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*Mark 9:2,3*

Transfiguration of Jesus  
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

February 28, 2021

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



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 4, 5 AND 6

Jesus, you feel so alone with all those people yelling and screaming at you. You don't like the words they are saying about you, and you look for a friendly face in the crowd. You see your mother. She can't make the hurting stop, but it helps to see that she is on your side, that she is suffering with you. She does understand and care.

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**All:** *Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Jesus, the soldiers are becoming impatient. This is taking longer than they wanted it to. They are afraid you won't make it to the hill where you will be crucified. As you grow weaker, they grab a man out of the crowd and make him help carry your cross. He was just watching what was happening, but all of a sudden he is helping you carry your cross.

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Jesus, suddenly a woman comes out of the crowd. Her name is Veronica. You can see how she cares for you as she takes a cloth and begins to wipe the blood and sweat from your face. She can't do much but she offers what little help she can.

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### LENTEN DEVOTION AND MASS

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 5:30, followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*  
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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, Thur, Fri  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

**MARIAN 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

Adoration is available on the patio in the courtyard anytime.

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 6:30-6:45 a.m.  
Or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** 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 Second 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.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (9:2-10)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS (8:31B-34)

Brothers and Sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday, March 6

5:30 p.m. Kathy Murray

#### Sunday, March 7

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John Dixon, Pat Dixon

4:00 p.m. Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Jan Weber



### † † † Masses For The Week

#### Monday, March 1

7:00 a.m. Freedom to Worship

#### Tuesday, March 2

7:00 a.m. All Souls

#### Wednesday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Louis Pisani

#### Thursday, March 4

7:00 a.m. For the Intention of the Donor

#### Friday, March 5

7:00 a.m. First Friday Memorial

#### Saturday, March 6

5:30 p.m. For the Parishioners

#### Sunday, March 7

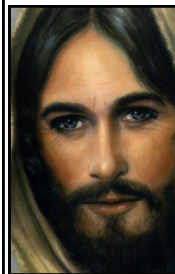
8:00 a.m. John Hirschfield

10:00 a.m. Carol Bremer

4:00 p.m. Steve Primmer

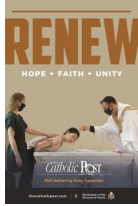


### FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION JESUS IS CALLING YOU!



**All Are Invited.** Jesus holds a special open house in our beautiful church on Fridays. He invites us to spend quiet time with Him to give thanks for blessings received and to tell Him about our pressing concerns.

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays, during Lent, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Jesus would love your company! And by signing up, the Parish Office Staff will know when someone is spending time with Jesus.



**THE CATHOLIC POST**  
“RENEW: Hope...Faith...Unity”

It is time to renew, or start a subscription to **The Catholic Post**. We strongly encourage support and readership of our diocesan newspaper. We hope all members of our parish will use this valuable resource for Catholic living and unity in our diocese, especially during this challenging time.

Did you know that you can place a message atop a page of **The Catholic Post**? Your special message will be seen in 10,000 Catholic households! Through a page sponsorship, you may memorialize a deceased loved one, give thanks for blessings such as a new grandchild or a marriage anniversary, etc. A page sponsorship of \$100 is one suggested level of giving, and another way to give support.

**How to Subscribe to and Support the Catholic Post:**

Those who subscribe to our excellent diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**, have received materials to renew their subscription for another year. You can subscribe instantly via credit or debit card online at [thecatholicpost.com](http://thecatholicpost.com); by calling (309) 671-1550 during business hours; or sending a check to **The Catholic Post**, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656.

Attention Facebook users! Join nearly 7,000 others who see and share important Catholic news by following **The Catholic Post** on Facebook. Get breaking news first and share stories and images of faith with your friends and family.

The subscription rate remains at \$30. Additional levels of support are invited.



**EMPOWER ILLINOIS**  
**MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY**

**We need your help!** A generous donor is sponsoring a 1:1 matching gift program for Empower Illinois donations designated toward tax credit scholarships for our school up to \$15,000. By making a donation to HCS through Empower Illinois between February 1st-March 31st you can **DOUBLE** your impact and **DOUBLE** the funds available for tuition assistance. We have the potential to raise \$30,000 in tuition assistance funds for our students for the 2021-22 school year! We already have 60 qualified and deserving students on the waitlist for an Empower IL scholarship for the next school year and that number is growing every day! For more information please visit

<https://empowerillinois.org/> or email [stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org).



**WEDNESDAY MORNING / EVENING**  
**MASS TIME CHANGE**

Effective February 24th, the Wednesday morning Mass has moved 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 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 MARCH 12TH & 26TH**

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 Faith & Hope.

**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.

*Total Collections for January*

Sunday & Holy Days.....	\$28,171.35
Automatic Contributions.....	\$9,340.00
Online Giving.....	\$10,603.09
	\$48,114.44
Tuition Assistance.....	\$2,398.50
Development Fund.....	\$1,925.00

**Last Week's Collection** Feb 20th/21st...\$7,652.00; Aid to Eastern Europe...\$520.00. Thank You Very Much!



**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.

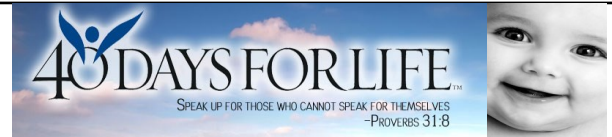
**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
**352-7210**  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.** STM is seeking applicants for a Bus Driver, a Boys Tennis Head Coach, and Boys & Girls Assistant Tennis Coach. We also need a Spanish Teacher and a Biology Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org).

**SCHOOL OFFICE WILL CLOSE** March 15th-19th for Spring Break, and April 2nd-5th for Easter Break.



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. When? From February 17th to March 28th at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton Street, Champaign.

**40 Days for Life Group Rosary** Tuesday, March 9 at 6 pm at Planned Parenthood, 302 E. Stoughton St. Champaign.

**Pro-Life Billboard Project**

This an ongoing project on private land in Central Illinois (i.e. farmland, outside a church or business). Generous donations have been given to fund the materials for Pro-Life Billboards (4' tall x 8' wide), to help foster a stronger Culture of Life. Volunteer laborers have now installed 10 Billboards! Additional landowners are needed to allow Billboards on their property. Volunteers will do everything else. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Pro-Life-Billboard-Project-117883802931580/>

**Catholic Diocese of Peoria Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

**Abortion recovery:** Please note that the Diocese of Peoria offers Project Rachel Retreats for healing and restoration.

**2021 retreats:** Rachel's Vineyard - March 12-14, September 24-26. Contacts: Colleen Harmon or Cathy Trowbridge (309) 264-1489. Catholic Diocese of Peoria (309) 671-1550 [www.rvrpeoria@gmail.com](mailto:www.rvrpeoria@gmail.com)

For questions, comments or suggestions about any of the above activities, please contact: Renée Mullen, Pro-Life Advocate, at 217-607-0811 (landline, no texting) or at [reneemullen1@comcast.net](mailto:reneemullen1@comcast.net) <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU>

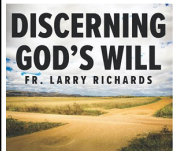
**Need Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year? You Must:**

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.



## 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.



## DISCERNING GOD'S WILL by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in his task through practical advice and personal stories!



## JESUS: THE MODEL AND MASTER OF PRAYER

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**PRAY to END ABORTION!**



## A Word from Joy

"40 Days for Life" started on February 17th and will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day thru Palm Sunday...We normally need 2 people per hour. This is taking place at the local Planned Parenthood (3rd & Stoughton) in Champaign. Renee Mullen and Sandi Ostrowski head up that effort. If anyone needs any materials, I can get items to you. It is always good to have resource information available to people who are thinking of aborting their children.

I personally have seen over 80 people change their minds about abortion and allow their children to live. We are still in touch with some of those families today. Our committee gives help – so to have that information with volunteers at 40 Days is very helpful.

We had our **Ecumenical Memorial Prayer Vigil** on January 22nd. It was a virtual and in-person event. It worked out quite well. For anyone who missed it, the event was captured on YouTube. The link for the vigil is found at: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=ecumenical+memorial+prayer+vigil](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ecumenical+memorial+prayer+vigil)

Contact Joy at (217) 359-8406 (home), or (217) 840-0322.

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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