

Catholic Schools

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10



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Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"Today this scripture
passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



Beautiful, pure, good...you!

"During the course of the day, recall as often as possible that you are in God's presence. Consider what God does and what you are doing. You will see His eyes turned toward you and constantly fixed on you with incomparable love."

"As mountain hares become white in winter because they neither see nor eat anything but snow, so by adoring and feeding on beauty, purity and goodness itself in the Eucharist you will become altogether beautiful, pure, and good."

--St Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church in France ~ 1567-1622

"After having conferred Holy Orders on a pious young man, St Francis de Sales noticed that the newly ordained priest hesitated before a door as if to let someone pass before him. 'Why do you pause?' asked the saint. 'God favors me with the sight of my guardian angel,' replied the priest. 'Before I was ordained to the holy priesthood, my angel always remained at my right and preceded me. Now he walks at the left and refuses to go before me.' Such is the great veneration which the angelic spirits show even God's ministers because of their reverence for the Blessed Sacrament."

--From *The Guardian Angels: Our Heavenly Companions*

St Francis de Sales, pray for us!

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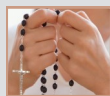


33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

Next week concludes our 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. We will invite those who are making the consecration to pray the consecration prayer during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Those not attending the Mass are asked to offer their consecration prayer privately after the other Masses.

PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS -

Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday.



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 is a Holy Hour after each Wednesday Mass in January

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Msgr. Brian Brownsey
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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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.

Third 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.	Feb. 1 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Kathy Murray Servers: Tom Murray, Emma Lwao
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Feb. 2 Lector: Sue Berndt EMHC: Barry Dickerson, Ray Tucker Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: SCOUTS EMHC: SCOUTS Servers: Sam Easton, James Linnenburger, Joey Haggin, Ethan Weldy
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Jan Weber Servers: Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank




Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 27 7:00 a.m.	William and Beverly Lynch
Tuesday, January 28 7:00 a.m.	Mary Walsh
Wednesday, January 29 6:00 p.m.	Santiago Gonzalez
Thursday, January 30 7:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday, January 31 8:15 a.m.	Dana Bishop
Saturday, February 1 5:30 p.m.	Angela Seaman
Sunday, February 2 8:00 a.m.	Waunita Perrodin
10:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m.	Stephen Primmer



SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 2ND and the Scouts will have a **Pancake Breakfast** next Sunday during Coffee and Donut Shop! Come to the Parish Center after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses to enjoy a Pancake breakfast hosted by the Scouts!

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.



The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 29th due to a Staff Formation Day / Retreat. Thank you for your understanding.

The Holiness of the Priest depends on the Holiness of the Parishioners.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Sunday, January 26: Celebrating Our Parish

Student-created prayer cards distributed at the Masses
Middle school choir to sing at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses
Catholic Schools All-School Art Exhibit at STM from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Monday, January 27: Celebrating Our Community

Souper Bowl – students may wear their favorite football team top (NFL or college) - with school uniform bottom - for a donation of cans of soup for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Tuesday, January 28: Celebrating Our Students

School Open House
11:00to 11:30 a.m. – World Missionary Rosary – showing appreciation for our Catholic faith and education by praying for our brothers and sisters around the globe – in classrooms or at the Parish Center

Wednesday, January 29: Celebrating Our Nation

Thursday, January 30: Celebrating Vocations

Father Chase Hilgenbrinck to speak about Vocations
PTC luncheon for Faculty and Staff
Kindergarten Readiness Information Night for preschool and kindergarten – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center Great Hall

Friday, January 31: Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

8:15 a.m. – All-School Mass & 2nd quarter Honor Roll
Talent Show in the afternoon – time TBA – school gym



BINGO IN FEBRUARY!



Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, February 7th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games of Bingo! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people.) Daubers are \$1 or bring your own!

Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. as well. Cans of Soda are available for \$1. Lemonade, Tea, Water provided at no charge.

Snacks and Deserts available.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.



Men's Cursillo has been postponed to July. The new dates are July 25-27. Thank You.

ATTENTION! CURSILLO IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN! Men, feel like you increase your faith life, find a better Christian and 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.

Postponed to July

For more information. Contact Greg Taylor @ 217-369-1515.



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 stmatthewadorem.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): _____

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

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

Registration closes February 17th!



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: catholicspiritradio.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



A Family Blessing

Lord of all, bless our families, be they formed by blood or by circumstance. Make them holy.. May we find you in our relationships, in our marriages, in our families, in our households, in our communities, in our global humanity.

May we look across all that divides us and see family, and embrace as a family does, and love as a family ought to. For where two or three gather in your name, there are you. Amen.



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

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From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

Why do children go to school? You're probably thinking, "That's obvious. To learn, of course!" But is academic knowledge, alone, the end goal of the learning experience? What if the educational process could deliver on more than just one outcome? A Catholic education is a one-of-a-kind learning experience because it focuses on more than just academics. Holy Cross believes that nurturing the entire person in mind, body, and spirit is necessary for a happy, healthy, and balanced student. Holy Cross provides the students with the invaluable opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their passions, create community, strengthen their sense of self, and come to know God all in one place. Please continue to support Holy Cross School.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

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.**



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

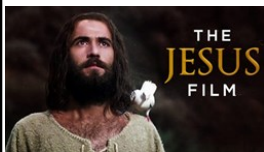
Thank you for the many generous gifts to the Flower Fund. Donations have been made in the memory of Harold, Joann, Charles, and Steve Heidbreder; Kevin Hodge; Hettinger, Painter and Wagner Families; Frank Hartman; Finn Oliveira; Rein and Cobb Families; William and Beverly Lynch; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; 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



From January 26 - February 1, 2025, the tradition continues with Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This is the annual celebration of Catholic school education throughout the United States.

Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate the great work and good news of Catholic schools.



THE JESUS FILM

Based on the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament, here is the life of Jesus from the miraculous virgin birth to the calling of his disciples, public miracles and ministry, ending with his death by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman Empire and resurrection on the third day.



JUBILEE: 700 YEARS SEEKING FORGIVENESS

Travel with some of the great experts and cultural leaders of the Church to the four Basilicas in Rome, where pilgrims have visited for centuries. Join the experts as they teach us how each of the four Holy Doors has something to teach us about the Jubilee Year.

The documentary focuses especially on the main jubilee of the Church's history, the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, who was the spokesman for Pope John Paul II, gives firsthand details and fresh insight about this great celebration.

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.

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.

Jiffylube

Pro-Life News

Furniture:

-- We need more movers, who will only be called when needed. Contact Joy!

-- We have a donated wooden table and chairs, a couch and beds, and we are trying to make the match with our families! Thank you for your generosity!

-- We will be arranging for the twin bed to go to a Holy Cross family in January.

-- Thank you to the family who offered a queen-size bed. That was just delivered with help from the donors!!

Thank you's (from Christmas 2024 assistance):

-- Thanks to you and all the donors – the kids loved their gifts! Thank you all and God bless you!

-- Thank you so much for the Christmas ham dinner; it was so delicious and we thank you for giving us that beautiful meal!

-- Thank you for the Christmas meal and assistance for my family. This has helped our family a lot. May God protect you and bless you!

-- Thank you so much for your help. We had a Christmas, thanks to you. God bless you.

Financial needs: (we are looking to raise \$ for):

1. A parish family that has less working hours and that is making paying bills difficult.
2. A single mom of 4 who is several months behind on her garbage collection bill.
3. A family of 6 whose Dad was laid off in the Fall
4. A parish mom with a large family, who is separated and has financial difficulties.
5. A parish single mom with one child still at home still needs more financial stability.
6. A single mom, with 3 children of her own, who is fostering her friend's children.



"And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 & 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