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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



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Champaign, Illinois

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Eucharistic Revival



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

Now What?

Where do we go to meet our Lord in his humanity as well as his divinity? Many parishes offer perpetual Adoration or set times of Adoration throughout the week. If you find that there are no Adoration opportunities near you, you can still visit with Jesus. While the term "Eucharistic Adoration" is formally used to describe prayer before the exposed Host, you can obtain the exact same graces and spiritual benefits by visiting the Lord wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a tabernacle. And that's the case in nearly every Catholic Church.

No matter how you choose to spend your time with Jesus while you sit with him, be assured that, over time, if you are faithful in your visits, your life will change. You will change. As you do, you may find it is helpful to know that, in Adoration, you're practicing an ancient form of devotion known as contemplative prayer.



Among Eucharistic adorers, the story is often told of St. John Vianney, the small, humble and holy pastor of a country parish in Ars, France, in the 1800s. Fr. Vianney, who would come to be known as the Curé of Ars, used to watch a farmer coming into the church after working the fields late each afternoon. Day after day, the farmer would kneel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Finally Fr. Vianney, eager to progress in his own prayer life, asked the farmer what it was that he was saying to God each day. "Oh, I don't say anything," the farmer told him, "I look at him, and he looks at me."

-- David Pearson

A Thought for Reflection: Jesus waits for you and hopes to spend more time with you. He hopes to draw you into a marvelous love through his living presence in the Blessed Sacrament. He is with you, close to you.

Oh Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, my joy, my treasure, my deep desire, my Lord, and my God, thank you for this journey of knowledge and union. It is a journey that never ends. Help me to start anew every day to give myself to you, as you always give yourself to me. Amen.



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

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

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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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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.

Fourth 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

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 5:30 p.m. | Feb. 3 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Elizabeth Kelley John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, John Kelley Nora Kelley |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | Feb. 4 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Sue Berndt Greg Koerner, Barry Dickerson Nicolette Burton |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Scouts Margie Hoss, Jessica McMahon, Terry Sturdyvin, Dawn Freidman Garrett Unger, Sam Easton, Lincoln Wood |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Rob Shanahan Penny Devall Kristina Maloney, Lydia Durdan |



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 29

7:00 a.m. Santiago Gonzalez

Tuesday, January 30

7:00 a.m. Lou and Rosemary Pisani

Wednesday, January 31

6:00 p.m. Tom and Anne Corkery

Thursday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Johnny Deponai

Friday, February 2

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, February 3

5:30 p.m. Waunita Perrodin

Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. David Smith
10:00 a.m. Msgr. Albert Hallin
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



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.

There will be NO Precious Blood at 4 p.m. Masses in February



The next senior luncheon will be on Thursday, **Feb. 8th**, at 12:00 and it will be time for fun and games! We will be playing the **White Elephant**

Exchange game after lunch, so all attending are asked to bring a small, inexpensive gift. You can buy something if you wish, or you can give away something you already have but do not use, as long as it is in good, useable condition. Wrap it up, or put it in a gift bag, making sure it is covered so that no one can see what it is.

After lunch the games will begin! See you then!

Discernment for the Discerned

With Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck

Feb 3rd, 9 a.m.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church,
1303 Lincolnshire Dr, Champaign
St. Mark Room



Discernment isn't about a single decision, but rather a way of life for the Christian who wants to make everyday decisions. Fr. Chase will provide tactics that are applicable for every Catholic—parents, spouses, grandparents, professionals—to continue to navigate life's difficulties knowing we are doing God's will.

++ALL ARE WELCOME++



SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH!

The Scouts are hosting a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast in the Parish Center after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses on February 4th. Come join us for great food and fellowship!

Free-will donations accepted.

SCOUT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 4TH

Join us at the 10:00 a.m. Mass for Scout Sunday. This is an annual event that recognizes the religious achievements of boys and girls involved in Scouting. These achievements are based on the individual Scouting programs and are designed to promote age-appropriate religious learning. Groups participating in Scout Sunday activities include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Brownies.



Bingo in February!

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, February 2**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase. Concessions open at 5:30 as well. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes: \$25, \$50, & \$100. (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own!

Dinner and Dessert: Baked Potato, Variety of desserts. Can of soda for \$1. Coffee & tea, no charge.

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.



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): _____

Adult Formation / Study



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 p.m. or Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
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.



**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 2024-2025 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 Education and then under Financial Assistance.

Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgmt.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 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024.

Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.



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.

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.

Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Almighty God,
 You sent forth your Son
 as a beacon of hope for all people.
 As a Teacher, He has given us the prime
 example of the importance of education.
 As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.
 Thank you for the many people who have dedicated
 their lives in service to our Catholic Schools.
 Thank you for the teachers and
 administrators who sustain our schools.
 Thank you for the parents who have given support and
 witness to the importance of Catholic education.
 Thank you for the students who work hard to further their
 education. Bless all our Catholic Schools
 and the many people who advance our mission.
 May our schools be a home for those who seek to
 grow in openness, faith, love, intellect
 and commitment to justice.
 In your name, we pray. Amen.

Collection

Offering for Jan. 20th/21st.....\$5,876.65
 Thank You Very Much!

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**Holy Cross School Kindergarten
 Readiness Program &
 Kindergarten Information Night**

**Join us Wednesday, January 31st at
 6:30pm in our Parish Center at 405 W. Clark
 followed by a tour of our classrooms.**



Our three-year-old program encourages independence and helps the children gain confidence in a school setting. Students transition into a more structured Pre-K program, geared towards preparing them to master skills needed for kindergarten.

Holy Cross PTC presents

Happy ALL-days

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.



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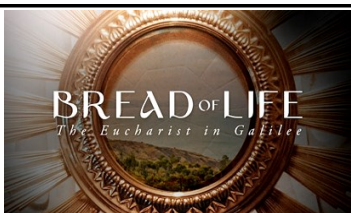
THE CATHOLIC PARENT

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith. -- Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group!



Coming January 15th -The participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home.

- [Our Sunday Obligation | The Catholic Parent | Episode 1](#)
- [Confession | The Catholic Parent | Episode 2](#)
- [Family Prayer | The Catholic Parent | Episode 3](#)
- [Sacrifice | The Catholic Parent | Episode 4](#)
- [Generosity | The Catholic Parent | Episode 5](#)
- [Handing on the Faith | The Catholic Parent | Episode 6](#)
- [The Catholic Parent | Trailer](#)



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



Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

A word from Joy

Furniture, Etc.:

We need: 1 twin box spring, a bunkbed set, a king mattress, trundle beds and dressers.

Pro-Life Support: thank you to a volunteer for help with our correspondence!

Collaboration – Thank you (God bless you all!):

St. Matthew School - helping sponsor 3-4 families for Christmas!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court # 1070 for the Advent project of diapers, gift cards and gift items for our families!

St. Vincent de Paul Society – for sponsoring 4 of our families for Christmas meals!

Financial Assistance (and more) to Families:

In January we:

- Delivered a couch and ottoman
- Have been offered baby items for our families
- Started the diaper ordering and delivery process.
- Have been asked for items for a young woman going into the Lincoln Challenge
- Will help a woman travel to St. Louis for a funeral

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.



Thank you note:

We received a lovely thank you note from Heather, a single mother of 3: I have been eating my meals in these cups [while recovering from my surgery.] I love the dishes and am so appreciative of the tea towels, toilet paper and other items given to my family! Thank you so much [for helping to pay my rent]. You have no idea how much it means to have [Holy Cross and] good people like you. Truly a gift from God. ... such a blessing.

-- Heather

Helping Families in their Faith Walk: We will be helping one family in their faith walk! Please Pray for Elissa and her 4 boys as they make this journey. Elissa and I will be going through the Catholic Catechism, despite her family joining a Protestant Church! She truly wants to know more about the Catholic Church.

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.