

Ash WEDNESDAY



Dust you are, And to dust you shall return.

GENESIS 3:19 (NKJV)



Eucharistic Revival



**Do you ever really think about
your relationship with Jesus?**

**Do you wish you could somehow
deepen that relationship?**

There is no time like Lent to focus on our relationship with our Dear Lord Jesus. When we truly love someone, we want to spend time with them. If we truly love our Lord, shouldn't we want to spend time with Him? Please take some time this Lent to visit Jesus who is present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. He expects nothing but your love! You can sit in silence, pray, meditate, or talk to him about whatever is going on in your life. He waits for you!

See the bulletin insert for opportunities to visit Jesus. Make it a priority this Lent! You won't be disappointed.

Excerpt from *In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart – The Journal of a Priest at Prayer*

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 - No moment spent in My presence is without value. Every moment given Me is precious in My sight and becomes fruitful for the whole Church. It is not a question of quantity, of spending long hours in My presence when duties of one's state in life require something else. What I ask instead is the moment of pure adoration and of love offered to Me from a simple childlike heart. Just as a mother takes as much delight in a single wildflower offered by her child as in a great bouquet of flowers, so too do I take delight in the moment offered Me out of love.

Begin, then, by offering Me what you can. You will see that I will move you to add moment to moment, until you are giving Me all the time of adoration and of love that I desire from you. Too many souls are discouraged when they attempt to pray. They think, wrongly, that unless they can undertake much, they should undertake nothing. And so they abandon prayer and leave Me alone, leave Me waiting for their little moment of presence, a consolation to My Heart.

Give me the little moment of adoration and of love and I will multiply it, making it possible for you to give Me hours of adoration and of love, as they become available in your life, and as I ask them of you. Too many souls try to do too much, and end up doing nothing. It is better to begin by doing what is very little, and by entrusting that little offering to Me, confident that I will receive it and turn it to My glory and to the glory of My Father.

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

-- St. Theresa of Calcutta

NOTE: There will NOT be an Encounter Night on February 14, since it is Ash Wednesday. Join us for our regular 4th Wednesday Encounter Night on February 28 for an hour of Adoration following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**There will be NO 5:30 p.m. Devotion or 6:00 p.m. Mass
on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.**

**We will have 7:00 a.m. Mass, 8:15 a.m. Mass, and 12:10
Service with Distribution of Ashes.**

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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.

Sixth 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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Feb. 17 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: Sharon Kristovich, Joslyn Unger Servers: Ungers
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Feb. 18 Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: Mary Shelden, Ray Tucker Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Bonita Higgerson, Ben Laws, Dawn Friedman, Terry Sturdyvin Servers: Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Avery Natschke
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Jan Weber (if needed) Servers: Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Charles Wuebben

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Dr. Donald Rodawig

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle
8:15 a.m. Rosemary Decker

Thursday, February 15

7:00 a.m. Edith Lynch

Friday, February 16

8:15 a.m. Johnny Deponai

Saturday, February 17

5:30 p.m. Dominador Mendoza

Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Renato Nieva
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer

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



FISH FRYS ARE COMING!

Fish Fry will be here before we know it.
--- February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22.

We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. **Choose from the following times:** 4:45-5:45p.m. or 5:45 p.m. - 6:45p.m., or 6:45p.m. clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working!

If you have questions or to sign up, please contact Jessica McMahon 217-898-8846.



FISH FRY CAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year! We are looking for donations of cake mixes, frostings, eggs, and oil. **For each sheet cake we use 3 boxes of the same cake mix, 3 cans of frosting, 9 eggs and about 1½ cups of vegetable oil.** A gluten free dessert and angel food cake are also served each time, but we do not need any donations for those.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or kristomail@comcast.net if you have any questions or have a special request. 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored child, Lydia Patrick. Thank you in advance for your support!



On Ash Wednesday, Catholics in dioceses across the United States are invited to assist their sisters and brothers in war-torn Ukraine and in 27 other post-Communist countries by giving to the U.S. Bishops' Annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



and Encounter night will be cancelled.

7:00 a.m. Mass
8:15 a.m. Mass
12:10 p.m. Distribution of Ashes

Devotion (5:30 p.m.), Mass (6:00 p.m.),



The temperatures are on the rise and the weather is improving! Time to come to Mass and coffee shop. Hot coffee, milk, orange juice and donuts served in the parish center after the Sunday morning Masses. Also, if you haven't already signed up to host, please take a minute now--go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACAE2FA0FDC52-holy2#/> or email us at crakers@comcast.net, or text 217-417-6041.



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. 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.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

The theme for World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2024 is **"Love Beyond Words"**

The permanent, faithful and fruitful love in a sacramental marriage is truly beyond words.

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs.

- 1 Corinthians 13



The 2023 Tax Statements

are ready to be distributed.

Please contact the Parish office by phone (217) 352-8748, or email (office@holycrosscatholic.org), if you would like your tax statement. We can send it to you, or you can pick it up in the office Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Collection

Offering for Feb.4th/5th.....\$7,420.50
School Tuition Assistance.....\$759.50

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

Daddy-Daughter Dance. The 8th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance is going to the Beach! Hosted by STM Parent Association.

When: Friday February 23rd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: The High School of St Thomas More

Who: Any girl Pre-K to 8th grade with her Dad or special friend.

Cost: \$30 per Dad/Friend

Dress: Fancy, Luau or Hawaiian attire welcome

Questions or to register: contact Becky Leibach at STMDaddy/DaughterDance@gmail.com

STM Spring Play. This year's spring performance is the classic, "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, and will run March 21-23. Performances will be held at The High School of Saint Thomas More at 7:00 p.m.: \$8 general admission; \$5 students high school and under. To purchase ahead visit STMMusicandDrama.ludus.com or buy tickets at the door! Questions? Email Mr. Kreps at ckreps@hs.stm.org.

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!

Spring Break: STM will be closed Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15 for Spring Break.

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.

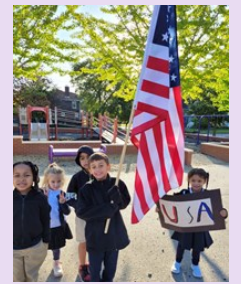
Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at stmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.



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Holy Cross PTC presents

Happy ALL-idays

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.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL
FEBRUARY 2024

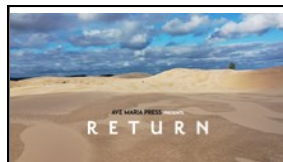
*We pray that those with a terminal illness,
 and their families, receive the necessary physical
 and spiritual care and accompaniment.*

www.apostleshipofprayer.org



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!



ASH WEDNESDAY - RETURN: LENT

(with Fr. John Burns)

Fr. John Burns explains how the season of Lent calls us to return to the Lord, and renounce all those things of the world that separate us from God. Lent begins with the practice of wearing ashes on our foreheads to remind us and the world that there is grave sin, disorder, and division that is against God's will.

As we wear ashes, we proclaim our rejection of sin and our desire to be in communion with God. How will you repent and return to the Lord this Lent?

Buy the accompanying prayer journal here: <https://catholic.market/return-a-guided-lent-journal-for-prayer-and-meditation/#description>

WHOLE 40: MAKING A SPIRITUAL PLAN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Go to formed.org/lent to sign up for Daily Lenten Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray as he opens up the Scriptures throughout this holy season.



PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life: Spring 2024

WHEN: Wednesday February 14 to Sunday March 24

WHERE: Equity Clinic, 2111 W. Park Court, Champaign

WHAT: 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. Sadly, we now have 2 abortion clinics in our central Illinois area, but there is only one official location for 40 Days for Life. In the fall, we were officially at Planned Parenthood, so for the spring, we are now at the Equity Clinic.

Equity Clinic is open Friday to Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for clinic appointments. Yes, they are sadly open not just on Saturday, but also on Sunday

PLEASE NOTE that seasoned volunteer prayer warriors should be out praying on set days and at set times; those details are often posted on the web site page and Facebook page and updated throughout the 40-day time period. If you have not come out to pray before and want to make sure you come when someone else will be there, please contact us thru the information below.

CONTACT: Renée at 217-607-0811 (landline, no texting)
reneemullen1@comcast.net

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Robert F. Reiser Family
Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Fotzler 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
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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
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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.