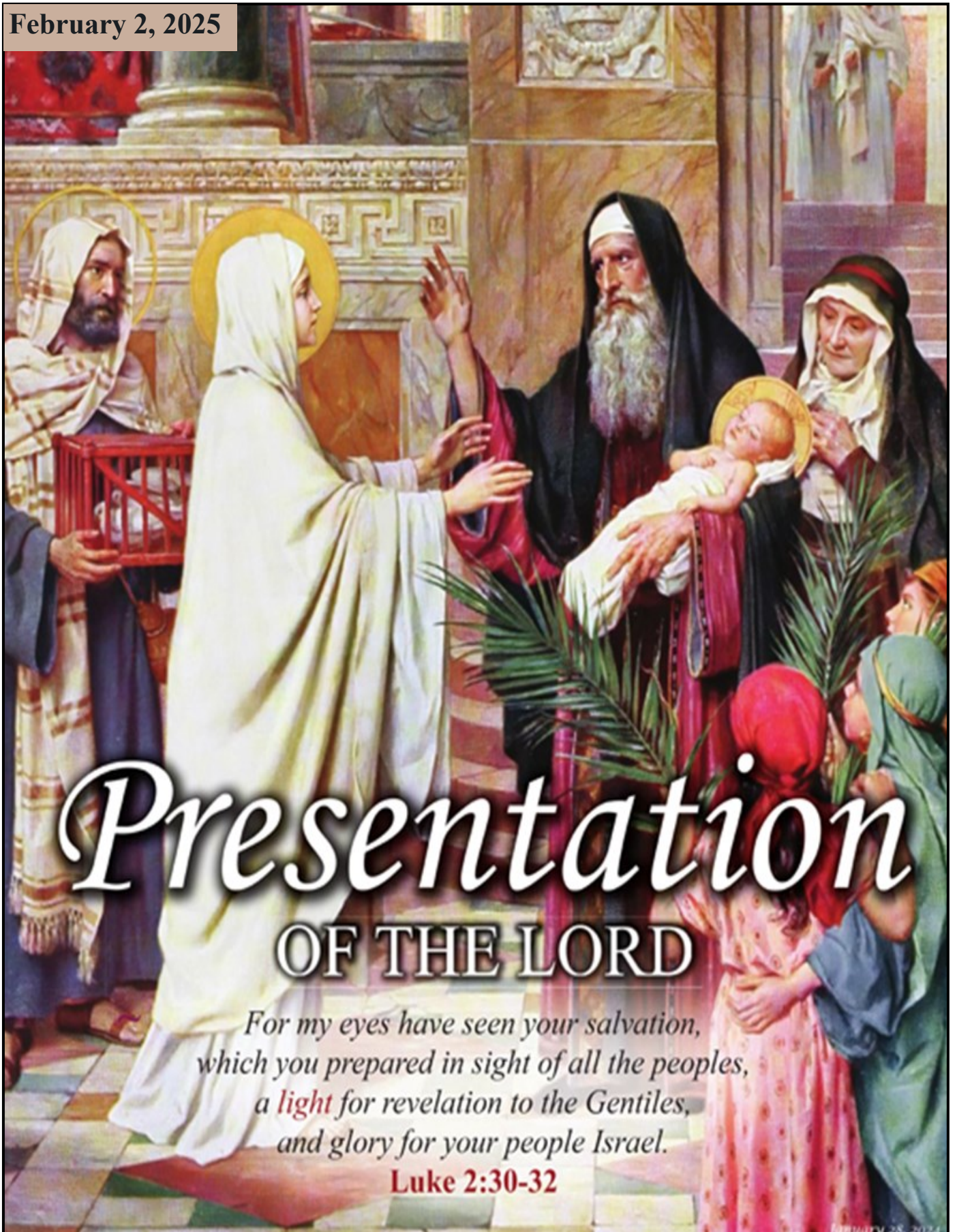


February 2, 2025



# Presentation OF THE LORD

*For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,  
a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.*

**Luke 2:30-32**

**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**





## Eucharistic Revival



NATIONAL  
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Revival

### I Am the Moment - A Meditation on the Eucharist & the Feast of the Presentation by Cheryl Hadley

Recently at mass I was praying while waiting to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. Meditating on the crises in our nation and our world, and the sufferings of the children of God who await His coming, I prayed for healing in those situations and offered my Communion for them. The intentions continued to come to my mind and heart as I walked slowly up the aisle to receive Our Lord. Making my offering, I prayed, "Lord, thank you for this moment. Of all the moments that make up this day in my life, this one is the most important. The moment I receive You, the moment I am united with you physically and spiritually in the Eucharist. The moment I can give You in prayer to others whom I will never know in this lifetime."

#### **He is the Moment**

As I held in my heart all of God's children who are hurting in so many ways, in so many places around the world, and offered my Communion for them, I felt the power of the moment and the experience of the Eucharist rush upon me. Receiving Jesus, I was moved to tears. Then I heard these words deep within my heart: "*I am the moment.*" They came so readily, so powerfully, as clear as a bell. "*I Am The Moment.*" I understood instantly that it was not "this moment in time" for which I was thankful. It was the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, unsurpassed, unequalled by anything this world will ever offer me. Inconceivably mysterious; incredibly mine. There is no earthly experience or greater gift than the Eucharist for Catholics, and there is no more mystical and extraordinary moment in our earthly lives than the one in which we receive Our Lord at Holy Mass.

#### **The Presentation of Our Lord**

Kneeling at my seat after I received Him, I thought of Simeon as he held the Christ Child in awe during the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple. God revealed to the aged Simeon that he would not see death until he beheld the Messiah. The Savior of his people had arrived! As Our Lady and St. Joseph gave the Newborn King to this devout and righteous man of God, the sum of all his love, devotion, service, and desire lay swaddled in his arms! This moment he received Jesus was so powerful that it was worth every future moment in the life of Simeon, and he exclaimed his readiness to die after having lived it! God permitted him to see the consolation his people had awaited for generations, and this holy man's every yearning was satisfied.

#### **Receiving Him as Simeon Did**

Simeon's reception of Our Lord in the temple models perfectly the way we should receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. At the Presentation, the Lord was in the moment, and for all of us, He is The Moment. The temple was the place of worship, and the temple of the Holy Spirit is within us. The Presentation was a revelation to God's chosen people. Their Savior had finally come for them and all mankind! This same revelation is represented and relived with every Communion we receive. He came for us! For you and for me. For those who do not know Him. For those who have turned away from Him. For every soul, he comes, personally and intimately, in the Eucharist. He is The Moment, and He is worth everything. All else pales in comparison to receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist. If only we could remember that when we receive Our Lord in Communion, then our hearts would overflow like Simeon's.

May we never let the Moment pass without offering God the joy, reverence, glory, and gratitude He deserves.

May we always receive Him with the wonder and awe of Simeon on the feast of the Presentation, until one day, we behold Him face to face.

I Am the Moment - A Meditation on the Eucharist & the Feast of the Presentation - The Catholic Company®

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Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
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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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*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
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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 Presentation 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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 8</b> Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: Peg Swanson, John Kelley, Sharon Kristovich Servers: John Haggin, Joey Haggin
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 9</b> Lector: John Karduck EMHC: Barry Dickerson, Sue Berndt Servers: Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Joseph Mefford EMHC: Ben Laws, Dawn Friedman, Terry Sturdyvin, Jessica McMahon Servers: Camille Christhilf, Tim Friedman
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: Ed Seebauer EMHC: Juliann Seebauer Servers: Lydia Durdan, Matthew Woodward



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, February 3

7:00 a.m. Johnny Deponai

#### Tuesday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Salvador Federizon

#### Wednesday, February 5

6:00 p.m. For Bernie and Mary Ann Hammel's Wedding Anniversary

#### Thursday, February 6

7:00 a.m. In honor of Mike, Patricia and Michael Walsh

#### Friday, February 7

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

#### Saturday, February 8

5:30 p.m. George Green and Family

#### Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Larry Head  
10:00 a.m. Mary Ann Volker  
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**FEBRUARY 2025**

### FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

*Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)



### Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **February 13th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share!



**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.



### 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.



### 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 February we are praying the Litany to Our Lady of Lourdes.**

### Collections

Offering for January 18th/19th.....\$9,212.09  
Development Fund.....\$868.00  
Offering for January 25th/26th.....\$6,121.40





### 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.**

### 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 online at:  
hctrivianight25.givesmart.com

Registration closes February 17th!



### The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

– Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street, Champaign. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships, and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or crakers@comcast.net.



**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** - Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.

**LOST AND FOUND** - Holy Cross has a Lost and Found box in the Sacristy at the church which is getting quite full! If you are missing an item and think you might have left it in the church, please call the Parish Office (217) 352-8748 or stop by and we can check for you. Thank you!



### 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): \_\_\_\_\_

### PERPETUAL

### EUCCHARISTIC 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](http://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





**High School of St. Thomas More**  
 217-352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

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

**Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025.** STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://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](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

**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](http://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information.

**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>



**From the Diocese of Peoria:**

**FAKE +BISHOP LOU TYLKA ACCOUNT**

There is a Facebook account posing as Bishop Lou's personal page. For example, there is one labeled as Bishop Lou Tylka (with a capital "i" instead of an L in his last name).

We have contacted Facebook several times in hoping to get the fake one(s) removed. IN the meantime, please let people know that any and all messages received from these accounts should be ignored and reported. Bishop Lou would never reach out through Facebook to ask for personal information or money.

**Our area priests** have also been victim to someone impersonating them and sending messages asking for money or help. They will not contact you for this reason. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Parish office or ask them directly.

**DON'T JUDGE OR CONDEMN**

No one can look into another person's soul. We see only what happens on the surface. Refraining from judgment and condemnation is an act of mercy, because it allows us to accept the good in every person and spare that person suffering caused by our negative attitudes.



**Holy Cross School**  
 217-356-9521  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

**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](http://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](http://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.**



**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord forever and ever.



**February 8**  
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

**FEBRUARY 8 —  
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**  
We have a wonderful movie on Josephine Bakhita called **Bakhita: From Slave to Saint**.

**For Kids** - A story **St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue**. Join Sister Imelda as she shares amazing stories of brave girls and women who said yes to God's call and went on to change the world even when things got tough.

**RESTORED: STORIES OF ENCOUNTER**


Witness the profound beauty of ordinary people whose lives have been radically moved by Jesus Christ. Each episode of this six-part series explores a unique ministry effort driven by fascinating individuals who live to bring Christ's light to dark and lonely places.

*Restored: Stories of Encounter* seeks to bring hope and renewal to the world by sharing the ways that Christ is working in the world today. Anyone – no matter where they are in their faith journey – will be inspired by this series to do good.

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**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, open my eyes and calm my mind.  
Give me the recollection of the Father's love,  
of the Son's unceasing prayer,  
of the world as God's world,  
and of your own presence within me.  
Holy Spirit, give me faith.

Holy Spirit, reveal to me the truth  
of the Father's unfailing purpose,  
of the Son's victory and risen presence,  
the truth about myself,  
sinner yet child beloved of God.  
Holy Spirit, give me hope.

Holy Spirit, give me peace;  
peace with God and peace with people.  
Kindle my desire for you.  
Strengthen my will to live and serve.  
Teach me and lead me where you will.  
Holy Spirit, give me love.



**PRAY FOR AN UNBORN CHILD**

A priest of this diocese, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged people to spiritually adopt an unborn child, and thereby combat the abortion mentality and general anti-life sentiment in our world today. It is said that although the identity of the child you pray for will be unknown to you during your earthly life, there is every hope that you will be united with that child forever in Heaven.

Archbishop Sheen wrote the following daily prayer to spiritually adopt an unborn child: "*Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child*"

**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