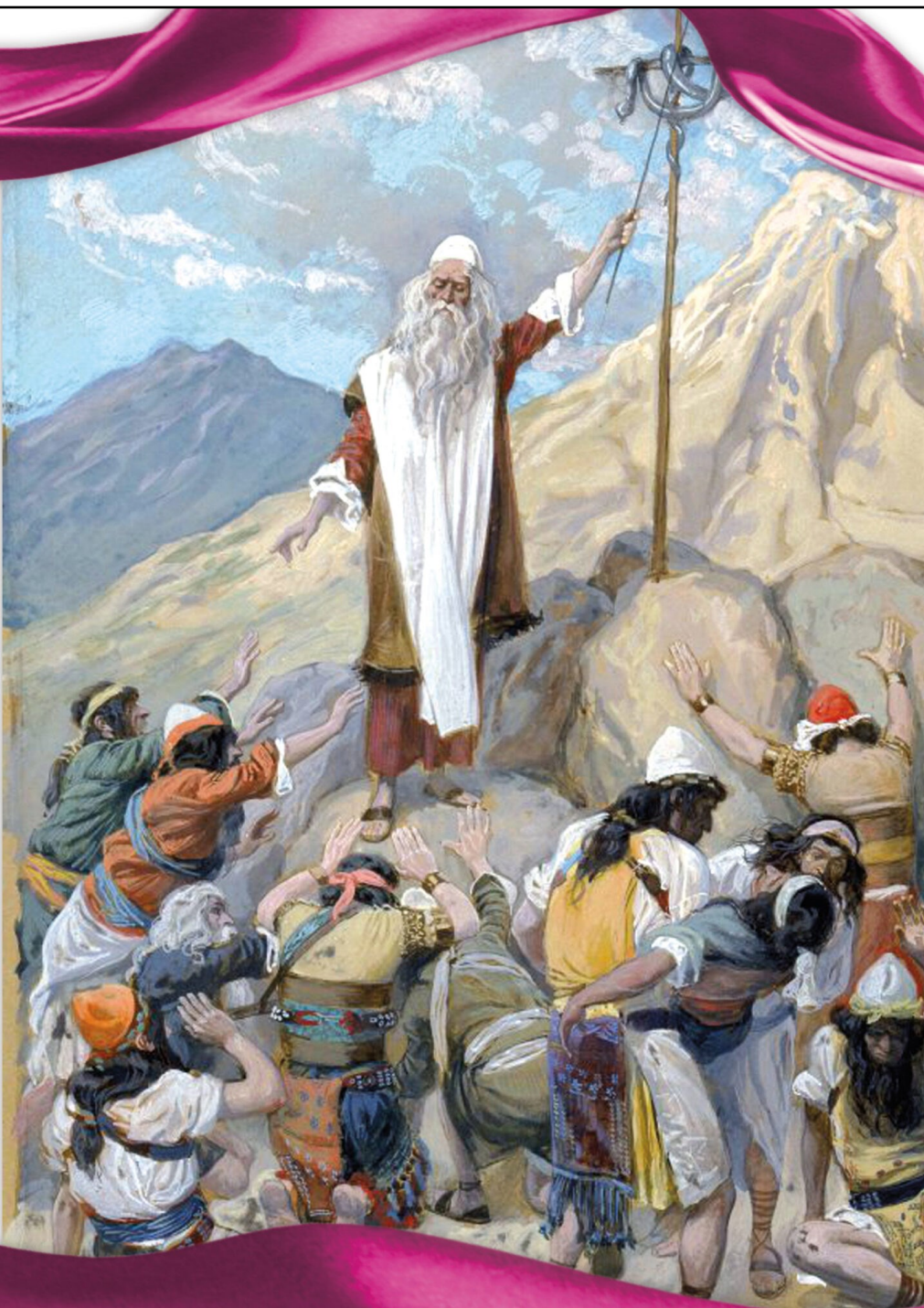


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John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF
*L*ENT

March 14, 2021

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 10, 11 AND 12

The soldiers notice you have something of value. They remove your cloak and cast dice for it. Your wounds are torn open once again. Some people in the crowd make fun of you.

They challenge you to perform a miracle for them to see. They're not aware that you'll perform the greatest miracle of all.

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

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

You are stretched out on the cross you have carried so far. The soldiers drive big nails into your hands and feet. You feel abandoned by the people you loved. You have done nothing but good, yet they drive nails through your hands and feet.

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As Jesus hung on the cross, he forgave the soldiers who had crucified him, and prayed for his mother and friends. Jesus, let me take a few moments now to consider your love for me.

Help me thank you for your willingness to go to your death for me. Help me express my love for you!

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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

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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, 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 Fourth 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 (3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:4-10)

Brothers and Sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved—, raised us up with him, and seated us up with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, March 15

7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 a.m. Freedom to Worship

Wednesday, March 17

6:00 p.m. George Skube

Thursday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Betty Graham Apperson

Friday, March 19

7:00 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, March 20

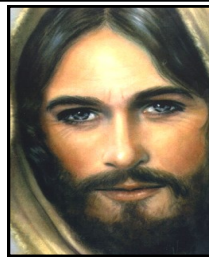
5:30 p.m. Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu

Sunday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Joe Hacker

10:00 a.m. Dr. Keith Haug

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



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 Jesus on Fridays during Lent between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. He would so love your company!



NEWS FROM RCIA: We are happy to announce that we have two candidates who have been studying for the past six months so as to join the Catholic Church. Melissa Cappel and Vincent Noel will be brought into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They will be receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this step.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 20

5:30 p.m. No Ministers

Sunday, March 21

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Ben Laws, Jessica McMahon

4:00 p.m. Ed Seebauer and Juliann Seebauer



HC TRIVIA NIGHT RESULTS



Holy Cross Family—Thank you for your support of the PTC's Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction 2021—Virtual Pursuit! Our hearts are full with gratitude for your generosity and support of our school. **Our virtual event has raised almost \$17,000 thus far, which is absolutely amazing!** Thank you as well to all the families who contributed to the classroom baskets. Those were a big hit!

Also, thank you to our committee and all volunteers who made this event a success!

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR WORKERS



St Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow you supported Jesus and Mary. Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those God has given me to support. Teach me to see the face of Christ in my fellow workers so that I may be generous and forgiving toward others. Amen.

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! For more information please visit <https://empowerillinois.org/> or email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org.

DRIVE-THRU LENTEN FISH FRY SIGN-UP FOR MARCH 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.

WEDNESDAY MASS TIME CHANGE



Effective February 24th, the Wednesday morning Mass has moved to 6:00 p.m. The doors of the church will open 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.

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.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for March 6th/7th.....\$9,119.11
Tuition Assistance\$1,128.00

Thank you very much!

Total Collections for February

Sunday & Holy Days.....	\$23,590.71
Automatic Contributions.....	\$9,385.00
Online Giving.....	<u>\$7,701.30</u>
	\$40,677.01
Tuition Assistance.....	\$3,444.00
Development Fund.....	\$1,884.00



Holy Cross School
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FROM PRINCIPAL GREG KOERNER:

Spring break is just around the corner and so is the end of the third quarter. It's hard to believe that we only have two and a half months left in the school year. In reflecting back to the beginning of the school year, people were doubting us being in school. Well, here we are 7 months later pretty much unscathed and still going strong. I would love to finish the school year out strong.

With this being said, I would encourage families to stay safe during spring break. The C-U public health has given guidelines on travel and isolating after travel. If you are traveling and want to be proactive, you can pick up work for your student next week. Please stay safe.

Our new science lab is starting to come together. Mrs. Crull, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. LeFairve have been busy ordering materials and looking over curriculum. The plan is to have the new lab up and running by the end of this school year.

I would like to give a shout out to the Holy Cross PTC. The Virtual Pursuit trivia night and Silent auction was a huge success. The committee that put this together and worked long hours thinking outside the box to make it happen deserve a Big applause. THANK YOU!

May I learn to see and listen to others with tenderness and love. May I learn to hear not just by listening to the words being spoken, but to the unspoken words in my heart. May I come to know you not only in the smiles of my friends or in the tender embraces from members of my family. May I know you are there in my struggles as well. You are everywhere at all times.

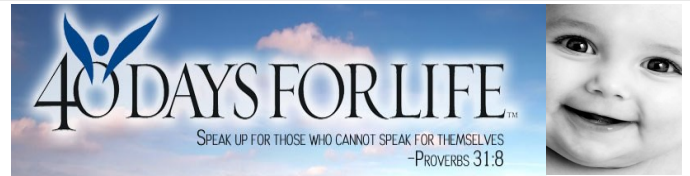
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. STM is currently seeking applicants for a Bus Driver, a Boys Tennis Head Coach, and Boys & Girls Assistant Tennis Coach. We also need a Spanish Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org.

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.

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 - 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 or <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. 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

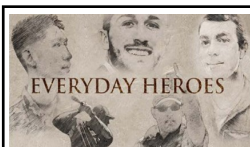
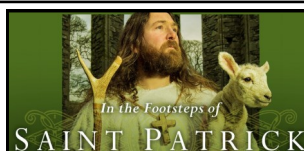
Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord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

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**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
ST. PATRICK**

In the Footsteps of St. Patrick is an inspiring docu-drama and spiritual adventure that recreates Patrick's pilgrim journey through Ireland, using letters written by him, as well as Monastic records from the 10th Century. Once a slave of the Irish people, after his escape he discerned the call of God to return to them as a priest and evangelize the Irish with the Catholic faith. Follow that amazing journey to the many places of Patrick's adventure through Ireland.

**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.

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**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inspired by Gospel values and leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Holy Cross/St. Matthew Conference is blessed by the generosity of our parishioners who make this outreach possible. Your collective food and generous financial contributions enabled us to assist 32 families (60 adults & 94 children) during the month of January and 43 families (80 adults & 82 children) in Champaign during the month of February. Thank you to all those parishioners whose financial support and various staple items made this possible!

We want to also express our special thanks to Mrs. Kelly's 6th grade class for all the personalized Valentine's Day cards which we've now included with each family assistance visit! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and special efforts!

Please continue your support and keep the members of St Vincent de Paul Society and those they help in your prayers. Our donation poor box is in the vestibule of the Church. For the month of March, we would greatly appreciate donations of canned tuna / chicken as well as personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair soaps or deodorant sticks.

Last but certainly not least, please note that we are always open to welcoming additional volunteer support within our SVDP team. If you think you might be interested in learning about us or our open opportunities, please feel free to contact the parish office or contact Mark Taylor, SVDP President @ (217) 419-0140.

If you have special needs that the St. Vincent de Paul Society can assist you with, please contact the parish office.

"... For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. . ."
~ Matthew 25: 34-46

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 & 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
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