

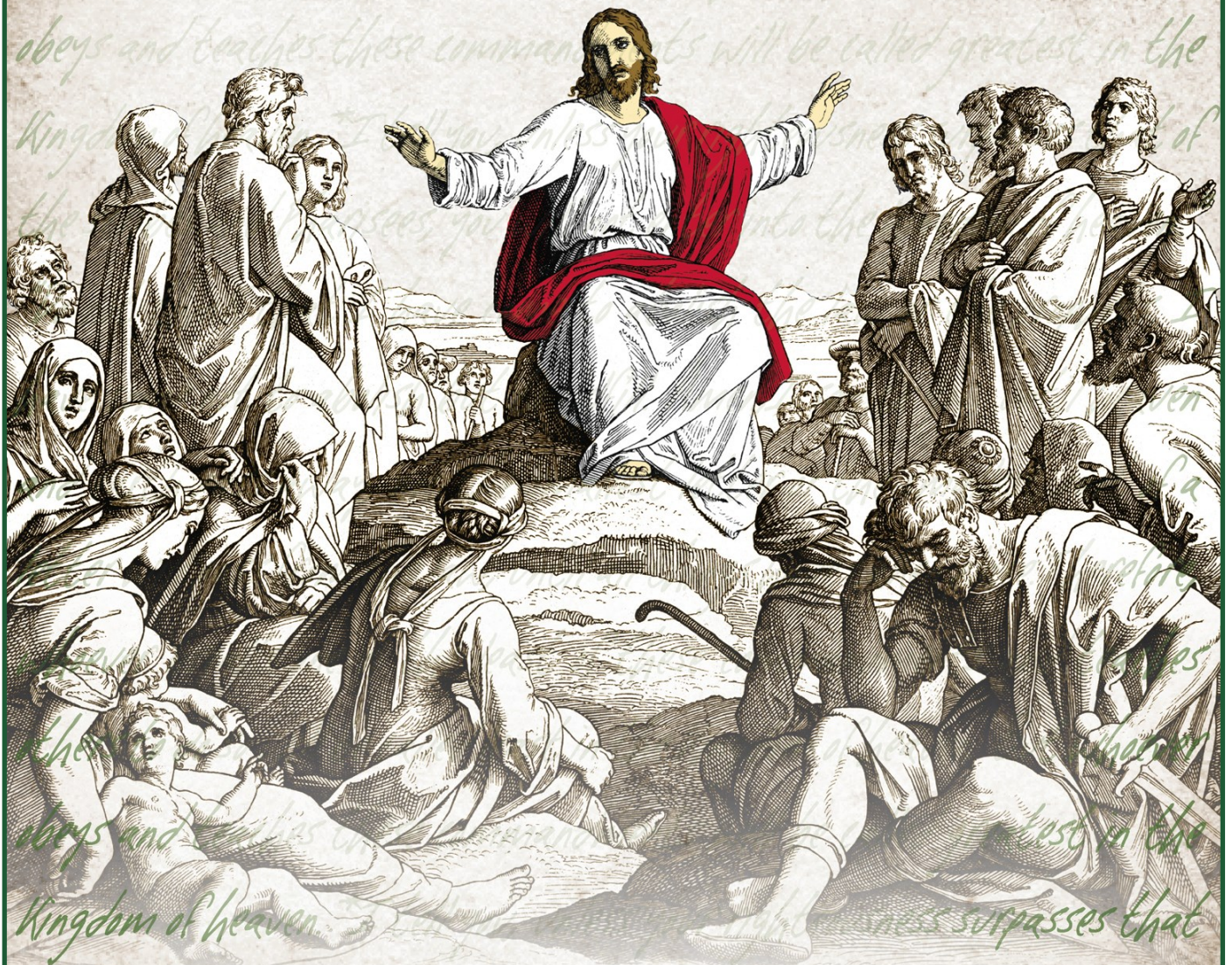
February 12, 2023

6TH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

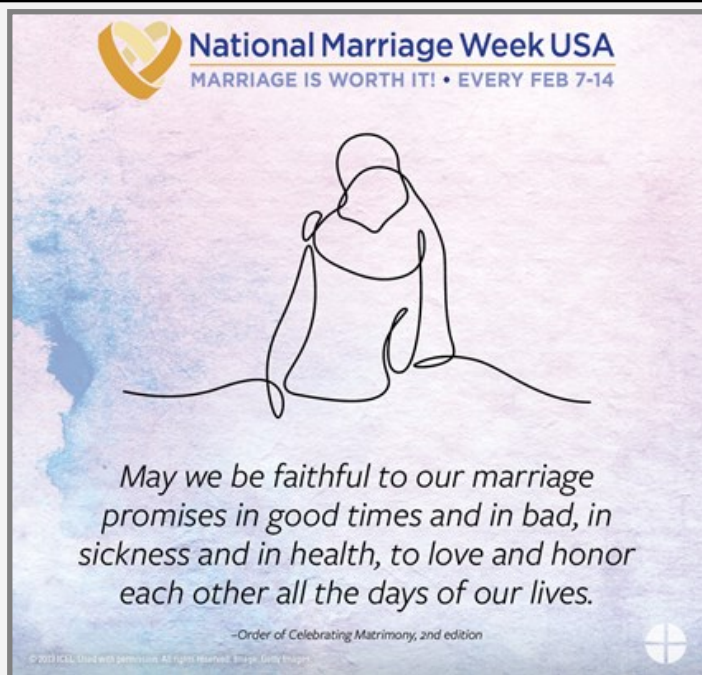
"Do not think that I have come to abolish
the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

- Mt 5:17



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, **"Marriage...one flesh, given and received"** highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church.

Look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through 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



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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. (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.

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. 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila No Ministers Nora Kelley, John Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Feb. 19 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt No Ministers Isabella Contreras, Grace Riley
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy Dawn Friedman, Lynette Barham Abby, Chris, and Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Beth Frasca John Farney, Elaine Hershberger Nate Farney, Mark Elliott Woolwine



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 13

7:00 a.m. In honor of Alfonso Mendoza

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Wednesday, February 15

6:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 16

7:00 a.m. Victor Mitsdarfer

Friday, February 17

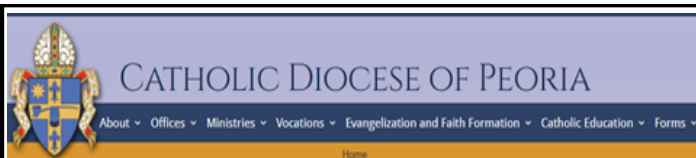
8:15 a.m. Dominador Mendoza

Saturday, February 18

5:30 p.m. Gilbert Parril

Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner
4:00 p.m. Luke Day



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



HOLY CROSS MOMS' GROUP

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, **Feb. 15th** in the Library at the Parish Center. We will be praying the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows.

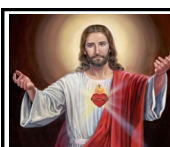
WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

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.



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet this **Today, 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

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!



Calling ALL Euchre Players

Holy Cross is hosting a Euchre Tournament on **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. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 15th.

CATHOLIC HEART
WORKCAMP



CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) is coming to CU June 12-15, 2023! The mission of CHWC is to share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service.

CHWC is an organization which coordinates summer camps across the country that bring together 350+ high schoolers, young adults, and adult leaders to form work groups who will go out into the community to serve those who serve for 4 days of a week.

Projects can be anything from cleaning, painting, building or demolishing, or landscaping and yard work; to childcare, organizing food or clothing, serving food, and visiting the elderly.

If you are a senior member of our parish and would like assistance with a project at your home, please call the parish office at 217-352-8748, to be added to the list. To get your name on the list **please call by Feb. 28th**.

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.



FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fish Fry will be here before we know it. **February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.** We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. Choose from the following times: 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m., or clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc. Please call or text Jessica McMahon at 217-898-8846 to sign up. It's the most fun you'll ever have working! You can also go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ABA723A0FCC25-fish



FISH FRY CAKE SALE!



The Children of Hope and Faith will again be hosting their 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. Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or kristo-mail@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' sponsored child, Lydia Patrick. Thank you for your support!

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 or

Text hctrivianight23 to 76278.

Registration closes February 18th.

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** for complete eligibility requirements and application information about the NCCS Scholarships. **Applications are due by March 1st.**



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

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 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, Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

STM Spring Preview Night

Prospective students, parents, and guardians: you are invited to attend STM's Spring Preview Night 2023! Join us here on campus on Wednesday, March 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come hear from the administration, get an overview of the admissions process, take a campus tour, and meet your future teachers, coaches, and mentors. We look forward to seeing you then!

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 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. 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 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. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!



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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 2023-2024 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.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 2023-2024 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 28, 2023**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

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FOR PARISHES: FEBRUARY 2023

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome toward those most in need.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

Collections

Offering for February 4th/5th.....\$6,703.00

School Tuition Assistance.....\$595.00



BELOVED: FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

In 12 stunning sessions *Beloved* uncovers the mystery and the meaning

of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? *Beloved* invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" ... whether you said it last year or many years ago.

To view the whole series, visit <https://watch.formed.org/beloved-finding-happiness-in-marriage>

Beloved is comprised of two parts: *The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* has 6 sessions and *Living Marriage* has 6 sessions. All 12 episodes can be used in Marriage Prep or for Marriage Enrichment. Just select your Leader and Couples Guides for "Preparation" or "Enrichment".

MARRIAGE UNIQUE FOR A REASON

What is marriage? Are a man and a woman really essential to marriage? What about the child and the role of mothers and fathers? Is it discriminatory to defend marriage as the union of one man and one woman? What impact does the redefinition of marriage have on religious liberty? These are just a few of the many questions about marriage today. They all hinge upon the first question: What is marriage? When the answer to this question is understood, everything else falls into its proper place.



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

PRO-LIFE

A Word from Joy

We will be building a coalition of parishes and their Pro-Life representatives for Pro-life work in East Central Illinois. We have always had good relationships through the years and we will continue.

· Unfortunately, there is a new abortion clinic coming to Champaign! We will need more people to participate in 40 days and have a prayer presence at both clinics. Please pray and act. Thank you....

Next Pro-Life Discussion Group meeting is **February 20th at 1:00 p.m.** We will have a lot to discuss, for sure. All are welcome.

The Pro-Life discussion group was founded to help people know, understand and discuss pro-life and dignity issues. It was purposely founded as an ecumenical group to foster collaboration, understanding and comradery. It was also created to allow people to grow in their knowledge of those pro-life issues so that they can confidently strengthen or help people from pro-life ministries at their own church or organization.

Joy Pace, Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee

P.S. We will be starting 40 Days for Life beginning on Ash Wednesday! Join us for prayer, peaceful presence and outreach every day starting February 22nd thru April 2nd at our local Planned Parenthood. Decisions are being made now regarding the new clinic and this effort.

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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Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family

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Maxine Timponi
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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
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Costello Family
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Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
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