

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and
take it to the headwaiter.”

John 2:7-8



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



“WE HAVE TO PAY PROPER RESPECT TO OUR LORD”

The great treasure of the Catholic Church is the Eucharist — Jesus himself hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. We believe, as the Catechism states, that “In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (CCC 1374).

Additionally, this Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not end immediately when we receive him at Communion time. The Catechism goes on to explain how, “The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist” (CCC 1377).

What does that mean when we receive him into our mouths? How long does Jesus’ Real Presence remain in our bodies?

There is a famous story from the life of Saint Philip Neri that helps answer that question. One day while he was celebrating Mass, a man received Holy Communion and left the church early. The man appeared to have no regard for the Presence within him and so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow the man outside of the church. After a while walking through the streets of Rome, the man turned around to see the altar boys still following him. Confused, the man returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he sent the altar boys. Saint Philip Neri responded by saying, “We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place.” The man was stunned by the response and resolved to be more aware of God’s presence in the future.

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species remains for about 15 minutes after reception. This is based on simple biology and reflects the Catechism’s statement that the presence of Christ “endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist.”

This is why many saints have recommended offering 15 minutes of prayer after receiving the Eucharist as a thanksgiving to God. This allows the soul to savor the presence of God and have a true “heart-to-heart” with Jesus.

In our fast paced world it is often difficult to remain long after Mass, but that doesn’t mean we can’t at least pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving. The main point is that we need to remember Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with our Lord and feel his love within us.

<https://www.knightsoftheholyeucharist.com/daily-eucharistic-reflections/harist>



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
There will be a Holy Hour after each Wednesday Mass in January**

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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MASSSES

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.

Second Sunday of 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. 25 Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Kathy Murray Servers: Tom Murray, Brody Oliveira
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 26 Lector: Justin Karduck EMHC: Sue Berndt, Ray Tucker Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Murphy EMHC: John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Margie Hoss, Terry Sturdyvin Servers: Brooke McMahon, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Ed Seebauer EMHC: Juliann Seebauer Servers: Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



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.

Martin Luther King Jr.
January 15, 1929
Observance Jan. 20, 2025



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.

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
Offering for 11th/12th.....	\$7,269.50

There will be **NO** Adoration on Friday, January 24th due to a funeral Mass.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 a.m. All Souls

Wednesday, January 22

6:00 p.m. Marjorie May

Thursday, January 23

7:00 a.m. In honor of Matt and Samantha Petrucci and Family

Friday, January 24

8:15 a.m. Nancy (Nolan) Madigan

Saturday, January 25

5:30 p.m. Deceased Relatives of Richard Kimpel

Sunday, January 26

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Mary Lou Tempel

4:00 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Aileesha Potter and Linda Smith. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO NETWORK PILGRIMAGE

Catholic Spirit Radio Network invites you to join them on a Pilgrimage to Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama and EWTN Studios in Irondale, Alabama from **Monday, August 18, 2025 to Thursday, August 21, 2025**. For more details go to our website: catholicspiritradi.com and click on the EWTN Pilgrimage tab in the menu. There is limited seating and the Early Bird Special ends on January 31, 2025. For questions, call Kathy at (309) 828-6554 or Jerry at (630) 514-6221

Thank you from SWANN Special Care Center!

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

On behalf of all of the residents and us here at Swann, I would like to thank you for all of the Christmas gift donations that you shared. No doubt, you made our residents smile and get excited as they receive their Christmas gifts.

We truly appreciate you for sharing your blessings to our residents.

Merry Christmas and may God shower you with more blessings. Thank you so much and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

-Swann Special Care Center-



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



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

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



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): _____

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Register NOW 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
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

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

Silent Auction runs online February 15th-22nd

Registration closes February 17th!

\$50/person - \$400 table of 8
Registration online at:
hctrivianight25.givesmart.com



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. Register to attend the event at <http://stmgala2025.givesmart.com>. If interested in being an event sponsor please contact us at give@hs-stm.org.

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 srmbriidget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



Holy Cross School
 217-356-9521
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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>



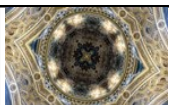
[Footprints of God with Stephen Ray](#)
PAUL: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Zealous for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus was determined to stamp out this new cult surrounding Jesus of Nazareth by whatever means necessary, including extreme violence and murder. But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was humbled by Jesus himself. Join Stephen Ray as he takes you on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert, hang in a basket over the Damascus Wall, cling to driftwood in the sea, and stride along ancient Roman roads. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mary's words at the wedding feast at Cana - "Do whatever he tells you" - offers two examples of prompt obedience and Christian discipleship. May Mary's words encourage us to show our trust in Jesus by promptly obeying him in all things, filling our "jars to the brim" in whatever he may ask of us.



[Why Believe? Volume 1](#)

THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

Dr. Elizabeth Klein draws out the theological implications of Gaetano Gandalfi's Renaissance painting The Marriage at Cana, which can serve for fruitful reflection on the Mass in which we celebrate anew the "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9).

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:
 (all Champaign unless noted)**

- Community Evangelical Free Church of Mahomet
- Grace Church, Mahomet
- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Living Water Center for Biblical Life, Monticello
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- 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



PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP. Every 3rd

Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. We will be in the Holy Cross mezzanine (second floor of the Parish Center), 405 W. Clark St. We are currently unpacking Gender Ideology **Next meeting:** Jan. 19th at 3:30 p.m.

Please contact Joy at: joypace@msn.com or (217) 840-0322 for more info.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

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