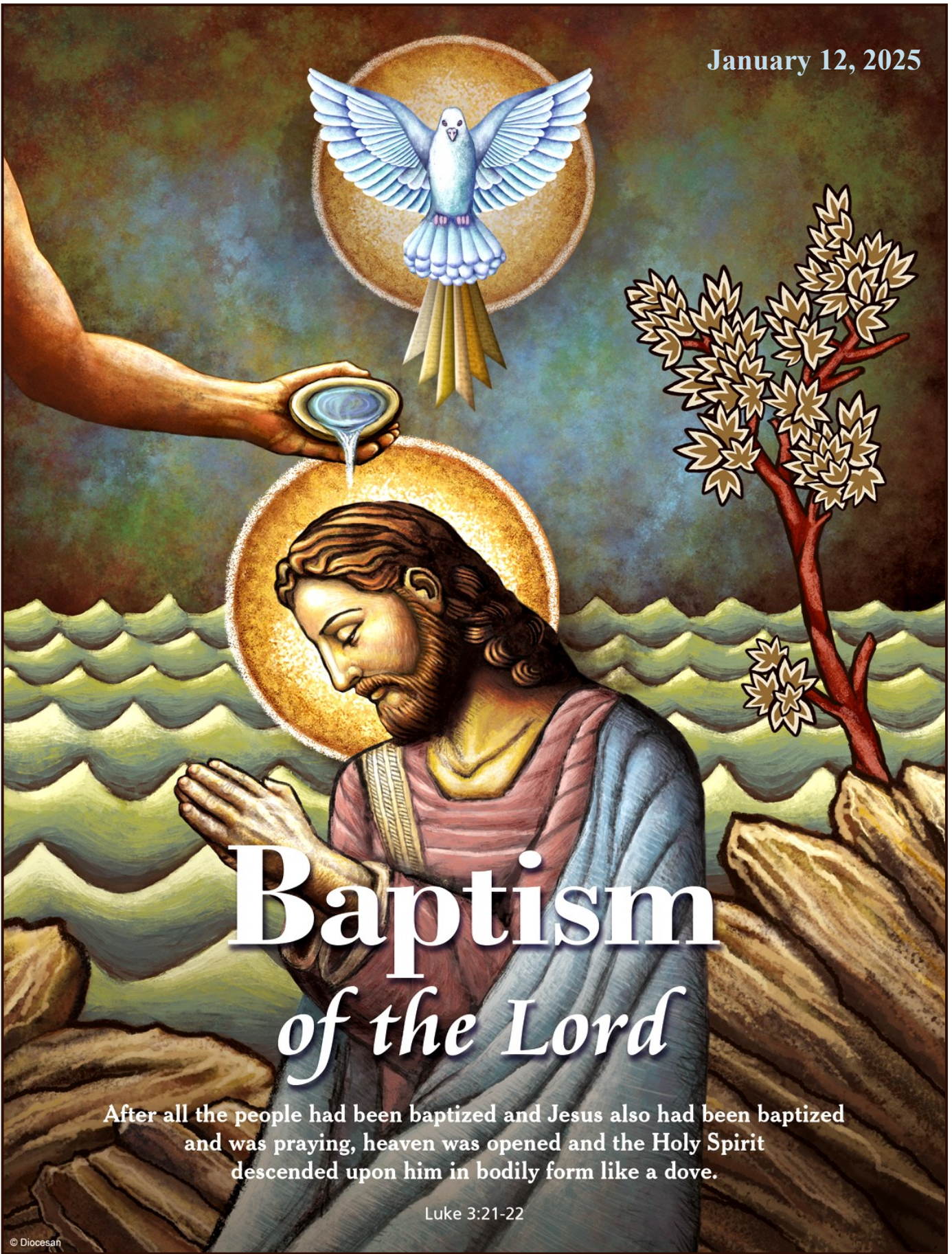


January 12, 2025



Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

John the Baptist, while preaching the gospel of repentance, proclaims that although he baptizes with water, one is soon to come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to John to receive the gift of baptism at the river Jordan. The sky is opened and the Trinity is made manifest as the voice of the Father is resounds, and the Holy Spirit descends upon the Son in the form of a dove. It is at this moment that the sacrament of baptism is instituted, and Jesus' public ministry is initiated. This mystery teaches us of the extraordinary gift of the faith. In baptism, by no claim of our own, we are invited into God's family.

We are to go forth spreading the goodness of His name and healing those with which we live.

<https://www.rosary.com/37/meditations-on-the-luminous-mysteries/>

Excerpt from *A Eucharistic Christmas: Advent Meditations of the Presence of Christ*

Introduce Jesus to Others

Pope Benedict XVI, you will recall, stated that the Eucharist is "the source of the Church's evangelizing mission." Since this is the case, what will the hour of power do for us as we try to bring the Good News to those around us?

Time spent before the Eucharist deepens our personal encounter with Christ himself. He becomes more real to us and our faith increases. This is important for evangelization because faith has two critical elements, belief and trust. Faith is the "the conviction of things not seen: (Hebrews 11:1). We do not see Christ in the Holy Eucharist with the eyes of our body, but with the eyes of faith: We know and believe he is really present, Body, Blood, soul, and divinity. To paraphrase St. Thomas Aquinas's beautiful hymn, "Tantum Ergo," faith will tell us Christ is present when our human senses fail.

Regarding trust, faith is "the assurance of things hoped for" ("Hebrews 11:1). Once our faith moves us to believe in Jesus's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we also experience a growing desire for others to love him, even the whole world. Like St. Andrew, after our personal stay with Jesus, we will lose no time going out to bring family, friends, strangers, and yes, even enemies of the Church to Jesus.

None of us can introduce someone to a person we don't know or can't find. If we are rooted in Eucharistic devotion, we know who Jesus is and where we can always find him. As someone once put it, the measure of our holiness and effectiveness with others is the degree in which God becomes real in our lives. Where can Jesus become more real for us than in the Blessed Sacrament?

When we are before our Eucharistic Lord, we should ask that he anoint our words, written and spoken, so they convey the convincing power of the Spirit and not simply the wisdom of men (see 1 Corinthians 2:4-5). Furthermore, we must plead with Jesus so that those we evangelize are disposed to receive him, his message and his Church.

--Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R.

A Thought for Reflection

The best way to get to know someone is to spend time with them. As the disciples spent time with Jesus in his daily life, so we are able to spend time with the in the Eucharist. He is the same now as he was when he walked on the earth. The more we get to know him, the more we can help others get to know him.

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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.

The Baptism of the Lord

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.	Jan. 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Duncan Oliveira Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson Ethan Weldy, Emma Lwao
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 19 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Sue Berndt, Ray Tucker Nicolette Burton, Violet Grace
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan No Ministers Sam Easton, Matthew Woodward



Thank You to our Art & Decoration Ministry for your many hours of dedication toward making Holy Cross a beautiful space in which to worship. When it comes to Christmas décor, Holy Cross takes top honors!

Thank You to our talented *Music Ministry* for your inspiring songs, and the beautiful organ music by our top-notch organist Jonathan Young. The choir concert before Midnight Mass was so inspirational.

Thank you to all of the Liturgical Ministers: Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, and Altar Servers who signed up to help with the Christmas and New Year Masses.

And many thanks for the generous contributions toward all the needs of Holy Cross Parish and School.

~ Always Home, Always Family ~

HOLY CROSS EMAIL LIST

Do you receive our Sunday morning emails? Each week we send out an email about parish & school happenings, links to Mass, readings, reflections, and so much more! Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to our email list!



JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST



COFFEE AND DONUTS -- Brr! It's cold outside! Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses and warm up with a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation.

Join old friends, make new friends.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Connor, Edgar, & Ingersoll Families

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. All Souls

Wednesday, January 15

6:00 p.m. Marjorie May

Thursday, January 16

7:00 a.m. In honor of Daniel Forrester & Family

Friday, January 17

8:15 a.m. Bill Lynch

Saturday, January 18

5:30 p.m. Tom Cosgrove

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. David Atchley

10:00 a.m. Julia Cleta Glennon

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Karen Santarelli and Laurence Head. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 January we are praying the Rosary for Holy Cross Parish to become a Eucharistic Parish

Collections

Offering for Christmas.....	\$5,455.91
Offering for December 28th/29th.....	\$8,784.54
Offering for January 4th/5th.....	\$8,949.30
Tuition Assistance.....	\$559.00

Thank you very much!



ATTENTION! CURSILLO IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN! Men, feel like you would like to increase your faith life, find a way to become a better Christian and grow as a man of God. There will

be a Men's Cursillo coming to St. Patrick's in Urbana, IL on the weekend of Feb. 14-16, 2025. Register now for 3 days of talks, laughter, fun, music, mass, and discussion and a great time with other guys seeking the same thing. For more information. Contact Dick Baxley @ 217-377-0318 or go to champaigncursillo.com



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 

The Vicariate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is at St. Matthew Church: Available to everyone in our Vicariate and open 24 hrs/day. Keycard access required. For assistance, contact Joe Taylor at the St. Matthew parish office. To sign up for a Holy Hour, go to stmatt.weadorehim.com

Spring Schedule

Wednesday Morning Meetings

9-10:45 am in the parish center unless noted otherwise

January 8 - Pray the Rosary

January 22 - Speaker Karen Dina

February 5 - Adoration

February 19 - Lent Podcast

March 12 - Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows

March 26 - Moms' Panel

April 9 - Confession

April 23 - Easter Egg Hunt

May 7 - Speaker - Msgr. Brownsey or Fr. Joe

May 21 - Spa Day

Nights Out

7 pm unless noted otherwise

January 14 - Watson's Champaign

February 7 - Smith Burger Co in Champaign

March 12 - St. Patrick's Day Potluck

April 23 - Ko Fusion in Champaign

May 2 - Taco Fiesta at Martha Hurtado's

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Moms' Group
facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms
hcmomsgroup@gmail.com



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2024 for tax planning purposes, please fill out this form, cut it out, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Or you can also email your request to:

office@holycrosscatholic.org.
Or call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

NAME: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Thank you for the many generous gifts to the Flower Fund. Donations have been made in the memory of Harold, Joann, Charles, and Steve Heidbreder; Kevin Hodge; Hettinger, Painter and Wagner Families; Frank Hartman; Finn Oliveira; Rein and Cobb Families; William and Beverly Lynch; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; Gene, Elaine, and Ross Mayor; Walker and Espeseth Families; Bingaman and Cosgrove Families; and Tom and Anne Corkery, John and Catherine Murray; Ethel G. Cox, Eve and Elmer Corkery; Rein and Cobb Families; Ed and Jean Bown; Janet Compton; Dick and Peggy Valentine; Dick and Lucille York; Regina Robinson; Elmer and Sylvia Nicklas; John and Joyce Hipskind; Robert and Verna Kerber; Kiernan, Hogan, and Kase Families.

Thank you again for your generosity



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

The Parish Office still has many Candles with the names of loved ones who have passed and were honored during the Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day.

Please come by the parish office (8:30 - 4:00, Mon- Fri) to pick up the candle of your loved one. If you know of anyone that might have a candle, please let them know that we still have them. If someone cannot make it during the office hours, please call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 and we can arrange for you to pick it up over the weekend.

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Mark your calendars to attend Holy Cross School's Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Saturday February 22, 2025!! It's the biggest PTC fundraiser and a night you won't want to miss.

The theme for this year's Trivia Night will be "Out of This World"!!

Hot & cold appetizers are served, along with beer and wine.

Holy Cross PTC Presents

OUT OF THIS WORLD

13TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Holy Cross School, Gymnasium
Doors Open at 5 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm
Formal Invitation to Follow!



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

Save the Date! Join us Saturday, February 8th, 2025 for our 25th Jubilee Gala at Pear Tree Estate. We invite you to an evening of elegance, celebration, feasting, and mirth! Help celebrate 25 years of STM and our amazing Saber family. The event will benefit two upgrades to our school: the HVAC control panel and our sound and lighting systems for our cafetorium. More information is coming soon!

Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders: 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, shadow visits give prospective students 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 on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025. STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions 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!

Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM! Star Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Rome Odunze will be having a youth football camp for ages 6-16 here at STM on July 12th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, go to: <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps-1/rome-odunze-champaign%2C-il>

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



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Did you Know?

**YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE**

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2025-2026 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Schools and then under John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist at the bottom of the webpage for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2025-2026 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is April 25, 2025. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2025.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

May our schools continue to be beacons of light which enable all to live the Gospel message – 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'
 (John 13:34)



**The 2024-25 High School of St. Thomas More
 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 High School of St. Thomas More Annual Spring Gala at Pear Tree Estate on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. Nominations are being accepted through Monday, January 13th, 2025. 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.



Paideia award nomination form:
<https://forms.gle/zqs7Pw3damGzqFic9>



Distinguished Alumni award nomination form:
<https://forms.gle/uneNQdPQrNoUAutp7>

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HOSTIA: THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF THE EUCHARIST

"This powerful and inspiring film begins with the Gospel accounts of how Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist. It explains how the sacrifices and offerings in the Old Testament prefigured the perfect and final sacrifice in Jesus Christ Himself—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The constant belief of Christians in the Real Presence throughout history is clearly demonstrated along with examples of heroic witnesses for the Faith. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is explained as the center of the Christian life where Jesus becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The practices of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are presented as the real power behind any evangelization and essential to reviving faith in every Catholic parish.



BREAD OF LIFE: THE EUCHARIST IN GALILEE

Christ's teaching about 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 in Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up.

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Pro-Life News

Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil



January 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church,
2010 3 Hierarchs Ct, Champaign, IL 61820

Featuring speaker Hope Miller.

Director of Youth Outreach, Pro-Life Action League

We honor and pray for all those lives lost and affected by abortion. Join us for scripture readings, song, rose and candle pre-session, testimony and fellowship with Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox Churches and individuals.

Free. Refreshments following.

Good-will offerings gratefully accepted.

**Sponsoring Churches:
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- Mahomet Christian Church
- Meadowbrook Community Church
- Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Mahomet
- Rising Hope Church, Urbana
- Savoy United Methodist Church
- St. Matthew Catholic Church
- St. Patrick Catholic Church, Urbana
- St. Philomena Catholic Church, Monticello
- Stratford Park Bible Chapel
- Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church
- Windsor Road Christian Church



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 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, Fotzler & LoGrasso 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 & Mary 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
Hershberger & 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
Theresa Brya

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.
Dan Crawmer