be afraid to imagine that broken heart of yours and offer it completely to Jesus. He wants you to be part of His Paschal Mystery — His own Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, which we are invited to experience at every Mass! How marvelous.

It is through this encounter with Jesus Christ that healing and conversion are cultivated and truly all things are made new. Let’s follow where our Master has gone before us and rediscover our dignity, value, and worth as beloved children of the Father!

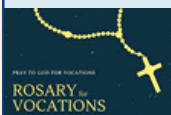
Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.
Managing Editor, “*National Eucharistic Revival*”

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 November, we are praying
the Rosary for
Vocation to the Priesthood



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
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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

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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.

Thirtieth 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.	Nov. 4 Lector: David Kristovich EMHC: John Bingaman Servers: John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 5 Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Avery Natschke, Emma Lwao
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: Will Herges, Isabella Contreras



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 30
7:00 a.m. Salvador and Lourdes Federizon

Tuesday, October 31
7:00 a.m. Soledad Praxidio

Wednesday, November 1
6:00 p.m. Cusano - Pera Families

Thursday, November 2 - Mass of Remembrance
6:00 p.m. All Souls

Friday, November 3
8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, November 4
5:30 p.m. Mary Lou Menke

Sunday, November 5
8:00 a.m. Joyce Hogan Kaes
10:00 a.m. David Smith
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Carol Bergeson and Mary Deak. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Note: Thursday morning 7:00 a.m. Mass is cancelled due to the Mass of Remembrance Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND



December is fast approaching, and it's not too early to contribute to the flower fund to pay for this year's poinsettia order for the church's Christmas decorations. You may drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "flower fund" or bring it to the office.

If you want to make your donation in memory or in honor of family members or friends, please write those names on a slip of paper and include it with your donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ALL SOULS DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Annual Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, All Souls Day, at 6:00 p.m. It brings families and fellow parishioners together to remember those who have died this past year. There will be a special rite during the Mass when the names of our deceased will be announced and a rose will be presented to our Blessed Mother on their behalf.

Those involved in any parish ministry that supports those who have lost a loved one are especially encouraged to attend: the Bereavement Ministry: Funeral Luncheon cooks & servers, Parish Nurses, and Funeral Servers. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



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 forum to kick around ideas with fellow parishioners.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. Be sure to enroll the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule of the church.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ENVELOPES.

Envelopes for All Souls Day Remembrance are available on the shelves in the back of the church.





**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.

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

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH

Get a Jumpstart on Your Holiday Shopping!

Vendors will feature handcrafted items including holiday decor, sewn creations, jewelry, crafts made from vintage materials and wood, sweet treats to go, and more!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11 & 12
8AM – 1PM**

Saint Matthew Feeney Hall
1303 Lincolnshire Dr., Champaign

CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS. HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES.

Collection

Offering for Oct. 21st/22nd.....\$7,779.97

Thank you very much!



**LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS!
The Holy Cross Cabaret Committee is hosting
the 6th Annual Cabaret Night**

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

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

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**.

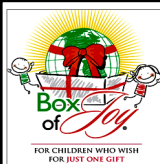
Tickets are \$40 and include Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Wine, Martinis, Beer & Coffee and can be purchased in the parish office or online at <http://e.givesmart.com/events/yDL>.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US and SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!!



Box of Joy - The Catholic Daughters of America is hosting a family project by participating in the Box of Joy drive, a Christmas shoebox gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes, and groups nationwide.

We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage everyone to pack a Box of Joy!

Our goal this year is to fill 50 shoe boxes; you can use your own shoe box or pick up the box-of-joy shoebox at the **parish center in the back of the church or right inside the school's front doors**. In the box will be all the information you need to complete filling a box of joy as a family.

-- Here is a [gift guide](https://www.crosscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Web-P6637-FY2023-BOJ-gift-ideas-No-Calendar.pdf) ([crosscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Web-P6637-FY2023-BOJ-gift-ideas-No-Calendar.pdf](https://www.crosscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Web-P6637-FY2023-BOJ-gift-ideas-No-Calendar.pdf)) to strictly follow and identify if you are shopping for a boy or a girl and age range 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 yrs

On **November 5th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** the Holy Cross Parish Center CDA will host a "harvest party" where you may drop off your Gift of Joy shoe box and decorate a card to bless the children receiving the gift, enjoy apple juice and a small snack, and gift wrapping the shoe box so that the box still opens. The CDA ministry will cover the cost of shipping each box. For more info, contact Angela Douglas (email kcyaby1@gmail.com or cell 309-275-5855) or check out boxofjoy.org, you may also choose to give online.



High School of St. Thomas More

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www.hs-stm.org

STM Empty Bowl Supper and Saber Talent Showcase

The STM Art Club and Art Department are sponsoring the Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Talent Showcase to benefit The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Champaign. When? Friday, Nov. 3rd at STM from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will partner with Culvers Restaurant on Marketview Dr. to bring participants a simple but delicious meal, of soup and bread. The suggested donation for the bowl and meal is \$10, and for the meal alone is \$5. Additional donations are always welcome and there will be a silent auction of various artworks.

Veterans Day Assembly: Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9th in the STM gym for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. If you are a veteran, STM would be honored to have you attend. Please RSVP to info@hs-stm.org before Nov. 7th.

2023–2024 Paideia Award and Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award Nominations: The Paideia Award is presented each year to an individual or married couple who exemplifies true leadership in service to Catholic elementary and secondary education, sustained or substantial contributions of time, talent or treasure to the Champaign Vicariate educational community, and leadership in spreading the Good News through Catholic education.

Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award is presented to an STM alum who has made a positive impact on the community (local, long distance, or international), has displayed exceptional human and ethical qualities, and exemplified success in and out of the classroom or in his/her chosen career. Both awards will be presented at The STM Annual Spring Gala at Pear Tree Estate on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 2024. Nominations are being accepted through Monday, Jan. 1st, 2024. Please complete the forms to submit names and a brief reason why the nominee is deserving of this prestigious recognition. Questions? Contact Joanna Yallaly at jjallaly@hs-stm.org.

STM'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY "BOX OF JOY" PROJECT



Saint Thomas More's National Honor Society is currently participating in a service project called "Box of Joy." Box of Joy is a project that provides underprivileged kids with Christmas presents.

The students at STM take care of gathering all the toys for the boxes but each box comes with a \$9 shipping fee.

We have ordered 84 boxes, which will come out to be a total of \$756 for shipping.

We are asking for free-will donations to help take care of the shipping cost. Donations can be cash or check. If the donation is via check, please address "The High School of Saint Thomas More" and for the memo line, please include "NHS Box of Joy." Our deadline for donations is currently November 1st as the project ends on November 9th.

Donations can be dropped in the collection basket at Holy Cross, dropped off at the Parish office, dropped off at STM's front office, or be mailed to STM (3901 N. Mattis Ave. Champaign, IL 61822) 217-352-7210.

Thank you for your generosity toward helping with this project! -- STM National Honor Society



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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

With the end of the first quarter drawing near, I would like to thank all of our teachers, staff, families, parishioners, stakeholders and the Holy Cross community for their continued support. We could not have made it to the end of this successful quarter without the support, prayers, and generosity of you all. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED.

Have I shared how special our teachers are? Each of us has at least one special talent that we need to practice, and the Lord will lead us to use our talents best when we provide them for the good and enjoyment of others. Our teachers here at Holy Cross have amazing talents. I have witnessed their talents shine through when they are standing in front of a classroom teaching. A tremendous round of applause please for our teachers!

Giving our teachers the resources that they need to demonstrate their talents has been one of my goals. As you know, the resources needed this school year are expensive with inflation being what it is. The influx of 74 new students and an overall enrollment of 254 students has greatly added to our cost. Year to date, we have had to purchase 30 new chrome books, 10 iPads, 40 sets of headphones, and 2 mobile charging carts for the chrome books and iPads for a total of \$13,510. Other costs added to this school year was the west wall window replacement, which totaled \$159,000. With the window project complete, I still need to have blinds installed on the windows at a cost of \$7,928. One other major expense this year was replacing window air conditioners at a cost of \$12,329.

Our time, talents and treasure are on loan to us from God, and if you are able, give them away with unlimited generosity. In this light, the generosity of a few Holy Cross donors has partially offset the above costs. However, we still have a shortfall in the current budget. So, please pray about any contribution that might help offset this deficit. Your talent might be providing lunch for the teachers, sharing a little bit of your treasure to the school by giving a little bit more to the school or parish, coming to our Cabaret Night fundraiser, adopting a chrome book at \$370, or an iPad at \$360, or offering your prayers for the health, safety, and success of our Holy Cross community. Whatever you choose, know that we are so thankful for your support.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

There is an opening for a Teacher's Aid for the hours 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Please contact the school if interested in this position. Holy Cross School : 217-356-9521.



VETERAN'S DAY HONORS

Holy Cross School Students, Faculty, and Staff invite all Veterans and Active Military to join in our appreciation of your service to our country on **Friday, November 10th** for an **8:15 a.m.** Mass, followed by refreshments and a short program in your honor by our students.

Fiscal Year 2023/24

	Sept Contributions	July-Sept Contributions	July-Sept Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus
Sundays & Holy Days	32,278.69	99,077.40	100,000.00	(922.60)
Automatic Contributions	9,350.00	28,450.00	28,750.00	(300.00)
Online Giving	9,256.10	29,510.41	27,500.00	2,010.41
Subtotal	50,884.79	157,037.81	156,250.00	787.81
HC Tuition Assistance	1,741.50	5,983.50	6,250.00	(266.50)
STM Tuition Assistance	522.00	1,658.00	1,500.00	158.00
Development Fund	2,400.00	6,962.00	12,500.00	(5,538.00)



Won't you pray and stand for LIFE? Come and join us to defend the most vulnerable among us. Join others, praying peacefully for an end to abortion. As of October 16th, 100 children and women were saved from the violence of abortion since Sept 27th. --> 23,525 lives saved since 2007.

Where: Planned Parenthood at 307 E Stoughton St. in Champaign
(Free 2-hour parking directly next to the apartment building at 3rd and Stoughton ONLY)

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.

Honestly, when people are praying out on the sidewalk, the abortion rates just plummet because prayer and peaceful presence works! Come and join us on the sidewalk and help others choose life. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring a friend.



Sign-up at: www.40daysforlife.com

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



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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 & 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.