

February 16, 2025

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And raising his eyes toward  
his disciples he said:  
“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20

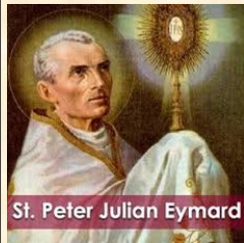


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**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



## Eucharistic Revival



### EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATIONS

by Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Jesus tells us that He loves us, that He instituted His Sacrament only out of love for us. Therefore, it is true.

We believe an honest man on his word. Why should we not trust Our Lord as much?

When someone wants to give his friend a proof of his love, he tells him personally that he loves him and he gives him an affectionate handshake.

Well, Our Lord sends neither angels nor ministers to assure us of His love; He comes in person. Love will have no go-between.

And so, He perpetuates Himself only to tell us over and over again: "I love you.

You see that I love you!" Our Lord was so afraid we might forget Him that He took up His abode among us. He made His home with us so that we might not be able to think of Him without thinking of His love. By giving Himself thus and insisting on this gift, He hoped not to be forgotten. Whoever gives serious thought to the Eucharist, and especially whoever partakes of it, cannot help feeling that Our Lord loves him. He feels that in Him he has a father. He feels that he is loved as a child and that he has a right to come to his Father and speak to Him. In church, at the foot of the tabernacle, he is in his Father's home; he feels that he is indeed.

Ah! I understand why people like to live near a church, in the shadow of their Father's house!

And so, Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament tells us that He loves us; He tells us interiorly and makes us feel it. Let us believe in His love.

### ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



### 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.



### 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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*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

#### 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 of 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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 22</b> Lector: Duncan Oliveira EMHC: Peg Swanson, John Kelley, Sharon Kristovich Servers: Brody Oliveira, Ethan Weldy
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 23</b> Lector: Justine Karduck EMHC: Sue Berndt, Barry Dickerson Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker, Landen Douglas,
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Joe Murphy EMHC: Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman, Bonita Higgerson, Terry Sturdyvin Servers: Brooke McMahon, Ursula Tembo
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: Mary Linnenburger EMHC: Katrina Covello Servers: James Linnenburger, Matthew Woodward



### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, February 17</b> 7:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois
<b>Tuesday, February 18</b> 7:00 a.m.	Dominador Mendoza
<b>Wednesday, February 19</b> 6:00 p.m.	Karen Santarelli
<b>Thursday, February 20</b> 7:00 a.m.	Bob Weber
<b>Friday, February 21</b> 8:15 a.m.	Larry Head
<b>Saturday, February 22</b> 5:30 p.m.	Barbara Rosner
<b>Sunday, February 23</b> 8:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Mary Elizabeth Warner
4:00 p.m.	Maggie Savvas



### FISH FRYS ARE COMING!

Ash Wednesday is March 5th.

Our first Fish Fry will be Friday March 7th.

Additional Fish Fry dates: March 14, 21, 28, & April 4, 11.

We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the event. Choose from the following times: 4:45—5:45 p.m. or 5:45—6:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, assisting people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, washing dishes, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working! To sign-up, please contact Nicolette Burton ([26nburton@hs-stm.org](mailto:26nburton@hs-stm.org)), or Brooke McMahon ([26bmcMahon@hs-stm.org](mailto:26bmcMahon@hs-stm.org)), or go directly to sign up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ABA723A0FCC25-54371571-holy>



### 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.

### 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, 2024.



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.



We cannot be tepid disciples. The Church needs our courage in order to give witness to truth.

— Pope Francis —

### Collections

Offering for February 8th/9th.....\$8,501.00  
Development Fund.....\$760.00

Thank You Very Much!

# Spring Schedule

## Wednesday Morning Meetings

9-10:45 am in the parish center unless noted otherwise

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

CHURCH OF THE EXALTATION OF THE  
**HOLY CROSS**  
**Moms' Group**  
facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms  
hcmomsgroup@gmail.com

## Nights Out

7 pm unless noted otherwise

March 12 - St. Patrick's Day Potluck

April 23 - Ko Fusion in Champaign

May 2 - Taco Fiesta at Martha Hurtado's

## FAMILY NIGHT!



## DINE TO DONATE

→ Support ←

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN & PIATT COUNTIES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4  
3PM-10PM



# 10%

## DONATION NIGHT

for Catholic Charities of Champaign & Piatt Counties.

Present this flyer at the Champaign location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to Catholic Charities of Champaign & Piatt Counties!

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204 N. COUNTRY FAIR DRIVE  
CHAMPAIGN, IL



CATHOLIC  
**SPIRIT RADIO**  
NETWORK

Catholic Spirit Radio Network invites you to join them on a Pilgrimage to Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama and EWTN Studios in Irondale, Alabama from **Monday, August 18, 2025 to Thursday, August 21, 2025**. For more details go to our website: [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com) and click on the EWTN Pilgrimage tab in the menu. **Only a few seats are available. Registration and full payment need to be completed by May 31, 2025.** For questions, call Kathy at (309) 828-6554 or Jerry at (630) 514-6221

## 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 closes February 17th!

\$50/person - \$400 table of 8  
Registration online at:  
[hctrivianight25.givesmart.com](http://hctrivianight25.givesmart.com)

## 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 [STMDaddyDaughterDance@gmail.com](mailto:STMDaddyDaughterDance@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.



## High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

[www.hs-stm.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto: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](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org), Mr. Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org) and John Delaney, Athletic Director at [jdelaney@hs-stm.org](mailto:jdelaney@hs-stm.org).



## Holy Cross School

217-356-9521

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

### CONGRATULATIONS to the Holy Cross 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team!

The Holy Cross 7th grade boys basketball team placed first in our regional tournament moving on to the sectional game at Schlarman. There they won 58 to 27 versus Kansas and advanced to the state tournament on Saturday!

Our 7th grade boys basketball team will be playing for the State Championship on Thursday at 7:30. The boys won both of their games last Saturday and played great. They will face Lincoln West from Lincoln II with a record of 28-1. If you can attend that would be great. They play at Normal Kingsley JHS. If you can not attend you can watch the game on [https://youtube.com/@bchornetsports?si=G5fIG\\_AbkNB02MH](https://youtube.com/@bchornetsports?si=G5fIG_AbkNB02MH)



### 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](http://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](http://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.

## JOIN US

### STM Preview Night

March 12, 2025

from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

For Prospective Families  
with Students  
in Grades 5-8

- TAKE A TOUR
- LEARN ABOUT OUR ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, ARTS, AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- HEAR FROM FACULTY & STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES
- FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

SCHEDULE A SHADOW VISIT OR TOUR + LEARN MORE AT [WWW.HS-STM.ORG](http://WWW.HS-STM.ORG)



THE HIGH SCHOOL OF  
SAINT THOMAS MORE



Questions?

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217.352.7210 or  
[admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org)

**Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!**



**EVANGELIZATION WITH CHRIS STEFANICK**

We are all on a mission. Do you know what it is? Have you planned the goals and oriented your life to achieve it?

Pope Paul VI famously said, "the Church exists to evangelize" - that is, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples.

Spreading the Gospel and inviting others into a relationship with Christ is not just the priest's job; it is the responsibility of all baptized Catholics. What does that look like in our modern world? How do we do it effectively? Let renowned speaker, writer, and expert Chris Stefanick teach you his tried and true methods of spreading the Gospel, that is, evangelization. In his three hour course, Chris breaks down the why, the how, and the what of effective ministry to help Catholics of all backgrounds fulfill the Church's mission.



**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



**SENT EVANGELIZATION**

"Whom shall we send?"

In the words of St. Paul, "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, but how can men believe in him in whom they have never heard and how can they hear without a preacher and how can men preach unless they are Sent" (Rm. 10:13-15).

But who will be sent? And sent not to distant missions, but within our own parish territories, to the vast and largely forgotten majority of our brothers and sisters who do not yet know Jesus yet live surrounding our churches. The Answer: Simple. But not easy.

Sent Evangelization provides Catholic pastors with the method and tools to reach all the souls living within their parish boundaries (Christus Dominus no. 30.1). And does so by equipping parishioners with a neighborhood evangelization method, based on baptismal identity and focused on charity.



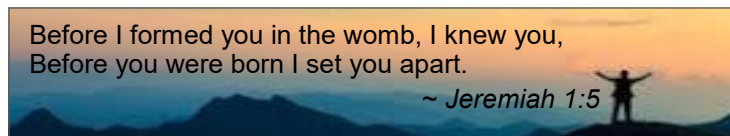
**The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY is in need of donations.**

Thank you to all who have responded to the call for help thus far. The number of people in need, including families with children, increases often. Any non-perishable food item is appreciated. Gifts can be dropped off at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. **Monetary gifts are also welcome.** Please make checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**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.

**Thrivent Financial.**



Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,  
Before you were born I set you apart.

~ Jeremiah 1:5

**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, Fotzler & 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  
 Hershbarger & 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