

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18



February 19, 2023

Love your *enemies* and pray  
for those who *persecute* you

Matthew 5:44



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross





February 2023

Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Diocese of Peoria  
Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990's, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled. Under the communist system, cultural values of charity and volunteerism disappeared. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people—such as children, seniors, and people with disabilities—particularly vulnerable.

The Diocese of Chişinău, founded in 2000, covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of "Transnistria," currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and 7 charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy is evident in Moldova's generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expended its outreach and ability to reveal Christ's mercy to Moldova's vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. The centers also help strengthen the parenting skills of mothers and fathers. With funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the diocese and its local partners have established the centers according to standards for quality and child protection to make them safe and caring environments.

Your support and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps the Church bring Christ's mercy to the Ukrainian refugees, Moldovan children, and families most in need. For more information about the collection and whom 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.

Peace and Prayers,

✠ Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria

The collection for Aid to Eastern Europe which will benefit Central and Eastern Europe will be taken on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

### 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



### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor  
Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

#### 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

#### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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#### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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. (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.

# Seventh 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

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:30 p.m. | <b>Feb. 25</b><br>Lector: Dave Kristovich<br>EMHC: Joslyn Unger<br>Servers: Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00 a.m.   | <b>Feb. 26</b><br>Lector: Justine Karduck<br>EMHC: No Ministers<br>Servers: Wil Karduck, Avery Natschke   |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b>            | Lector: Andrew Zasada<br>EMHC: Ben Laws, Jay Ehlman<br>Servers: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo                 |
| <b>4:00 p.m.</b>             | Lector: Penny Devall<br>EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer<br>Servers: Kristina Maloney, Lucy Rank       |

**Ash Wednesday:** Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.  
Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes at 12:10 p.m.  
There will be NO Wednesday Evening Devotion or Mass



**NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH,** and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Krew Joseph Fiedler, son of Darren and Mallory Fiedler. Let us support little Krew on his faith journey!



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Joyce Hipkind

#### Tuesday, February 21

7:00 a.m. Blanche Sembera

#### Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Bernard and Gloria Pleasure

8:15 a.m. Fr. Remigius Bukuru

12:10 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

-- No 6:00 p.m. Mass or 5:30 p.m. Devotion

#### Thursday, February 23

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court #1070

#### Friday, February 24

8:15 a.m. Christopher Cornell

#### Saturday, February 25

5:30 p.m. Barbara Rosner

#### Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Mike Swart

4:00 p.m. Max Hershberger



**FAITHFUL DEPARTED.** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Margaret Carnes. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND EASTER TRIDUUM

The regulations for Lent and Easter Triduum follow:

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian Year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February, 22, 2023 and all the Fridays of Lent.

*(Note: Because St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Friday of Lent, the bishop has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on this day.)*

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February, 22nd and Good Friday, April 7th.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed.

Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

## CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP



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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.**



## Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **March 9th 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!



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

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## 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](mailto:humanresources@cdop.org)

## FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**All Are Invited.** Each Friday when school is in session, beginning after the All-School Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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!

## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of hot coffee and a delicious donut. Join us for stimulating conversation. Join old friends, make new friends.



## 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](http://nccs-bsa.org/college_scholarships) for complete eligibility requirements and application information about the NCCS Scholarships. **Applications are due by March 1st.**

## Collections

Offering for February 11th/12th.....\$7,537.36  
Development Fund.....\$988.00





## 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 full-time Maintenance Technician, 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](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org), Anthony Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org), and Jon Marston, Athletic Director at [jmarston@hs-stm.org](mailto:jmarston@hs-stm.org).

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.hs-stm.org) by clicking on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Questions about shadowing, enrollment or the admissions application should be directed to the Enrollment Office by emailing [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!

### School Office Closed

STM will be closed for Spring Break from Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 17th.



## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

217-356-9521

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

### *From the Desk of Principal Koerner:*

If January is the month of motivation, February is the month of adjustment. When the excitement of New Year dies down, you are clearer of what really matters. You distinguish meaningful goals from lofty ones.

February, the season of Lent, is focused on returning to the embrace of God's love through repentance and sacrifice. Lent can often be perceived as a hollow ritual calling Christians to repentance (when we should be seeking Christ all year long).

However, each Christian needs time to refocus their faith on Christ and get a heart check. The season of Lent invites us to intentionally improve our relationship with God. Make no mistake, Lent is not simply giving up something like chocolate or Facebook. Lent is removing the most worldly and gluttonous aspects of our lives, so that we might fill our lives with the things like prayer, fasting, works of piety, works of mercy, and sacrificial giving. The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert.

Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of Lent, and we should feel a strong calling to encourage our Holy Cross community to draw closer to Jesus Christ. This is the time to confess our sins both individually and collectively, and follow Christ's pattern of giving and serving.

**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 2023-24 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 Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements needed 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 2023-24 school year must reapply.

Deadline 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](http://www.empowerillinois.org). Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.



### **The Catholic Post**

Subscribers to *The Catholic Post*, our award-winning diocesan newspaper, have received materials to renew their subscription for

another year. Now is the time for those who haven't subscribed yet to do so, and we encourage all members of our parish family to receive and support this valuable resource for Catholic living, Lenten opportunities, and the National Eucharistic Revival.

Subscribe instantly via credit or debit card online at [thecatholicpost.com](http://thecatholicpost.com) or call (309) 671-1550 during business hours. It is also possible to send a check to The Catholic Post, P.O. Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. The subscription rate remains at \$30. Additional levels of support are available.



### ASH WEDNESDAY | RESTORE: LENT WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT

As Lent begins, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reminds you that Lent is really about transformation. She encourages you to bring your heart to the Lord in prayer, to be honest with him, and to allow his love and mercy to bring you into communion with him.



### FEARLESS: A 7-WEEK LENTEN VIDEO SERIES / TRAILER

Set to release on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, this free 7-week video series will accompany you on your Lenten journey.

Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.

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

## PRO-LIFE

### From Joy Pace

We have an urgent need—as you probably know, there is a new abortion clinic here in town, unfortunately. It is being run by an Ohio abortionist, who cannot perform abortions in Ohio anymore (thankfully). BUT that means since he is wedded to his commitment to abortion, he chose to move his clinic here to Champaign.

### From Renee Mullen

Hi. The 2nd abortion clinic in Champaign is open. Illinois is being marketed as an abortion destination, and Champaign specifically is being targeted as an abortion mecca—is that really what we want to be known for? This new abortion clinic will be performing both chemical (pill) and surgical abortions on pre-born babies up to 6 months old. The local Planned Parenthood has also expanded to perform both chemical (pill) and surgical abortions.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, SPRING 2023

From Wednesday, Feb. 22 to Sunday, April 2 at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton St., Champaign AND the new Equity Clinic, 2111 W. Park Court, Ch.

**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 when the abortion clinics are open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray. Since we will now have 2 abortion clinics, we encourage people to come pray at both locations.

## 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.

### OSF Healthcare

## HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, 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 & Fotzler 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 & Huguet 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 Turkcan  
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

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  
Glen & Helen Jones  
Betty Madrey  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Bill Mooney  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.