

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.
They immediately told him about her.
He approached, grasped her hand,
and helped her up.

Mk 1:30-31



February 7, 2021

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



SCOUT SUNDAY

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



Girl Scout Cookies are on sale now. Contact
our Girl Scout Coordinator, Stephanie Rank.
Stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gloria Fellers

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

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. Monday thru Friday
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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

Adoration is available on the patio in the
courtyard anytime.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday, 6:30-6:45 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 a baptismal preparation session,
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 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.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (1:29-39)

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (9:16-19, 22-23)

Brothers and Sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Feb. 8

7:00 a.m.

Connor, Edgar, Ingersoll Families

Tuesday, Feb. 9

7:00 a.m.

Harry Breen

Wednesday, Feb. 10

7:00 a.m.

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Feb. 11

7:00 a.m.

Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Friday, Feb. 12

7:00 a.m.

Freedom to Worship

Saturday, Feb. 13

5:30 p.m.

Rosanna Pumilia

Sunday, Feb. 14

8:00 a.m.

Thomas Kohrman

10:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

4:00 p.m.

Stephen Montez

PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN

The Parish Office is now open to the public during our regular office hours 8:00 a.m.--4:00 p.m. COVID procedures of social distancing and wearing a facemask, covering your mouth and nose, are required. We are also available by phone (217) 352-8748, and email: office@holycrosscatholic.org. The lobby of the Parish Center will be locked after office hours.

We will continue to have in-person Mass and continue to practice the COVID safety guidelines. This includes social distancing, wearing a face mask over your mouth and nose, and sanitizing practices.



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Giorgi Austin Brusatte, son of Michael Brusatte and Stephanie Austin-Brusatte. Let us support little Giorgi on his faith journey!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Lee Mickey. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ASH WEDNESDAY DIRECTIVE FROM THE HOLY SEE

While Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of spiritual importance marking the beginning of the season of Lent. Many will surely want to participate as we continue to battle the effects of the coronavirus. During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes in order to minimize the need for close contact between the minister and the recipient:

The priest blesses the ashes.

He sprinkles the ashes with holy water.

He says the formula once to all present.

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*

He washes and sanitizes his hands.

He sprinkles the ashes on the head of each recipient
without saying anything.



Pope Francis distributes ashes
on Ash Wednesday 2020

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 13

5:30 p.m. Gloria Fellers

Sunday, February 14

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John Dixon, Pat Dixon

4:00 p.m. Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Jan Weber



UPDATED ONLINE GIVING



Did you know that not only can you give online to the various Holy Cross funds such as **Sunday & Holy Days Collections, Development Fund, Tuition Assistance**, etc., but also to all Diocesan collections? It is very handy for those who no longer receive packets of Church envelopes. This is a convenient way to stay up to date with Diocesan extra collections during the whole year.

Visit the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosscatholic.org) and click on **Online Giving** logo, and you will see all funds to which you can donate. Please note that among other funds you will currently see the **Aid to Eastern Europe Churches**. This is one of the Diocesan collections scheduled for February and it will remain active until the end of the month. Later on, this fund will be replaced by the new Diocesan collection, **Catholic Relief Services**. The new fund will remain active during the month of March. Following the same pattern, according to the Diocesan schedule, the next collection's fund will be activated for a short period of time on the **Online Giving** platform. In this way, you will always know what the current Diocesan collection is.



WEDNESDAY MORNING / EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE

Effective February 24th, the Wednesday morning Mass is moving back to 6:00 p.m. The doors of the church will be opened at 5:15 p.m. to accommodate our prayers before Mass. During Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross. After Lent we will resume our celebration of various Marian Devotions. In addition, we will be introducing prayers to honor St. Joseph. Pope Francis recently announced a spiritual year to honor the foster father of Jesus.

We hope those who have been unable to start the day with Mass here at Holy Cross will consider taking advantage of this opportunity to cultivate your spiritual life by ending the day with these devotions and Holy Communion.



DRIVE-THRU LENTEN FISH FRY SIGN-UP FOR FEBRUARY 26 MARCH 12, AND 26

Drive-thru pick-up on school blacktop from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Each meal will include 3 pieces of fried or baked fish, french fries, pickles, carrots & celery. Free-will donation. There will be sign-up times for 1/2-hour increments. Please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 to reserve your pick-up time slots. Cake also available for purchase at another table to support Children of Faith & Hope.

HOLY CROSS PTC PRESENTS...

Virtual Pursuit. The 2021 Edition 9th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Save the Date: **Saturday, February 27th**

Trivia Contest begins at 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction runs live from Feb. 19th-26th.

\$25 per person. Registration information at:

trivianight2021givesmart.com

Or text [trivianight2021](https://t.me/trivianight2021) to 76278

Check out our Facebook link for formal details:

<https://fb.me/e/1S8h20z5s>

Prizes for most creative Zoom background and

Prizes for Trivia winners!

All proceeds go to Holy Cross School

Last Week's Collection

Offering for Jan. 30th/31st.....\$5,122.45

Thank You Very Much!



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

FROM PRINCIPAL GREG KOERNER:

As our Governor moves us from tier to tier or phase to phase, it is hard to remember what each one means. The most important thing is that we continue to move in the right direction. Please continue to follow social distancing, sanitizing your hands, and wearing a mask.

I have been looking at the data from our parent survey that was conducted by the Diocese back in the fall. A couple of things that stood out was the need for better technology, increased science curriculum, and a progression from grade-to-grade curriculum.

My Phase 1 plan was to increase technology. We were able to accomplish this plan by the generosity of our Holy Cross community. We were able to purchase new chrome books, iPads, computers, and increased internet speed. This phase is ongoing. Technology is always changing.

Phase 2 is looking at our curriculum. This coming August the pre-K program and the Kindergarten program will be united. This program will be called the Kindergarten Readiness Program. We have incorporated a curriculum that will follow a progression from grade-to-grade. Also, this coming August we will have two new science labs. There will be a lab on the main floor that will be used by the Readiness program thru 5th grade. The other lab will be on the third floor used by the middle school. We will continue to evaluate the curriculum for the other grades as we move through this phase.

Phase 3 is looking at marketing our school. I have just started experimenting with this phase. I will be meeting with my marketing team in the next few weeks. There will be a few videos posted on Facebook and our website to enjoy.

Phase 4 is growing and expanding our school. In this phase I foresee Holy Cross with two classes per grade and maybe adding an addition to the school. I believe that if we do a better job with Phases 1, 2, and 3, then Phase 4 will come naturally.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their generosity. For Holy Cross to continue to grow, we will need the help of our Holy Cross community. Please take the time and pray on how you can help.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Need Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year? You Must:

1. Apply for an Empower Illinois Scholarship.
2. Submit and pay \$30 for the FACTS Grant & Aid Application.
3. Apply for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship. Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 and get your name on the list.
4. Request assistance from your home parish.



High School of St. Thomas More
352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

STM is currently seeking applications for a Bus Driver, a Boys Tennis Head Coach, Boys & Girls Assistant Tennis Coach, and a Boys Golf Head Coach. We are also seeking applicants for a Spanish Teacher and a Biology Teacher for the 2021-2022 academic year. If you are interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org.

STM ADMISSIONS NEWS

Calling all 8th Graders. Become a St. Thomas More Saber. To apply, go to. <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>. Applications for the 2021-2022 academic year are officially open. For more info, contact Miss Erica Lyons, Director of Admissions and Campus Ministry at 217-352-7210.

PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life

Please join us for an international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 days, but especially welcome when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray. Please schedule one hour to come pray. Your presence can literally save a life. February 17 to March 28, 2021 at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton Street, Champaign
Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 (no texting) or reneemullen1@comcast.net
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU/>
Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/champaign>

Pro-Life Billboard Project

This is an ongoing project on private land in Central Illinois (i.e. farmland, outside a church or business). Generous donations have been given to fund the materials for Pro-Life Billboards (4' tall x 8' wide), to help foster a stronger Culture of Life. Volunteer laborers have now installed 10 Billboards! Additional landowners are needed to allow Billboards on their property. Volunteers will do everything else.
Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 (no texting) or reneemullen1@comcast.net

INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions made in 2020 for tax planning purposes, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748, or email your request to office@holycrosscatholic.org





BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



FORMED NOW!

HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup
and select our parish.

A WORD FROM JOY

Pro-Life Donations: Now on the on-line giving via Holy Cross Church, there is a separate category to direct any donations to Pro-Life. That will give us flexibility to help families in need. We also accept checks made out to Holy Cross Church (please write Pro-Life in the memo line). Any donation can be mailed to or dropped off at Holy Cross Church, 405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL 61820. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: joypace@msn.com or 217-359-8406 (home). Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and support.

Pro-Life Discussion Group: We meet via Zoom every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. To join in on the Zoom meeting, please contact Joy (see above). This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything—from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practice and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion—and living a pro-life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe that every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because he/she is human.

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.

Westgate Apts

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, Edward, & Marie 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
Ron Murphy
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
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Margaret Hettinger
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
John Michael Cabutti
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Christie & Hoss Families
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family