



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross November 19, 2023



Reminders:

Monday November 20 is our Holy Hour using the Diocesan Traveling Monstrance. We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. and end with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday November 22 is our Encounter Night. There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Friday November 24 there will be all-day adoration. It will begin with Exposition after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 2:00 p.m. Adoration will end with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Please consider spending some time with our Lord. He is waiting for you!!





Excerpts from "7 Secrets of the Eucharist" by Vinny Flynn In two of the last documents of his pontificate,

Pope John Paul II issued a clear call for Eucharistic adoration, repeatedly stressing that our worship of the Eucharist must not be limited to Mass:

The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value.... It is the responsibility of pastors to encourage, also by their personal wit-

ness, the practice of Eucharistic adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular, as well as prayer of adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species.....Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.

Ecclesia de Eucharistia, #25

Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist. ...The presence of Jesus in the tabernacle must be a kind of *magnetic pole* attracting an ever greater number of souls enamored of him, ready to wait patiently to hear his voice and ...sense the beating of His heart.

Mane Nobiscum Domine, #18

DEVOTION AND MASS

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



In November we are praying the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar Deacon Ed Mohrbacher Deacon Michael Smith

> **TRUSTEES** Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Elizabeth Kelley

> DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

Masses

Saturday: Sunday: Weekdays:

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. 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.

OUR PARISH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. 25 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	David Kristovich Sharon Kristovich Tom Murray, Sam Easton		
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 26 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Landen Douglas		
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy Ben Laws, Jay Ehlman Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo, Nolan Kiser		
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers	Rob Shanahan Penny Devall Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank		

TRAVELING MONSTRANCE

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. It will soon be at our parish.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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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 Elizabeth Kelley at the Holy Cross parish office if you have any questions.

> SPEND TIME WITH JESUS THIS WEEK! We have 3 opportunities for

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon, 11/20 @ 6:30 PM - Traveling Monstrance Holy Hour

Wed, 11/22 @ 6:30 PM - Monthly Encounter Jesus Holy Hour

Fri, 11/24 from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM - Black Friday Adoration (take a break from shopping!)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 20				
7:00 a.m.	Dominador Mendoza			
Tuesday, November 21				
7:00 a.m.	Mary Sue Shay			
Wednesday, November 22				
6:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court #1070			
Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving9:00 a.m.Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle				
Friday, November 24				
8:15 a.m.	Stanley Widlowski			
Saturday, November 25				
5:30 p.m.	David Smith			
Sunday, November 26				
8:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners			
10:00 a.m.	Rosemary Decker			
4:00 p.m.	Cusano-Pera Families			

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; Frank Hartman; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Hettinger, Painter, and Wagner Families.

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!

OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go

with Adam Lawrence and Jordyn Koerner, who were married here on November 11th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!

NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Jack Timothy Reardon and William Thomas Reardon, sons of Matthew and Katelyn Reardon. Let us support little Jack and William on their faith journey!

Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, Nov. 24th, will be at 9:00 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 22nd through Friday, Nov. 24th. We will open Monday, Nov. 27th.



HOLY CROSS ADVENT PROJECT



encouraged in this year of Eucharistic Revival to come to daily Mass to strengthen

our faith by receiving the precious body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As a physical sign of your effort in this area, bring with you an item for the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry or diapers for the Pro-Life Ministry each time you come to Mass.

A calendar with suggested items will be placed in the November 26th bulletin. It's called a reverse Advent calendar, so instead of getting a candy or trinket each day leading up to Christmas, you give something in love and thanksgiving for all God has given to you.

Boxes will be placed in the church vestibule for the donated items. Sponsored by Holy Cross parish and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Champaign County #1070.



What a fabulous time we had last week at our Cabaret Fundraiser! We were so fortunate to have incredibly talented musicians- Geoff Poor, David Thies, & Bobby Poynton, accompanied by Noah Brooks (drums), Eli Naragon (bass), Ethan Dymit (Guitar), & Kyle Hunt (trombone). Our librarian of 26 years, Sherri Bolen, spoke beautifully on behalf of our school. Former principals, Rose Costello & Joe McDaniel were our always entertaining emcees. Many thanks to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and all who came out for the evening in support of Holy Cross School! Last but not least, thank you to our Cabaret committee-Eric Meyer, Steve Carter, Rose Costello, Joe McDaniel, Erin Mitchell, & Stephanie Rank-They sure know how to throw a party!

We will have a future announcement on how the proceeds were used to benefit our school. Thank you to all who came out and donated to the cause!



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.

Giving Tree

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!





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 vou ioin us?

Collection

Offering for Nov.11th/12th	\$7,516.50
Development Fund	\$715.00

Fiscal Year 2023/24						
	October Contributions	July-Oct Contributions	July-Oct Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus		
Sundays & Holy Days	38,333.95	137,411.35	133,333.33	4,078.02		
Automatic Contributions	9,350.00	37,800.00	38,333.33	(533,33)		
Online Giving	10,359.85	39,870.26	36,666,67	3,203.59		
Subtotal	58,043.80	215,081.61	208,333.33	6,748.28		
HC Tuition Assistance	1,694.50	7,678.00	8,333.33	(655.33)		
STM Tuition Assistance	620.00	2,278.00	2,000.00	278.00		
Development Fund	2,107.20	9,069.20	16,666.67	(7,597.47)		



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

<u>Madrigal Dinner December 8th & 9th.</u> The Fine Arts Department of The High School of St. Thomas More is announcing the 23rd annual Madrigal Dinners, taking place Friday, Dec. 8th and Saturday, Dec. 9th at 7 p.m. in the STM cafeteria. Come and celebrate the Christmas Season with our lords and ladies at the Madrigal Dinner Feast. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner and the performance. Visit <u>https://stmmusicanddrama.ludus.com/index.php</u>

Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year

STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to <u>www.hs-stm.org</u> 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 <u>admissions@hs-stm.org</u>. 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.

<u>7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits</u>: 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 <u>hs-stm.org</u> and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at <u>admissions@hs-stm.org</u>.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR WORKERS

St Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow you supported Jesus and Mary. Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for

those God has given me to support. Teach me to see the face of Christ in my fellow workers so that I may be generous and forgiving toward others. Amen.



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

From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

With Thanksgiving coming this week, we must take time to be thankful. Be thankful to God, be thankful for Jesus, be thankful for the gift of life, be thankful for your family and friends, and be thankful for our Holy Cross Community.

The school staff wish each and everyone of you a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. 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.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inspired by Gospel values and leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Holy Cross/St. Matthew Conference is blessed by the generosity of our parishioners who make this outreach possible. Your collective food and generous financial contributions enabled us to assist 1100+ individuals this past year throughout the greater Champaign county this fiscal year. Thank you to all those parishioners whose financial support and various staple items made this possible! We want to also express our special thanks to the students at Holy Cross, St Matthew and St Thomas More for all the thought and efforts they put into their respective canned food drives, special events, and gift bags they provided throughout the year on behalf of those in need! Please know that you have our deepest appreciation for all your thoughtfulness and caring efforts!

Please continue your support and keep the members of St Vincent de Paul Society and those they help in your prayers. Our donation poor boxes are located in the vestibule of the Church, and during the months of November / December we would greatly appreciate donations of boxed cereals / canned (or plastic bottles of spaghetti sauce or soups as well as personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair soaps, or deodorant sticks.

Last but certainly not least, please also note that we are actively seeking additional volunteer members to grow our SVDP team. We currently meet twice a month on Saturday morning (9–10 a.m.) to provide "drive through" food pantry assistance to those in need within our local community. Should you wish additional information either to join us or to further inquire about the assistance we offer, please feel free to contact the parish office or reach out to Julie Franklin, SVDP President @ (309) 826-5370.

"... For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." ~ Matthew 25: 34-46

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!

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



CATHOLIC SAINTS

In this collection, you can find interviews on dozens of the lives of the saints. Learn about Sts. Monica, Augustine, Stephen, Philip Neri, Catherine of Siena, and more!



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: SIGN OF CONTRADICTION

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a new breathtaking film on St. Fran-

cis of Assisi featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM CAP, Mother Olga Yacob, and more. Francis was a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was oftentimes left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Jesus Christ that his darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. When the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction. Ultimately, this film is about conversion: his and ours. Find out more at 4pmmedia.com and thewildgooseisloose.com

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

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