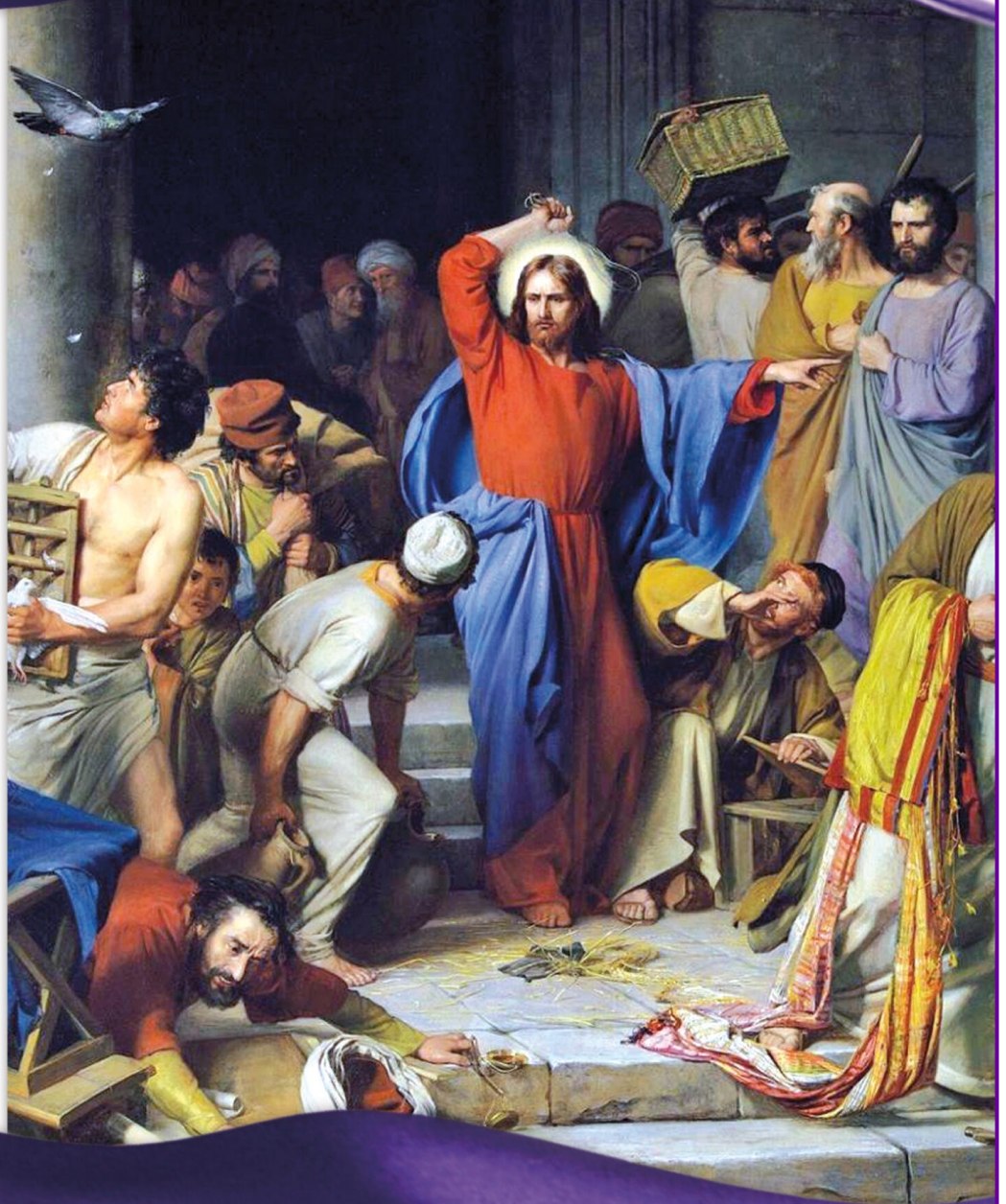


He made a whip
out of cords
and drove them
all out of the
temple area.
“Take these out
of here, and
stop making my
Father’s house
a marketplace.”

John 2:15,16

Jesus Casting Out the Money
Changers at the Temple
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s



3RD SUNDAY OF
*L*ENT

March 7, 2021

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 7, 8 AND 9

This is the second time you have fallen on the road. As the cross grows heavier it becomes more difficult to get up. But you struggle and try until you're up and walking again.

Leader: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.*

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

Jesus, as you carry your cross you see a group of women along the road. As you pass by you see they are sad. You stop to spend a moment with them, to offer them some encouragement. Although you have been abandoned by your friends and are in pain, you stop and try to help them.

Leader: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.*

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

Jesus, your journey has been long. You fall again beneath your cross. You know your journey is coming to an end. You struggle and struggle. You get up and keep going.

Leader: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.*

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

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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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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday: 5:30-6:00 p.m. - during Lent

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ADORATION

On Fridays during Lent, you are invited to come to adoration from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

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 Third Sunday of Lent

OUR PARISH

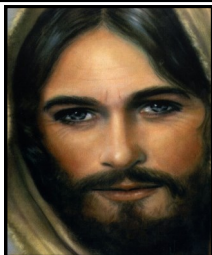
HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

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 JOHN (2:13-25)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple to his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT

All Are Invited. Jesus is holding 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 visiting Him on Fridays during Lent between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Jesus would so love your company!

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, March 8

7:00 a.m. Norma Johnson

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 a.m. Chris Cosgrove

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 p.m. Louis Pisani

Thursday, March 11

7:00 a.m. Phyllis Gentile

Friday, March 12

7:00 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, March 13

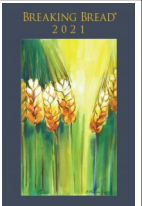
5:30 p.m. Clem Kamphaus

Sunday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Joe Hacker
10:00 a.m. Albie Hoss
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

GREAT NEWS!

If you would like a Breaking Bread Missal, which we normally use in church during Mass, they are now available. You can have one for your personal use during this COVID time by calling the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.



We can sign a book out to you, and it will be your responsibility to bring it to Mass, as well as take it with you as you leave after Mass.

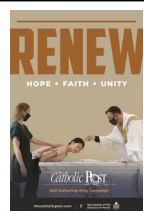


NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Cora Brianne Rohrig, daughter of Mark and Hillary Rohrig. Let us support Cora on her faith journey!



EASTER FLOWER FUND

Our beautiful Easter altar decorations are made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. If you'd like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, please place your gift in the collection basket in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flower Fund." Include a note with the names of those to be remembered. The names will be listed in the bulletin.



THE CATHOLIC POST "RENEW: Hope...Faith...Unity"

There is still 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.

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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; by calling (309) 671-1550 during business hours; or sending a check to **The Catholic Post**, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. You can also sign up to follow on Facebook.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 13

5:30 p.m. Sharon Kristovich

Sunday, March 14

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman

4:00 p.m. Jan Weber, John Farney, Elaine Hershberger



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

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.



HELP! WE ARE STILL IN NEED

of Cake Mixes & Frostings 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.

ALERT! Daylight Saving Time begins next **Sunday, March 14th**. Remember to set your clocks **1 hour ahead** Saturday night.



Holy Cross School
356-9521
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FROM PRINCIPAL GREG KOERNER:

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt, and the Temptation of Jesus while he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness.

In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance in the measurement of time, and many other important events revolve around it. During the flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights, Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before God gave the Ten Commandments, and the prophet Elijah traveled for 40 days and nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai.

How are you going to spend your 40 days? The school is spending its 40 days by giving the students and staff the opportunity for reconciliation on Monday mornings, attending Mass on Fridays, doing Stations of the Cross every Friday after Mass, and giving some classrooms the opportunity to attend adoration. Some of our 7th and 8th grade students will be performing a Living Stations of the Cross during the school day sometime after spring break.

With spring break just around the corner, I still would like to ask all of you to practice social distancing, continue to wear a mask, and sanitize your hands. Please stay safe and take care of one another.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

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. In order to be considered for this, **you must** upload 2020 Tax Information to FACTS by April 30th and call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 to put your name on the list.



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for February 27th/28th.....\$5,894.00

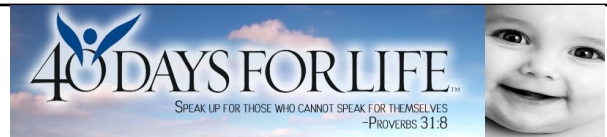
Thank you very much!



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

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

THE 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 is 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

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 <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU>



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.



EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!

The last story features Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck who was at St. John's Chapel in Champaign, and is now in Peoria as the Vocation Director for Recruitment at the Diocese.

LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith.

Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.



PRAY to END ABORTION!



A Word from Joy

We are growing! We are working with two new families! One new family is expecting their first child in a couple of months. They live in Gilman. We were able to deliver a baby gift basket and a large box of diapers to get them started. Thank you to Christine who managed that delivery! Our second family has a one-year-old and is expecting a second child. We are also considering helping out with a month of rent for this second family.

This coming month we will probably be delivering over 3,000 diapers. Consider making a donation to the Pro-Life committee for Lent. This could be a fun thing for the entire family – to put aside money to help those in need.

As usual, if there are any questions, please contact Joy Pace. 217-359-8406 (home) or 217-840-0322 (cell)

"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.

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Hershberger & Kick Families
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Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family

John E. Sullivan Family
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Margaret Hettinger
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Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
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