

"...LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...

for he makes his sun rise...
and causes rain to fall
on the just and the unjust."

-Matthew 5:44-45

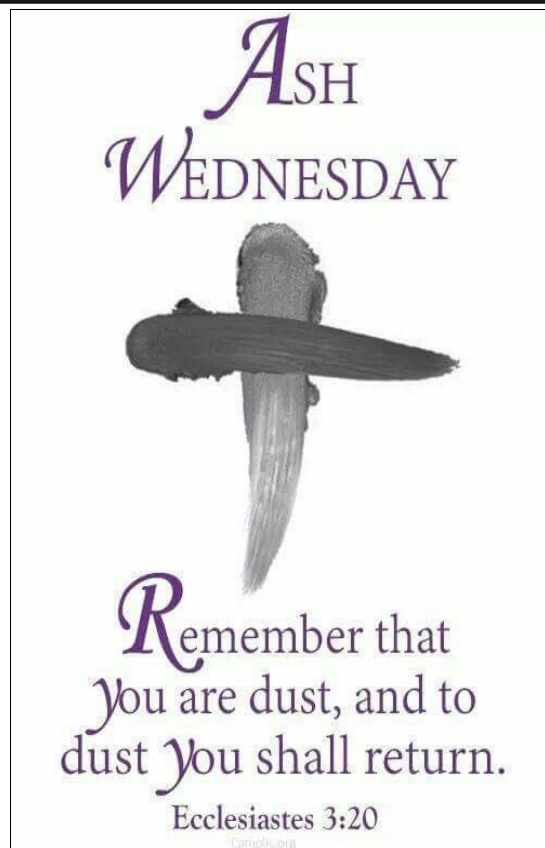
February 23, 2020



7TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



“Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
All that is not of God must die.
Also, all that is crushed will be made whole again.
Lord, all that is lost will be found again.
Father, may we repent of the ways that we
did not serve you.
May we surrender to the tensions that tell us
where we need to change.
Christ is coming, walking toward the cross.
God, may we see Him clearly
Pouring out love, Pouring out mercy,
Pouring out peace.
May we kneel before Him in humble devotion,
May we take up our cross and follow,
And walk with Christ into the ways of life.
Amen.”

MARIAN DEVOTION AND MASS

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for a Marian Devotion and Mass. The Devotion during Lent will be the Stations of the Cross. **Note:** There will not be one on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th, but join us the following Wednesdays for the Stations at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
Fr. Remigius Bukuru, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gloria Fellers

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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.
Holy Days: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

MARIAN DEVOTION 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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Phone: 217-352-8748 Fax: 217-366-2929
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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Rose Costello, Interim Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 Mass when school is in session, until Benediction at 2:15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 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 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.

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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Feb. 29 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Rochelle Heidbreder Brian Barnes, Jason Heidbreder, Dennis Menke, John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman Molly Moomaw, Miles Moomaw, Michael Moomaw
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	March 1 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Barry Dickerson, Judy Deverell, John Deponai, John Sullivan Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck, Trevor Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Sue Berndt Dawn Friedman, John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Benjamin Laws, Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss Abby Friedman, Chris Friedman, Timmy Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Bob Weber Tylor Hull, Juliann Seebauer, Ed Seebauer, Mike O'Brien, Jan Weber Emily Herges, Therez Herges, Taylor Crawford



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Feb. 24

7:00 a.m. Richard Hardy

Tuesday, Feb. 25

7:00 a.m. Victor Mitsdarfer

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26

7:00 a.m. Margaret Jackson
8:15 a.m. Johnny Deponai, IV
12.10 p.m. Liturgy of the Word, Distrib. of Ashes

Thursday, Feb. 27

7:00 a.m. Jennifer Deponai

Friday, Feb. 28

8:15 a.m. Hazel M. Bowen

Saturday, Feb. 29

5:30 p.m. Renata Bishop

Sunday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Robert & Stephanie Slattery
10:00 a.m. Stephen Warner
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS!

Thank you to the parishioners who attended our Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast on February 9th! Our scouts collected \$525 in support of St. Vincent de Paul. Congratulations to Holy Cross scouts who received religious medals. Almost 50 scouts participated in the 10 a.m. Mass.

WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Ash Wed	Thu	Fri
24	25	26	27	28
August Christhilf, Philip Christhilf	Ben Summers, Noah Fellers	7:00 a.m. J. Bingaman 8:15 a.m. Students	Nicolette Burton, Vivian Pyle	8:15 a.m. School Servers



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of George Skube. May his soul, and those of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

COFFEE SHOP. Warm up with coffee, juice, milk & donuts after both Sunday morning Masses. Come on over to the Parish Center, catch up with friends, and make some new friends!



LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES

Mass times for Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. At 12:10 p.m. we will have Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. A collection will be taken up at these Masses for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will continue on Fridays when school is in session, beginning about 9:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (**not** Fridays), from March 4th to April 8th.

CONFESSIONS will be heard from noon to 1:00 p.m. all the Thursdays of Lent.

FISH FRYS begin this Friday, Feb. 28th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Great Hall.

FREE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the vestibule of the church.

MOVIE AND A LENTEN MEAL

The annual Lenten event, a Movie and a Meal, will be **Sunday, March 8th** at 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Holy Cross WATCH (We Are The Church) group, a supper of soup and bread will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross parish center. The movie, "*Breakthrough*," will begin about 5:45. The movie, rated PG, is about faith and hope and is especially appropriate for older children and adults.



No RSVP is necessary, but we ask that those attending bring either a cash donation or some non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. As Father Danton's homily encouraged us: GRFL or 'Get Ready for Lent.' Plan for Lent and make this annual event part of your plan. Questions? Call Cheri at 217-352-4918.



February 25th to April 5th
at Planned Parenthood, 302 E. Stoughton, Ch.

40 Days for Life is an international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all who are affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 days, but especially when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. We can always use more people praying.

It has been proven that more lives are saved and more people find help when others are outside praying. Pro-life movies including Abby Johnson's presentation from 2017 and *Unplanned* will be shown at local area churches in Champaign, Mahomet, St. Joseph, and Urbana throughout the 40 day period.

Questions? Contact Renee at reneemullen1@comcast.net or FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU/>

DONATIONS OF CAKE MIXES & Frostings

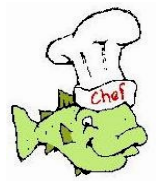


are needed for the **Fish Fry Cake Table**. It takes 3 boxes of the same cake mix to make one sheet cake (chocolate is a favorite), and 3 cans of frosting per cake. Please drop them off at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. We also need 3 dozen eggs per week and vegetable oil. Bring eggs to the Parish Office to be refrigerated.

Also needed: A gluten-free dessert, one each week. If you'd like to prepare one (brownies, cookies, etc.), please call the Parish Office; let them know which week(s) you can bake for. **Volunteers** also needed to bake cakes at the Parish Center and serve at the dinners. Proceeds from the cake sale will benefit Children of Hope & Faith.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Friday Night Fish Fry will begin on **February 28th**. We need volunteers to work at least one hour during the Fish Fry: from 5:15-6:15 p.m., or 6:15-7:15 p.m., or clean-up crew. Jobs include 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. Your help will be much appreciated!



Last Week's Collection

Offering for February 15th/16th.....\$8,380.00

Thank you very much!

**MATCHING GRANT FOR
"INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT
SCHOLARSHIPS"**

You can provide a Catholic school education to children from low-income families while also receiving a state tax credit yourself. The Tax Credit Scholarship program offers a 75% income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to Holy Cross School under the *Invest in Kids Act*.

And there has never been a better time to take advantage of the program. A generous donor has created a 1-to-1 matching gift program, which means your donation to Holy Cross School will be doubled. But we must act fast! The matching gift program will only last until April 1st, 2020, or until in-matching funds are depleted. For more info contact Stephanie Rank at stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org or call the parish office at 352-8748.



www.cdop.org

February, 2020

To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria
My Dear Friends,

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up soon in our diocese. The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports the essential and unmet pastoral needs of the church of the region. The pastoral projects and scholarships supported by the Collection build the capacity of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe by creating leaders and developing programs that will continue to encourage self-sufficiency.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where great needs remain. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Daniel R. Jenky C.S.C.

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA

Note: This collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday.



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

PRESCHOOL & K INFORMATION. Want to know more about our Preschool and Kindergarten programs? You are invited to visit our preschool and kindergarten classrooms **Today, February 23rd** after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Teachers and school staff will be there to guide your tour. Start at the check-in table at our Parish Center coffee shop. See what opportunities await your family at Holy Cross School. Parents and children welcome!

SPRING MUSICAL. Save the date for our annual Spring Musical. Rehearsals have started and this year's musical is *"Into the Woods."* The shows will run from Thursday, April 30th through Saturday, May 2nd.



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

STM 8TH GRADER NEWS. Calling all 8th graders! We want you here! Become a Saber! To apply, go to <https://stm-il.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=102>

For a Shadow Visit:
<https://forms.gle/epBHFwbBfBaBSrdHA>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. We are seeking applicants for a Spanish Teacher. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srbridget@hs-stm.org.

STM NEEDS A BUS DRIVER. We are seeking bus drivers to aid in transportation to extra-curricular events. If you are interested in driving, please contact Thomas Welte at twelte@hs-stm.org.

**APOSTLESHIP
OF PRAYER**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S
MONTHLY INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 2020**

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

CIRCLE OF PRAYER. Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email.

A WORD FROM JOY

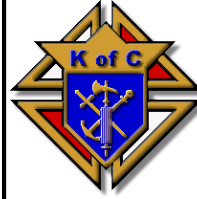
Need(s): We can use food assistance for a family of 5 (same family that needs a car, see below). This single Mom has 4 boys and she just got a \$1/hour raise. But her food assistance was decreased by the same amount, so she cannot get ahead. Food pantries have canned goods but not much fresh food. If your family would like to help her with food assistance, please consider getting a gift card to Aldi or make a one-time donation to our committee or an ongoing donation online or by check (see below).

We need a car in good running order. The Mom with 4 boys needs a reliable car to get to work and bring her children to school. That car needs to be big enough to hold 5 people comfortably..... If your family has a car available to give to this family at no or little cost, please contact us! Having personal transportation is so important!

If your family would like to help with any of these needs, please contact Joy at 359-8406. To support our ministry: If you give a check, please make it out to Holy Cross AND mark the check with Pro-Life in the memo line. If you give via Holy Cross on-line: please note that there is a new category for Pro-Life and the donation will go directly into our account. Of course, prayers are appreciated anytime!

PATHFINDERS

Pathfinders, a peer support group for Separated or Divorced people, will be starting on **Thursday, March 5th**, at St Matthew Parish. The group will meet every Thursday in the meeting rooms from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Pick up a brochure from the parish office or call Martin at (540) 553-1026 for more information.



K OF C DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER AT ST MATTHEW

FUNraiser - Join us for dinner, dancing, and fun! The Knights of Columbus will host a Dinner and Dance on **Saturday, March 7th** from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Feeney Hall, St. Matthew Parish Center. Dinner will include Hors D'Oeuvres and your choice of Ribeye Steak or Baked Chicken by Applewood Foods Catering.

Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. For reservations call, text or email Larry Swinyer at 217-493-3678, swinyer@sbcglobal.net or call St. Matthew Parish Office at 217-359-4224. All profits from this event will be donated to St. Mary Cemetery in Champaign for improvements.

FATIMA – LOURDES TRIP OCTOBER 2020

You are invited to join Msgr. Paul Showalter, Vicar General Emeritus, on a pilgrimage to Spain featuring Fatima, Lourdes, and Barcelona October 13th-23rd, 2020. October is the month of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, and we will be visiting some of the most sacred shrines and places of prayer and devotion in Europe. There is a wealth of history to be seen and felt in the places we will be visiting.

There will be daily Mass as well as time to relax and enjoy the true experience of Portugal, France, and Spain. I look forward to sharing the experience with you. For a brochure, or more information, contact Karen Small at (309) 677-7071 or by email at ksmall@cdop.org.

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 & 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 Turkan
Aloysius J. Winka
Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Harold Kremer 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
Burdie & 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