

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid;
from now on you
will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



DAILY COMMUNION

Take and eat: bread is not made to be put behind a glass or kept in an urn, but to be food and daily food. The greatest compliment you can pay good bread, is it not to eat it? O Flesh and Blood of Jesus, true food and drink of souls, I adore you. I hunger and thirst for you. Come each day to inundate with heavenly life this sad life of exile, to enrich it and to make shine in it a ray from the joys of our heavenly home.

1. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. There are two kinds of food- that of the soul- and that of the body which the earth brings forth. Our body which is only dust lives on the earth, but the food of the soul is the Body and Blood of a God. O beautiful food! it is enough, if one thinks of it to make one lose oneself in this abyss of love. My Father is God! my good is heaven! my food the Body and Blood of God Himself! O man, how happy thou art! Thou art made to adore, to love and to receive God! The bread of souls is in the tabernacle. The tabernacle is the storeroom of Christians. Oh! how wonderful it is my children! when the priest holds up the Host and you see It, your soul can say: "there is my food." O! my children, we are too well off. We shall only understand it in heaven. What a pity! If we could conceive a little of the grandeur and happiness of Communion, we would desire life only to have the happiness of making Jesus Christ our daily bread. All created things would be as nothing. We should despise them in order to cling to God alone, and all our actions would tend only to make us more worthy to receive it. When one can have a divine banquet every day, is it not bad taste not to take it?

2. GO, THEN, TO COMMUNION. My children, go to Jesus with love and confidence. Go, to live by Him in order to live for Him. Do not say that you have too much to do. Has not the divine Saviour said: "Come to Me all you who work and are heavily laden; come to Me and I will comfort you"? Can you resist an invitation so full of tenderness and friendship? You work each day. Communicate then each day. Do not say that you are not worthy. What nonsense! It is true you are not worthy, but you are in need. If our Saviour had had our worthiness in view He would never have instituted His beautiful Sacrament of love, because no one in the world, not even the Saints nor the Angels, nor the Archangels, not even the Blessed Virgin, are worthy of it. Since He wishes to abase Himself to our misery, let us work then to merit to receive Him every day. This is what the Christians did in the early Church.

"Eucharistic Meditations of the Curé d'Ars"

— St John Baptist Mary Vianney

In an ideal world, it would be best to attend Mass and receive Communion every day, but we can't always do so. We can, however, always take 30 seconds or so to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. We can even do so multiple times a day—even on days when we have been able to receive the Eucharist. Why do that? Because each Act of Spiritual Communion that we make increases our desire to receive sacramental Communion and helps us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Communion worthily.

Excerpt from: ThoughtCo. "An Act of Spiritual Communion."
Learn Religions, Feb. 8, 2021, [learnreligions.com/an-act-of-spiritual-communion-a-daily-catholic-prayer-542748](https://www.learnreligions.com/an-act-of-spiritual-communion-a-daily-catholic-prayer-542748).

(Spiritual Communion Prayer on adjoining page)

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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

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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.

World Day for Consecrated Life

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. 15 Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Joslyn Unger Servers: Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Feb. 16 Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: Sue Berndt, Ray Tucker Servers: Nicolette Burton, Violet Grace
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Andrew Zasada EMHC: Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon Servers: Ben Summers, Need 1 more
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Ithuriel Randall, Sam Easton



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, February 10**
7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle
- Tuesday, February 11**
7:00 a.m. Karen Santarelli
- Wednesday, February 12**
6:00 p.m. Elmer and Sylvia Nicklas
- Thursday, February 13**
7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
- Friday, February 14**
8:15 a.m. Kristin Kuhne
- Saturday, February 15**
5:30 p.m. Deacon Bob Ulbrich
- Sunday, February 16**
8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. John Cacioppo & Family
4:00 p.m. Renata Nieva

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.

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!



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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 need 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.

Collections

Offering for February 1st//2nd.....\$11,768.76
School Tuition Assistance.....\$698.00

Thank You Very Much!



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 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.



Let the children come to me.

MATTHEW 19:14

FAMILY FORMATION

The Family Formation program at Holy Cross serves families with children in grades K-8. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire family. Families are encouraged and supported in their efforts to pray, worship, and grow in faith together as a Catholic family.

All families with children K-8 are encouraged to join our Family

Formation community! For those families whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school, Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation. For more information, or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at (217) 352-8748. You can also check out the website at familyformation.net for more information!

Please contact Elizabeth Kelley as soon as possible..

Register now for 2024/2025 Family Formation!

Contact Elizabeth Kelley, 217-352-8748, for more information



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.



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

Registration online at: hctrivianight25.givesmart.com

Registration closes February 17th!



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 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

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!

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.

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 Head Football Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@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.

Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Sponsored By: STM Parent Association



Girls, invite your dad or other special man for an evening of fun, dancing and refreshments at our Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Encourage all your friends to join you at the social event of the year! It is always a fun night!!

Who: Any girls Pre-K to 8th grade and their dads or special friends
When: Friday, February 21, 2025 6:30-8:30pm
Where: The High School of Saint Thomas More
Cost: Only \$30 per dad
Dress: Fancy



Two Ways to Register:

1--Send Dad's name, name and age of daughter(s) and phone number to STMDDaddyDaughterDance@gmail.com.

Payment of \$30 can be sent via Venmo: @Becky-Leibach (-0998)

2--Return the bottom portion and mail along with check for \$30 (made out to The High School of St Thomas More) to:

Becky Leibach 3409 Weeping Cherry Ct. Champaign, IL 61822

Questions can be directed to Becky at 217-202-0998 or at email above.

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 11
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**FEBRUARY 11 —
OUR LADY OF LOURDES**



BERNADETTE

From Jean Delannoy, one of France's foremost filmmakers, comes this top quality feature film production of the story of St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Actress Sydney Penny gives a beautiful performance as Bernadette, and the rest of the cast is equally superb. Also stars Roland Lesaffre and Michele Simonnet. It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience." Shot on location in France with outstanding cinematography and a beautiful music score, this is the film that was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes.



**Presence:
The Mystery of the Eucharist**

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

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.

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Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!



**Pro-Life Discussion Group
for February**

Special drop-in time at Panera's on Kirby **11am-1 pm February 17, 2025**. Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch, and join in a drop-in discussion!

Join us for any amount of time for friendship and fellowship!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

A Word from Joy

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

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. Good news: a single mom of 4 whose oldest son is attending college: this family is budgeting well, and they *may* be able to take care of this next semester on their own! The mom set aside money every paycheck and her son did too. Great job!!

Want to help or know more? Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or joypace@msn.com

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