

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

I have a
dream
that my
four
little
children
will one
day live
in a
nation
where
they will
not be
judged by
the color
of their
skin but
by the
content
of their
character.

- Martin
Luther
King, Jr.

WE MUST **ACCEPT** FINITE
DISAPPOINTMENT,
BUT NEVER LOSE INFINITE
HOPE



AS WE HONOR DR. KING,
LET US REMEMBER HIS MESSAGES OF NON-VIOLENCE,
TOLERANCE, AND UNITY ARE AS IMPORTANT
TODAY AS THEY WERE OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



EXCERPT FROM *A Eucharistic Christmas:* *ADVENT MEDITATIONS ON THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST*

A Tremendous Privilege

To prepare ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, St. Alphonsus recommends we stir up "a great desire to receive Jesus Christ and his holy love," with a view of advancing in divine love. We should take great care that we do not go to Communion as just another act within the ceremony of the Mass. We should see it as the tremendous privilege it is, rather than as an obligation. We should desire to receive Jesus with a view to loving him more and advancing in love of God. If fervent love is not present, then something is drastically missing. We should frequently ask ourselves whether the component of love is present in our relationship with Jesus, and most especially in the sacrament of love, the Holy Eucharist.

Looking again at St. Alphonsus's words that 'only those who are famishing will receive their fill at this sacred banquet,' let us be aware that the ones who are really satisfied, who feel enriched, and who experience healing in their lives are those who truly hunger and yearn for Jesus and not for healing in itself. Remember the blind man who called out, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me." He did not call out, "Jesus, come and heal my blindness." First he acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. First he sought the Healer. He sought the healing only after Jesus asked him, "What do you want?" We too have to seek the Healer before we seek the healing.

-John Hampsch, C.M.F.

A Thought for Reflection

Today we are reminded to come to Holy Communion with a hunger for the gift of God. We find many ways to distract ourselves from our true spiritual hunger. Our culture offers so much noise that keeps us from acknowledging the central place Jesus should have in our hearts. What distracts you? How can you prepare to receive the Eucharist more reflectively?

Oh Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament,

Make me ready to receive you in Holy Communion. I never want to take you for granted or be complacent about your gift to me. Forgive my sins so I can receive you worthily. I turn my focus to your love, your truth, and your promises. Thank you for the gift I am about to receive. Feed me with the food that satisfies the deepest desires of my heart.

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



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

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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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Greg Koerner, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

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.

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.	Jan. 20 Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman Servers: Ethan Weldy, Sam Easton
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 21 Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: Lynette Barham, Mary Shelden Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Terry Sturdyvin, Ben Laws, Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman Servers: Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Jan Weber, Juliann Seebauer Servers: James Linnenburger, Ithuriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 15

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Barbara Leathers

Wednesday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Alan Nogel

Thursday, January 18

7:00 a.m. Tom Cosgrove

Friday, January 19

8:15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 20

5:30 p.m. Teresse Krause

Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Tom Mullen
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you, to all of you who committed to spending half an hour, or one hour, in front of the Blessed Sacrament during Friday Eucharistic Adoration last year. Because of you, we were able to continue Adoration all year, even when the students were not in school. Now that we are into the new year, we need to make sure that you all can continue the times you originally signed up for, so we can continue Adoration all year again. If you cannot, please call Penny Devall at 217-398-2878.

We invite other parishioners to consider committing to a time slot, so that there is more than one person in the church. Please pray about it, and if you find that you have been called to make this commitment, please contact Penny.

Everyone who has made the commitment, needs to write their name on the signup sheet by the main doors in the appropriate time slot *before* Friday. This way, the office staff can see what time slots are open. If there is no name, they think no one will come! So, when you are at Mass over the weekend, please take a few minutes before leaving to fill in your name. Wouldn't it be great if all the time slots were filled in this time of Eucharistic Revival!

If you know you cannot make your allotted time, please try and find a substitute. Many blessings flow when we spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you have not yet made a New Year's resolution, this would be a great one to consider.

If you have questions, please call Penny at 217-398-2878.



BEREAVED PARENTS OF THE USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. **this Sunday, January 14th** 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.

Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

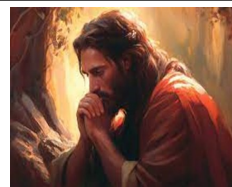
2nd Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass
--> in the Parish Center

Come and learn more about our faith!

4th Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass
--> in the church

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Come and spend time with Him!



COFFEE AND DONUTS -- Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for 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.

THE ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

January 22, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Windsor Road Christian Church,
2501 West Windsor Rd, Champaign, IL 61822

Theme: "The Power of an Open Heart"

Speaker: Joy Pace, Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee

For more information:

[Facebook.com/prolifeprayervigilofcentralillinois](https://www.facebook.com/prolifeprayervigilofcentralillinois)

[Or email ProLifePrayerVigil@gmail.com](mailto:ProLifePrayerVigil@gmail.com)

Join us for this Free event! Reception and fellowship follows.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Flower Fund that made our sanctuary beautiful!

Donations have been made in memory of

Kevin Hodge; Frank Hartman; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Hettinger, Painter, and Wagner Families; Harold, Jo Ann, and Charles Heidbreder; Dolores and Wayne Wade; John and Clara Rakers; Cochrane and O'Brien Families; Helen Vedder; Bingaman and Cosgrove Families; Dick and Peggy Valentine, Dick and Lucille York; Barbara Leathers; Elisha Mary Robert and Catherine Swanson; Elmer and Sylvia Nicklas; Tony Rein; Gene, Elaine and Ross Mayor; Cacioppo, Giuffre and Schwenk Families; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; Regina Robinson; Ed and Jean Bown; Donna Menacher; Tom and Anne Corkery, Ethel G. Cox, and John F. and C. Joan Murray; and Alice McDuffee.



CURSILLO WEEKEND FOR MEN

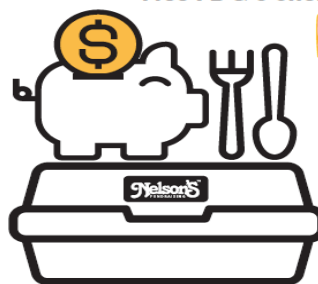
Champaign-Urbana area men! A Men's Cursillo weekend will be held Jan, 26-28, 2024 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Urbana. What a great way to start the new year by joining other men, strengthening your faith in Christ and His Church!

Contact Greg Koerner gkoerner@ymail.com or Cathy Koerner cathkern007@gmail.com for information.



DRIVE THRU • DINE IN Cluckin' for Catholic Education Chicken Dinner

\$15 per meal. Grilled 1/2 chicken, Nelson's cheddar cheese potatoes and southern style green beans, & a roll.
Free PB & J offered for indoor dining.



benefitting Catholic
Education at Holy
Cross School &
St. Patrick's



We are kicking off Catholic Schools week with the Annual Cluckin' for Catholic Education Chicken Dinner!

Saturday, January 27th

Dine in or Drive Thru 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Parish Center

All proceeds benefit Catholic Education at Holy Cross & St. Patrick's! Tickets on sale now online at <https://nelsonscatering.com/Holy-Cross> or available at the Parish Offices.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Please consider volunteering for Meals on Wheels. We need at least 4 people for the week of **February 12th thru 16th**. It consists of 1 to 2 hours of delivering meals to senior citizens each day of that week, starting around 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for Meals on Wheels, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 to sign up or for more information. Thank You!



INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2023 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): _____



FOR THOSE AGE 70½

There is good news if you have reached age 70½ and you would like to help (your parish, school, ministry). If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to (your parish, school, ministry) during 2023 and have it distributed free of federal income tax!

What a wonderful opportunity for those 70½ to help (parish, school, ministry). Please contact the custodian of your IRA or your tax advisor.

Collections

Offering for Dec.30th/31st.....\$9,915.88

Offering for Jan. 6th/7th.....\$7,995.37

Thank You Very Much!



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

Spring Gala and Raffle Tickets: The High School of St. Thomas More Gala Cash Raffle tickets are available for purchase, please contact the high school at 217.352.7210 to purchase tickets. Payment options are cash or check. The tickets are one for \$20 or three for \$50. Cash prizes are \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$500. The drawing will take place at our 2024 Gala on **Saturday, February 3rd**, at the Pear Tree Estate. Presence is not required to win. Must be 18+ to participate. Proceeds from the gala will fund roof replacement and to support our staff. To purchase Gala tickets visit: stm gala2024.givesmart.com

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 questions? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

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.

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for 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.



We are still in need of
**LECTORS and
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of one of these ministries. Call 217-352-8748 or Email office@holycrosscatholic.org. Thank you!

MOMS' GROUP IS SEEKING CHILDCARE

during their bi-monthly Wednesday morning meeting from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. from January to May 2024. If you are interested, please contact Lori, Sarah, or Rachel at hcmomsgroup@gmail.com



Childcare allows the moms to concentrate on faith and fellowship without interruption.

"It takes a village to raise a child,
please consider joining our village!"



Holy Cross School

217-356-9521

www.holycrosselem.org

Upcoming dates for Holy Cross School:

January 24: PTC Meeting at 7 p.m. in School Library

January 27: Cluckin' for Catholic Education -

Tickets on sale at the Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parish offices - \$15 per person (fund raiser)

February 2: Bingo (fund raiser)

February 24: Trivia Night (fund raiser)

April 8: Family Night Out (fund raiser)

May 3: Bingo (fund raiser)

May 10: Hot Dog Day 2.0

May 13: Family Night Out at Custard Cup (fund raiser)

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Holy Cross PTC presents

Happy ALL-idays

12th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 24, 2024

Appetizers and Bar open at 5:00 pm.
Trivia contest at 7:00 pm.
Silent Auction, Raffle, & Games through the night!
Prize to best dressed table!

Silent Auction runs online February 17th-24th.

 \$40/person - \$320 table of 8
Registration online at:
hctrivianight24.givesmart.com
or text hctrivianight24 to 76278

Registration closes February 17th.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
JANUARY 2024**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

Adult Formation



Jesus and the Eucharist

ADULT FORMATION SPRING STUDY: JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through *the Jesus and the Eucharist* study. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study.

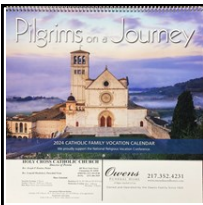
Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us:

Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM or Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 AM
February 5, 12, 19, 26 February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 4, 11, 18 March 5, 12, 19

There is no fee for this study!

Call the parish office, 217-352-8748, or email Elizabeth Kelley, elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org to register.



2024 CALENDARS

are available next to the bulletins as you exit the church after Mass, as well as in the Parish Office. Many thanks to Owens Funeral Home for providing us with complementary calendars every year!

Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

Pro-Life Discussion Group

The Pro-Life Group is held every 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Next meeting: **January 15th** at 3:30 p.m. We will be moving to Holy Cross for in-person meetings again. Please contact Joy at:

joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information. This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything – from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion – and living a pro-life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!

Prayerful Support We are praying for all pro-life supporters and benefactors, those who do pro-life work, and every person and family helped by pro-life efforts. We have arranged for these Mass intentions every 4-6 weeks at Holy Cross.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

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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.