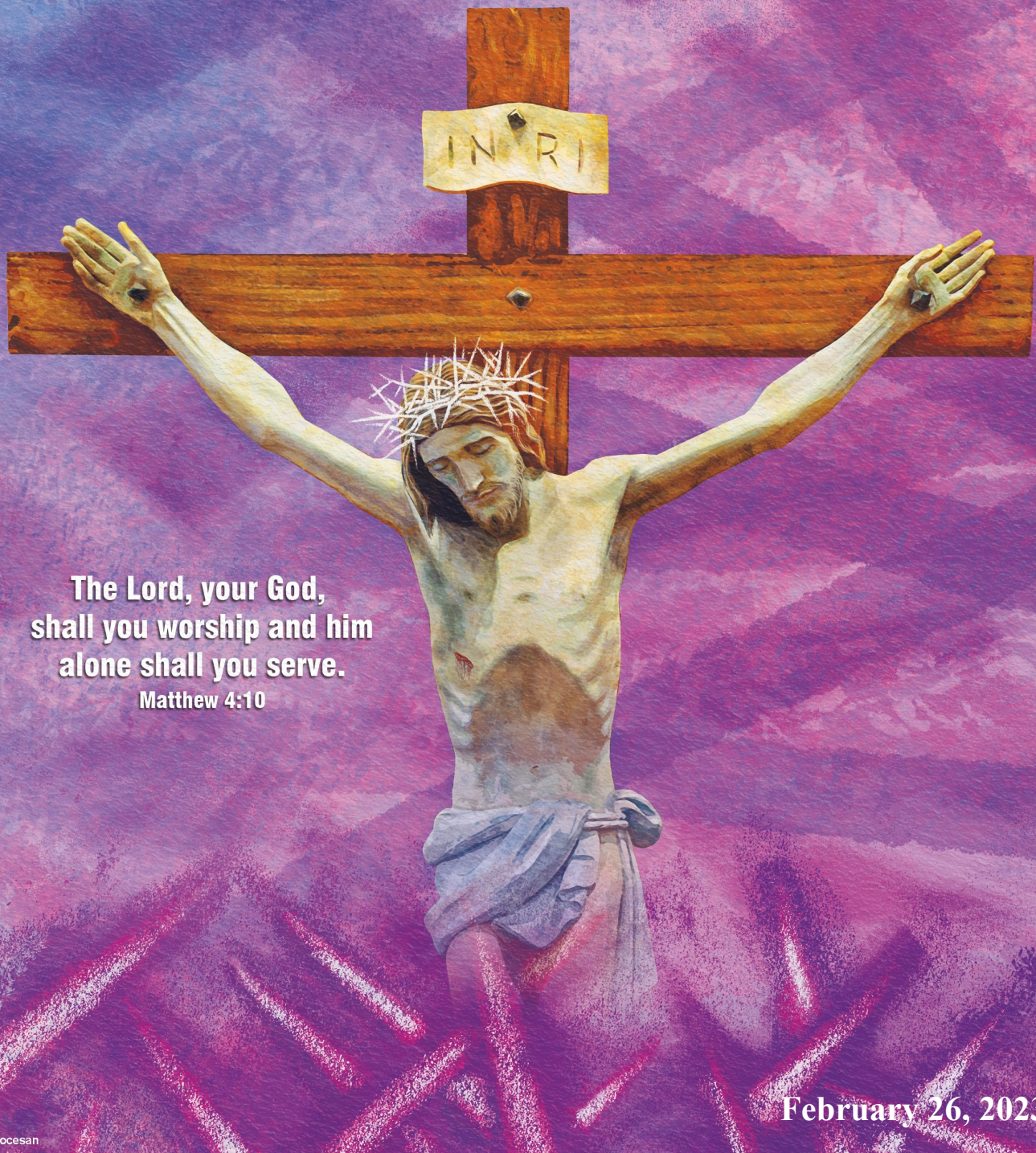


First Sunday of LENT



The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.
Matthew 4:10

February 26, 2023

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"God is waiting for us in Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us not leave Him waiting in vain!"

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
(Pope Benedict XVI)

The National Eucharistic Revival will be in effect in the United States through 2025. Bishop Louis Tylka has purchased a special chalice and commissioned a monstrance to be made for this initiative. The monstrance will sojourn in each and every parish of our Diocese to be used in special holy hours. By God's Grace, this will increase Diocesan fervor for Eucharistic Adoration.

The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church is a Eucharistic Church. Yet, in today's culture, only about 30% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence. **We are in crisis! How do we recover? We pray.** This revival encourages each of us to think about how critical it is to have **an intimate relationship with the Lord**. The Lord gives us the gift of His body and His blood in Holy Eucharist. **He thirsts for our love in return.** Eucharistic revival will help us realize that we are called to pray together, to celebrate Mass faithfully, to deepen our awareness that the Lord is truly with us, and to visit Him frequently in Adoration. The renewal will focus on the Eucharist and admonish us to include Our Lord in our daily struggles – to satisfy His thirst for our love!

As a Eucharistic people, we must be committed to living lives patterned after Christ; lives in which we are willing to do God's Will fully and to give our time, talent, treasure, and indeed, our very lives for Jesus. We must not compromise our principles with the culture of materialism. We must put God first in our lives. We must firmly believe that God gives us the strength we need on our pilgrimage. We must trust in Him completely.

Continue to look for the Weekly Eucharistic Revival column in the bulletin each week during Lent.



MASS AND HOLY HOUR DURING LENT

Please join our parish family during Lent on Wednesday evenings for Mass and Holy Hour.

Following 6 p.m. Mass, we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition, Meditation, Adoration, and Benediction

(There will **not** be the usual 5:30 p.m. Devotion during Lent)



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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.

First Sunday of Lent

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.	March 4 Lector: Elizabeth Kelley EMHC: Peg Swanson Servers: Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	March 5 Lector: John Karduck EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Nicolette Burton, Grace Riley
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Christopher Ostertag EMHC: Dawn Friedman, Lynette Barham Servers: Abby, Chris, Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Servers: Nate Farney, Wil Herges

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, February 27
7:00 a.m. Jennifer Deponai

Tuesday, February 28
7:00 a.m. Clifford Burton

Wednesday, March 1
6:00 p.m. Chester Benington
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour

Thursday, March 2
7:00 a.m. "Chief" McCleod

Friday, March 3
8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, March 4
5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Revival

Sunday, March 5
8:00 a.m. Joyce Hogan Kaes
10:00 a.m. Tracy Stark
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



SAVE THE DATE FOR LENTEN MOVIE AND MEAL

We will be having a movie and a meal on April 2nd in the Parish Great Hall. More details to come



During Lent, **no** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Devotion. But there will be Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass with Exposition, Meditation, Adoration and Benediction.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mildred "Midge" Carns and of Mary Sue Shay. May their souls 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.**

Women's Lenten Recollection

"Mary and the Role of Women in God's Plan"

Saturday, March 18, 2023

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Church

Meditation by Father Leopold Mushobozi

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rosary

Benediction

Please come and bring a friend!

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Champaign County #1070



FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fish Fry is here already: **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 kristomail@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!

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!



Collection

Offering for February 18th/19th

\$5,794.51

Thank You Very Much!

Fiscal Year 2022/23

	January Contributions	Jul-Jan Contributions	Jul-Jan Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus
Sundays & Holy Days	39,378.08	249,715.14	233,333.33	16,381.81
Automatic Contributions	9,680.00	67,635.00	70,000.00	(2,365.00)
Online Giving	9,964.45	62,686.50	58,333.33	4,353.17
Subtotal	59,022.53	380,036.64	361,666.66	18,369.98
HC Tuition Assistance	2,661.50	14,665.50	14,583.33	82.17
STM Tuition Assistance	572.00	4,259.00	3,500.00	759.00
Development Fund	7,992.00	22,655.00	31,250.00	(8,595.00)



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STM Job Opportunities

STM is seeking applications for a Full-Time Maintenance Technician, Part-Time Assistant Athletic Director, Head Girls Tennis Coach, Boys Head Soccer Coach, Head JV Baseball Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. Bridget Martin at srbridget@hs-stm.org, Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Wednesday, March 8

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!

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

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! For full details and registration info, go to www.hs-stm.org. Click on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program."

Questions? Go to admissions@hs-stm.org. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!



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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 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. 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. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

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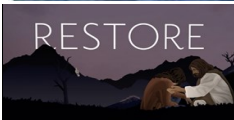


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Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of His love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice.

FEARLESS: A 7-WEEK LENTEN VIDEO SERIES - Set to release on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, this free, 7-week video series will accompany you on your Lenten journey.



BAKHITA: FROM SLAVE TO SAINT

In 1948, Aurora Marin arrived with her family at the convent of the Canossian Sisters of Schio, Italy, where Sister Bakhita had just died. Aurora was hoping to see her before her death. She gathered her children around the picture of Bakhita, telling them of the incredible life of the woman who raised her as her nanny.

Born in a village in Sudan, kidnapped by slavers, often beaten and abused, and later sold to Federico Marin, a Venetian merchant, Bakhita then came to Italy and became the nanny servant of Federico's daughter, Aurora, who had lost her mother at birth. She is treated as an outcast by the peasants and the other servants due to her black skin and African background, but Bakhita is kind and generous to others. Bakhita gradually comes closer to God with the help of the kind village priest, and embraces the Catholic Faith.

She requests to join the order of Canossian sisters, but Marin doesn't want to give her up as his servant, treating her almost as his property. This led to a moving court case that raised an uproar, impacting Bakhita's freedom and ultimate decision to become a nun. Pope John Paul II declared her a saint in the year 2000.



CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
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We will review and discuss the article: *Fetal Pain: the Science Behind Why It Is the Medical Standard of Care* from the CMA's own Linacre Quarterly, as well as the CMA's position statement on abortion.

Great if you can read the article before and come ready for discussion, but please join us even if you have not had time to peruse this article.

Please contact cufultonsheen@gmail.com
If you would like the links to the articles.

All are welcome to join us
March 4th at 9:00 a.m.
St Mark room (Parish Hall)
St Matthew Catholic Church, Champaign.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

FORMED LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS

Encounter Christ this Lent with daily Lenten reflection videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray. Sign up and receive daily emails to engage with your faith this holy season.

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