

February 5, 2023

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Matthew 5:13 (CSB)

*Matthew 5: 14-16*

"You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

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



Girl Scouts.

The Scout Sunday tradition was established to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. Through the faith-based celebrations known as Scout Sunday, young people give back to the chartered organizations that give them so much.

This is an opportunity for Scouts to publicly demonstrate the 12th point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent.

That might mean an act as simple as wearing the full field uniform to worship services. It might mean participating in services by doing a reading, singing a song, or presenting religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters. Or it might be something as grand as a service project to benefit a religious organization in the community. These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith.

Scout Sunday was added in the mid-1940s and is always celebrated the Sunday preceding, or on February 8th which is the date on which Scouting was founded in 1910. Scouting is based on a program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1st, 1907.

#### A Scout's Prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, we know we are your children, we want to serve you faithfully, and we want to keep our Scout Promise. Help us to listen to your voice; help us to be willing and quick to do your work; help us to be friendly and loving; and help us to thank you every day for all your gifts to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

During February the Devotion is the Litany to Our Lady of Lourdes



#### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor  
Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

#### TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
Elizabeth Kelley

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

#### 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

405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL, 61820  
Phone: 217-352-8748 Fax: 217-366-2929  
e-mail address: office@holycrosscatholic.org  
website: www.holycrosscatholic.org

#### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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. (when school is in session).

#### 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.



# Fifth 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

<b>Saturday</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich James Linnenburger, Sam Easton
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No Ministers Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Margie Hoss, Bonita Higgerson August Christhilf, Philip Christhilf
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Farney Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca Nate Farney, Lucy Rank



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, February 6

7:00 a.m. Dominic Hieu Nguyen

#### Tuesday, February 7

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Nguyen

#### Wednesday, February 8

6:00 p.m. Veronica Malnar and Family

#### Thursday, February 9

7:00 a.m. For Chris Pleasure and Family

#### Friday, February 10

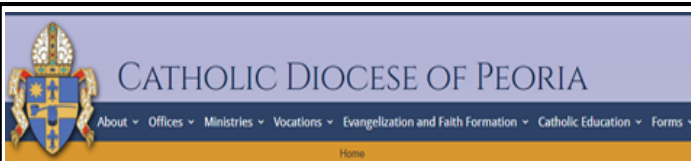
8:15 a.m. Ralph McGinnis

#### Saturday, February 11

5:30 p.m. For the Parishioners

#### Sunday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Joe Hacker  
10:00 a.m. Tracy Stack  
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer



### JOB OPENING:

**The Catholic Diocese of Peoria is seeking a Director of Development.**

The FULL-TIME position involves instituting the Annual Diocesan Appeal along with assisting the parishes, schools and institutions across the 26 counties of Central Illinois with Stewardship needs. Full Benefits available along with Salary commensurate with experience. Forward by email a **Letter of Introduction** and **Resume** to: [humanresources@cdop.org](mailto:humanresources@cdop.org)



### SCOUT SUNDAY is Today, Feb 5th.

Please join us in the Parish Great Hall for a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses.



### Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **February 9th 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!

### Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet next Sunday, **Feb. 12th** at 3:30 p.m. at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We'll meet in the community room and continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more info contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.



### FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JESUS IS CALLING YOU!

Each Friday when school is in session, Jesus holds a special open house in our beautiful church. He invites us to spend quiet time with Him to give thanks for blessings received and to tell Him about our pressing concerns. Come visit Jesus. He would so love your company!





## THE GREAT COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Matt Faley, Chief of Mission for the Peoria Diocese, is coming to Holy Cross one more time. This time he is leading us in prayer and in a workshop. The goal is to leave *"ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."* (1 Peter 3:15)

The Great Commission calls us to something more. Many times it is as simple as sharing your own story with others. Come to this workshop where you can learn how to share your story with others.

Holy Cross Great Hall on **Friday, Feb. 17th** at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Great Hall for the documentary film version of the book, *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*.

**Friday, Feb. 10th @ 6:30 p.m.**



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, Court #1070 Monthly meeting, every second Thursday of the month. (no January or July meetings). Next meeting will be on: **February 9th** at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. For more information call Angie Poulsen at (217) 359-1317.

## TEN NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCOUTING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) is awarding 10 service scholarships totaling \$27,000. If you are a service oriented Catholic Scout, who is a high school senior, has received the Ad Altare Dei, Light is Life, or Pope Pius XII award, and earned the Eagle Scout, Summit or Quartermaster Award, you may qualify. Check the NCCS Website at [http://nccs-bsa.org/college\\_scholarships](http://nccs-bsa.org/college_scholarships) for complete eligibility requirements and application information about the NCCS Scholarships. **Applications are due by March 1st.**



**MEALS ON WHEELS** Please consider volunteering for Meals on Wheels. We need 2 to 4 people for the week of **February 13th thru 17th**. 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.

## Collection

Offering for January 28th/29th.....\$7,215.50  
Thank you very much!



## Calling ALL Euchre Players

Holy Cross is hosting a Euchre Tournament Saturday Feb. 18th at 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the parish center. Players will rotate after each round, compiling their individual total score. Snacks will be provided and cash prizes will be awarded. There will be a bar; donations are requested. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Money collected over expenses will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Make your reservations by texting or calling Cathy Koerner 217-377-7070 or emailing to [Cathkern007@gmail.com](mailto:Cathkern007@gmail.com). Deadline for reservations is Feb. 15th.

The Holy Cross PTC Presents our  
**11th Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction**

**BACK TO THE 90's**

**Saturday, February 25th, 2023**

**Holy Cross Gymnasium**

**Appetizers and Bar open at 5:00 pm.**

**Trivia contest at 7:00 pm.**

**Silent Auction, Raffle, and Games through the night!**

**Prize to best dressed table!**

**Silent Auction runs online February 18th-25th.**



**\$40/person - \$320 table of 8**

**Registration online at:**

**[hctrivianight23.givesmart.com](http://hctrivianight23.givesmart.com) or**

**Text hctrivianight23 to 76278.**

**Registration closes February 18th.**

*Before Mass, talk to God. During Mass,  
let God talk to you. After Mass, talk to each other.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. LEO!

Fr. Leo's birthday is **Today, Feb. 5th**. May we wish him a Blessed and Happy Birthday!



*"The secret behind success is the goodness of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. My favorite greeting or motto is:*

*God is good all the time..., All the time God is good!"*



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

### Gala on Saturday, February 11

Join us, Saturday, February 11th, for our 2023 Gala at Pear Tree Estate. Sponsorships and tickets available. See you there! <https://stm gala2023.givesmart.com>

### STM Daddy Daughter Dance

The Daddy Daughter Dance will be on **February 24th** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Visit <https://DDD2023.givesmart.com> for details and to make reservations.

### STM Job Opportunities

STM is seeking applications for a full-time Maintenance Technician, a Head Girls Tennis Coach, Boys Head Soccer Coach, Head JV Baseball Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. Bridget Martin at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org) and Jon Marston, Athletic Director at [jmarston@hs-stm.org](mailto:jmarston@hs-stm.org).

### Admissions Application Open for 2023-2024

Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still accepting admissions applications for next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) and click on "Explore" then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the app? 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!

### Student Shadow Program

The Shadow a Saber Program is back for Spring 2023! Full details and registration info can be found on our website [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) by clicking on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Any questions about shadowing, enrollment, or the admissions application should be directed to the Enrollment Office at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**  
**217-356-9521**  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

### Celebrate Our Honor Roll Students for 2nd Quarter!

#### Highest Honors

Lydia Durdan	Eireann Byard	Sophie Morris
Jules Favot	Sophie Hansen	Ellie Brownfield
Kendall Baumann	Lucy Rank	Nate Farney
Grace Arend	Zora Unger	

#### High Honors

Brendan Byard	Joel Tittora	Elizabeth Withers-Sickles
Landen Douglas	James Linnenburger	Mia Amador
Colin Dykstra	Kadair Ouedraogo	Alex Anderson
Faith-Ann Kumpi	Jordyn Reed	Miles Hamby
Teagan Merz	Sarah Surratt	Emily Surratt
Harper Scott	Emma Lwao	Megan Le
Petra Scott	Lara Rank	Farah Scott
Colton Stonecipher	McKenna Tucker	Abbie Teague
		Prunella Tembo

#### Honors

Brody Oliveira	Olivia LeFaivre	Grace Riley
Braden Ritter	Daniella Nzinga	Tess Karagiannakis
Sophia Wilson	Hunter Knell	Maddie McFarland
Alice Withers-Sickles	Faith Dean	Love Samu
Sophia Decker	Alexis Hege	Jacob Yeager

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



### **WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND**

Attention ladies: Would you like a weekend away? From cooking, cleaning, and ferrying kids around? Maybe to get closer to God, have a great time with great food and great fellowship with other ladies? There is a Women's Cursillo in Christ weekend on **February 17th-19th** at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana. Questions? Call Celene Baxley at 217-778-7016.



### **ADA Update!**

We are still \$10,000 short of reaching our parish goal of \$103,716. With your help, this is very achievable! If we don't meet our goal, the parish has to make up the difference out of our ordinary income. To pay online go to the [cdop.org](http://cdop.org) website, click on the GREEN Annual Appeal at the top of the page and then the bar that says Click HERE to Give to the ADA today!

### **Annual Urbana Knights of Columbus Super Bowl and Tom Costello Memorial Breakfast**

Sunday, **February 12th** from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Church Parish Center. Freewill offering -- Please be generous Proceeds to the Father Charles Martell Scholarship Fund Breakfast items include: fruit, French toast, biscuits & gravy, egg casseroles, scrambled eggs, bacon, egg & cheese biscuits, breakfast burritos, ham, bacon, sausage, pastries, bagels and cream cheese, juice and coffee. Sponsored by the St. Patrick Church Knights of Columbus

### **ST. MARY'S PESOTUM ANNUAL CHILI & SOUP SUPPER**



Join us for homemade chili, vegetable soup, sandwiches, and desserts on Sunday, February 19th, serving from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 1247 County Road 200 N, (2.5 miles east of Pesotum).

Activities include handmade quilt raffles, 50/50 raffle, and bingo. \$8 adult meal / \$5 kids meal.



**A PLACE AT THE TABLE**  
AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD



**A PLACE AT THE TABLE**

There are no African-American Saints formally recognized within the Catholic Church, but that could soon change. There are six incredible black men and women who are on the path to Canonization. The Catholic Church is starting to recognize their impact and may soon name any or all of them Saints. It's time to hear their stories.

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**—Born enslaved, Toussaint gained success as a hairdresser and used his resources to serve the poor.

**Servant of God Mother Mary Lange**—Lange was the founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the first African-American superior of any religious order.

**Venerable Henriette Delille**—Legally unable to join a religious order because of her African heritage, Delille started the Sisters of the Holy Family, an order that still ministers to people today.

**Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton**—Tolton escaped slavery and traveled to Rome to become ordained. *(At age 9 he moved to Quincy, IL and lived there until he left for Rome, at age 26. He was ordained in Rome, and moved back to Quincy as a priest.)* He was the first African-American priest in the United States.

**Servant of God Julia Greeley**—Greeley was an enslaved woman who became free, converted to Catholicism, and consecrated her life to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman**—Bowman converted to Catholicism as a child, became a nun, and spent her life singing, teaching, and preaching to promote devotion to Christ.

While the film contains no profanity or graphic images, references to slavery and the historical treatment of African-Americans may upset very young viewers.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



**The Community Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil**

was held on January 22nd at Holy Cross Church. It was very well attended (over 100 people) and we are very grateful for all the churches and clergy participating! Thank you also to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for a lovely reception.

Kristi Hofferber did a lovely job telling a bit about her story and she will be back for a special visit here to tell more of her story. We hope also to have Monica Kelsey with her. Monica lives in Indiana and she had been conceived in rape. Monica is a dedicated supporter of baby-boxes and has done a lovely job helping save children.

We did capture the event and as soon as we can, we will make that available! And many thanks to the Catholic Post—they covered the event and we are looking forward to that!

**From Renee Mullen:** Hi. We gave thanks for tremendous progress in 2022 with the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Unfortunately, our state of Illinois is being marketed as an abortion destination and pro-choice legislators are trying to push thru even more egregious legislation. Both Illinois Right to Life and the Illinois Family Institute do a great job tracking legislation and sharing relevant information, so citizens can share input with elected leaders to prevent horrific legislation from getting passed. Please consider following these organizations if you do not already do so. You can find Illinois Right to Life at <https://illinoisrighttolife.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisRightToLife>. You can find the Illinois Family Institute at <https://illinoisfamily.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisFamilyInstitute>.

40 Days for Life starts February 22nd! Please schedule another time to come pray to foster a stronger Culture of Life, and so more people facing an unplanned pregnancy will find genuine help. As many as 70% of people change their minds and do not go thru with an abortion if they see people out praying.

**HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL**

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke  
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  
Pellum & Gillis Families  
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks  
Ed & Jean Bown  
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart  
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families  
Graham & Huguet 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

Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families  
Barham & Bosch Families  
Tangora & Kovera Families  
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski  
McNamara & Mulcahey Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families  
Boudreau & Arseneau Family  
Margaret Turkcan  
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  
Glen & Helen Jones  
Betty Madrey  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Bill Mooney  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.