

November 12, 2023



Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



A Grateful Nation Remembers.

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



Dear Friends,

I can still see the smile on his kind face as Fr. Damian showed us his gift. "I brought this bowl from the monastery, and it is for you to keep." With those words, Fr. Damian Abbaticchio, OSB, commenced our afternoon of bread making. From the Benedictine Community at St. Vincent Abbey, he was the first priest that I remember coming into the life of my family. As he patiently and playfully allowed my two younger siblings and me to gather around the table, we became full and active participants in the St. Vincent Abbey bread-making adventure. I remember laughter, flying flour, and finally, the large ceramic bowl that Father had brought for us full of beautiful, beige-colored dough.

Fr. Damian was our parish priest. He heard my first confession. **Days later, he held the Sacred Host before my eyes and spoke the words "The Body of Christ,"** offering me the Eucharist for the first time. I remember being amazed and incredibly engaged at Mass, tracking Father's every move and listening attentively to his homilies. I will never forget his kind eyes and his willingness to spend time with our family, whether after Mass, on a trip for ice cream, or at Six Flags, where I rode my first roller coaster with him.

Looking back, I marvel at the connection between kneading that bread with Fr. Damian and receiving from the same aged hands the Bread of Life. You simply cannot script something like that: it is pure gift.

Friends, as we continue living this Eucharistic Revival, **let us remember our priests every day.** Prayer, fasting, words of encouragement, and acts of kindness mean so much more than we could ever imagine. Just like you and me, priests struggle with the same doubts, fears, and insecurities that are common to us all, yet they have chosen to put their trust in God as they stand before us in the person of Christ, the Great High Priest, so that we may experience the abundant life that Jesus promised. **To all our priests: thank you for bringing us the living presence of Jesus Christ!** Your life of self-sacrificial love on behalf of us, your flock, is seen; it is appreciated; and you are so very loved!

God bless you, Fathers!

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 Vocations to the Priesthood



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
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Fr. Joseph P. Danton, Pastor (leave of absence)
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

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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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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.

Thirty-Second 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. 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila No Ministers Ethan Weldy, Brody Oliveira
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 19 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Justine Karduck No Ministers Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Jessica McMahon, Terry Sturdyvin Abby, Chris, and Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Mary Linnenburger Jan Weber Will Herges, James Linnenburger



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 13

7:00 a.m. Cusano - Pera Families

Tuesday, November 14

7:00 a.m. Mikka Kwiatkowski

Wednesday, November 15

6:00 p.m. Dorothy Burton

Thursday, November 16

7:00 a.m. Joyce Hipskind

Friday, November 17

8:15 a.m. Robert Richards

Saturday, November 18

5:30 p.m. For the Parishioners

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Glenda Fallon

10:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner

4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer

Part of the Revival within the Diocese of Peoria is a Diocesan Traveling Monstrance. Bishop Lou has commissioned a monstrance to be used for a holy hour in each of our churches over the course of the National Eucharistic Revival. The first holy hour was held on Monday, November 7, 2022. The monstrance has since been making its way across the Diocese. The monstrance will soon be at our parish.

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: Holy Hour using the Diocesan Traveling Monstrance
WHERE: Holy Cross Church
WHEN: Monday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

ADORATION

Our very own Champaign Vicariate Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located at St. Matthew parish in Champaign. Stop by their parish office to pick up a key fob to access the chapel. Once you obtain a key fob you can visit Jesus anytime you want, day or night. Many adorers are needed to make sure Jesus is never alone! If you want to sign up for a specific time or a weekly time you can visit <https://stmatt.weadorehim.com/>. Contact Liz Kelley at the Holy Cross parish office if you have any questions.

"Could you not watch with Me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

"Do you want the Lord to give you many graces?

Visit Him often." (St. John Bosco)

"When we remain in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, it is Christ totally and really present whom we discover, whom we adore, and with whom we are in contact."

(St. John Paul II)

"I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." (J.R.R. Tolkien)



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. **Today, November 12th** 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.

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. Donations have been made in memory of Kevin Hodge.

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



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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



CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Holy Cross Choir is looking for more members! With Christmas quickly approaching, we would love to have more singers join us in the choir loft for this Christmas season. The more voices we have, the more powerful

the celebrations will be! You do not need to be a professional singer, just someone who loves to sing. We practice on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church. Remember, those who sing pray twice! Won't you join us?



2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have received 124 pledges (14% of

our parishioners) totaling \$71,615 towards our goal of \$119,274. Your gift supports ministries that give food to the hungry, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our seminarians, Pre-Cana for engaged couples, adult faith formation, 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 envelopes and pledge cards by each door. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. 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 at cdop.org. Thank you for your support!



THE
Giving Tree

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE PROJECT

We will once again be collecting toys and gift items for those in need in the Peoria Diocese, to make their Christmas a little brighter.

We will have a "Giving Tree" set up in the vestibule of the church with ornaments that have an age range, and type of gift requested, printed on it. Please take one or more of these ornaments from the Catholic Charities Giving Tree located at the back of the church and purchase the gift(s).

You should drop the items off at the back of the church, or in the parish office, by **Monday, December 4th**, so we can get the gifts to Catholic Charities, and they will pass them along to the families.

Everything we collect here at Holy Cross will be given to families in the local Champaign County area.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Thank you so much for
your support!



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord God,

We pray that you will call many fine young men to the Priesthood.

May they have the grace to hear your call and to respond wholeheartedly, giving of themselves generously in the service of your Church, that we may be greatly strengthened and may grow.

May these fine priests have the grace of perseverance and not burn out.

And may they be supported and encouraged and appreciated.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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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!

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School Tuition Assistance.....	\$833.00



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Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year

STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have question 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!

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 jyallaly@hs-stm.org.

7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending STM? 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 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.



Check out the new bookcase in the back of church!

Books are free – read, return or pass along to someone else.

Donations accepted but not necessary. Place any money in an envelope marked 'bookcase' and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.



Holy Cross School

217-356-9521

www.holycrosselem.org

From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

Have I shared how special our teachers are? 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, 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. 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. 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 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Contact the school if interested in this position: 217-356-9521.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1st QTR. 2023-24

HIGHEST HONORS

Camille Christhilf
Maddie Favot
Violet Grace
Nolan Kiser
Sophie Rank
David Surratt
Samantha Unger
Lydia Durdan
Kendall Baumann
Sarah Surratt
Eireann Byard
Lucy Rank
Zora Unger

HIGH HONORS

Nyah Fitzgerald
Brendan Byard
Jules Favot
Sophie Le
Colton Stonecipher
Colin Dykstra
Braden Ritter
Joel Tittora
Faith Dean
Alexis Hege
Lara Rank
McKenna Tucker
Elizabeth Withers-Sickles

HONORS

Lincoln Wood
Isaiah Bartlett-Fraley
Landen Douglas
Faith-Ann Kumpi
Harper Scott
Evie Bartlett-Frayley

John Fletcher
Petra Scott
Will Herges
Jordyn Reed
Sophia Decker
Emma Lwao
Edward Campos-Del Valle

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

A Word from Joy

Furniture:

We need: 3 twin box springs, a couch, and chairs to seat 6. We have a table!

Financial Assistance (and more) to Families:

We are doing our October ordering and deliveries. We are helping a family with clothes for their youngster.

NEW: For a single mom of 4: we are providing the last \$600 needed to buy a car and we are putting \$ toward the title and plates.

NEW: For a new foster mom: we bought a car seat, stroller and baby items.

NEW: We have two requests:

-- Funeral expense help for a family dealing with an untimely death of a 39-year-old with no will or life insurance.

-- For a hairdresser with no medical leave for help for Christmas and rent help as she recovers from her end-of-November surgery.

Thank You notes:

We received lovely Thank You notes from Alexis, a single mother of 4:

"Our family would like to give you a HUGE THANK YOU! For all of your help and prayers during these trying times for me and my family. We are very grateful: we appreciate you guys so much!"

From the bottom of my heart THANK YOU! I'm so grateful to have met Joy. Words cannot express how much I appreciate you! I am forever grateful. Thank you! You give me hope! May God bless you all!

With love, Alexis and family"

Pro-Life Billboards:

Our small but effective pro-life billboards are being erected in the East-Central Illinois area. We have other areas of the state interested. These billboards are erected on privately-owned land or church properties – all labor costs are donated, and the only cost to erect them are for materials! Please pray for their continued success!

Pro-Life Support: We need someone to fashion a monthly newsletter from my weekly bulletin emails. If you want to assist, please contact Joy at 217 840-0322!

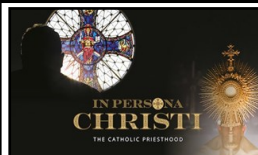
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BREAD OF LIFE: THE EUCHARIST IN GALILEE

We're pleased to announce the launch of our brand-new video series! Christ's teaching on the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for this exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.



IN PERSONA CHRISTI: THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

The Catholic priesthood comes to us from Jesus Christ. He is the High Priest, the mediator between

God and man. Building on this pattern of priesthood from Old Testament times, Jesus chose 12 men to act in His place as priests of the new and everlasting covenant.

This film explores the essential nature and theology of the sacred priesthood, the importance of a deep prayer life, the centrality of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to the Blessed Virgin, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of a missionary zeal.

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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
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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.