

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Matthew 6: 1-6. 16-18

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

**February 14, 2021**



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### LETTER FROM THE BISHOP REGARDING AID TO EASTERN EUROPE

To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria  
My dear friends,

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted nonessential travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantine practices implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries of Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economies were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains.

In Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) came to the assistance of homebound senior citizens in many cities, using Church facilities to organize the work and engaging both local volunteers and assistance from abroad. In addition, the UGCC mobilized its network of about 120 hospital chaplains and collected and distributed badly needed protective clothing, masks, sanitizer, and other necessities to ensure their safety as they ministered to the sick throughout the country.

Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

BISHOP OF PEORIA

Note: See more information about Aid to Eastern Europe on page 4 of this bulletin.



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

#### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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#### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
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#### 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 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.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (1:40-45)

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them"

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

### FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS (13:1-2, 44-46)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, "Unclean, unclean!" As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

### FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (10:31-11:1)

Brothers and Sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offence, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, Feb. 15

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Pisani

#### Tuesday, Feb. 16

7:00 a.m. Johnny Deponai

#### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17

7:00 a.m. Victor Mitsdarfer

#### Thursday, Feb. 18

7:00 a.m. John Khuong Nguyen

#### Friday, Feb. 19

7:00 a.m. Friday Memorial

#### Saturday, Feb. 20

5:30 p.m. For the Parishioners

#### Sunday, Feb. 21

8:00 a.m. Joe Hacker

10:00 a.m. J.R. Grider

4:00 p.m. Steve Primmer

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday, February 20

5:30 p.m. No ministers

#### Sunday, February 21

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Ben Laws, Jessica McMahon

4:00 p.m. Elaine Hershbarger, John Farney



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,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5**



## Ash Wednesday - February 17th

7:00 a.m.— Mass in Church

Noon–1:00 p.m. — Drive-Thru Distribution of Ashes – >  
(Parish Center parking lot)

6:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

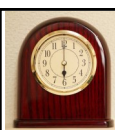
### ASH WEDNESDAY DIRECTIVE FROM THE HOLY SEE

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.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING / EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE

Effective February 24th, the Wednesday morning Mass is moving 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 Hope and Faith.



### AID TO EASTERN EUROPE

The countries in Central and Eastern Europe have faced a century of hardship. They have been oppressed by radical communism, horrendous crimes against humanity, and revolutionary, civil, and world wars. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Control of every aspect of life was taken over by totalitarian governments and the communist party, and civil society and the economy were deconstructed. Since the collapse of the former Soviet Union in 1991, Central and Eastern European countries have been working to rebuild.

The USCCB Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the Faith in these countries. The funds raised in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe are used to support the renewal of vital aspects of the Church life: seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and Catholic communications projects.



### HOLY CROSS PTC PRESENTS... Virtual Pursuit. 9th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction (2021 Edition)

**Saturday, February 27th, Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.**

Registration information at: [trivanight2021givesmart.com](http://trivanight2021givesmart.com)

Or text [trivanight2021](https://text.trivanight2021.com) to 76278 - **\$25 per person.**

Prizes for most creative Zoom background and Prizes for Trivia winners! Check out our Facebook link for formal details: <https://fb.me/e/1S8h20z5s>

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

**All proceeds go to Holy Cross School**



### DONATIONS OF CAKE MIXES & Frostings

are needed for the **Fish Fry Cake Table**. It takes 3 boxes of the same cake mix to make one sheet cake, and 3 cans of frosting per cake. Please drop them off at the Parish Office. We also need 3 dozen eggs per week and vegetable oil. All proceeds go to Children of Hope and Faith.

*Last Week's Collection*

Offering for Feb 6th/7th.....\$6,479.00

Tuition Assistance...\$530.00

**Thanks!**



**Holy Cross School**  
**356-9521**  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 17th to March 28th at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton Street, Champaign Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 (no texting) or [reneemullen1@comcast.net](mailto:reneemullen1@comcast.net)  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU/>  
 Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/champaign>

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 2021**

**Violence Against Women**

*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)



## BELOVED - SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



## FORMED Now! HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

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



### 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](http://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.

## 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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## 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 & Huguette 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 Turkan  
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