

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

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

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Director of Music

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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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Holy Cross School

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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.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	March 21 Lector:	Dave Kristovich				
	Euch Min:	Brian Barnes, Gloria Fellers, John Kelley, Kathy Murray, Sharon Kristovich				
	Servers:	Tom Murray, John Haggin, Noah Fellers				
Sunday	March 22					
8:00 a.m.	Lector:	Barry Dickerson				
	Euch Min:	Fran Hacker, Greg Koerner, Mary Shelden, Gary Scaff				
	Servers:	Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck, Trevor Tucker				
10:00 a.m.	Lector:	Victoria Fitzgerald				
	Euch Min:	Dawn Friedman, Margie Hoss, Benjamin Laws, John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higgerson				
	Servers:	Abby Friedman, Chris Friedman, Timmy Friedman				
4:00 p.m.	Lector:	Stephanie Farney				
	Euch Min:	Tylor Hull, Penny Devall, Jan Weber, Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer				
	Servers:	Bailey McMahon, Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon				

WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
16	17	18	19	20
Trevor	Jack	6:00 p.m.	Garrett	8:15 a.m.
Tucker,	McMahon,	John	Unger,	Ben
Nate	Brooke	Bingaman	Nick	Summers,
Farney	McMahon	_	Unger	N. Fellers



Monday, March 16

7:00 a.m. Special intention for Mary Tate

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 a.m. Kathleen & Robert Roberts

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 p.m. Msgr. Albert Hallin

Thursday, March 19

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 20

8:15 a.m. Terry O'Neill

Saturday, March 21

5:30 p.m. For Lynda Lou Bullard & Family

Sunday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Joseph Nemarich
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer





OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Remy Taborga & Kate Murray, who were married here on Saturday, March 7th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!

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!



STEWARDSHIP

"And keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'." (Acts 20:35)

LENTEN SEASON

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES
ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 30th at Holy Cross Tuesday, March 31st at St. Patrick Wednesday, April 1st at St. Matthew

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION continues on Fridays when school is in session, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 2:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m.

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

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

FISH FRYS are held on all the Fridays of Lent, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Great Hall.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We have 4 people participating in RCIA this year. They are moving right along in their journey to become Catholic or complete the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. On Feb. 29th they traveled to the Cathedral of St Mary in Peoria to participate in the Rite of Election with Bishop Jenky and the Call to Continue Conversion.

David Sky Nunes is our Catechumen (now called "Elect") who participated in "The Rite of Election." He will receive all 3 sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The 3 Candidates who participated in the "Call to Continuing Conversion," and who will be brought into full communion with the Catholic Church, are Alyssa Nunes, Mandy Quick, and Karen Walker. They will receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep the Elect & Candidates in your prayers.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to add the name and need to our prayer chain.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for March 7th/8th.....\$7,177.00

Development Fund......\$1,305.00

Thank you very much!

PER REQUEST OF BISHOP JENKY:

As we are now at the height of the flu season and have ongoing concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus, Bishop Jenky has asked us to implement the following changes to the liturgy:

- 1) Distribution of the Precious Blood with be suspended until further notice.
- 2) The faithful are encouraged to receive the Body of Christ in the hand rather than on the tongue. If people insist on receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, they should open their mouths widely and extend their tongue as far as possible so as to avoid passing saliva from one person to another through the fingers of the minister.
- 3) The Sign of Peace should be expressed with a smile or a wave rather than a hug or handshake.
- 4) The faithful should not hold hands during the Our Father.
- 5) The sick are encouraged to stay home. Of course, there is no obligation for the sick to attend Mass.

As an added precaution, the Holy Water has been removed from the fonts. Please be mindful of touching your face after touching common surfaces like door handles, pews, hymnals and the donation basket. The faithful may want to consider bringing their own hand sanitizer and tissues to Mass.

May God protect us from all illnesses as we gather to worship Him at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

"PARISH NEIGHBORS" SPONSORS NEEDED

"Parish Neighbors" Champaign-Urbana magazine has a new publisher, Curtis Dobbs. He would love to meet with sponsors who want to help him reach his visions for the magazine and keep it in production. He will coordinate with the High School of St Thomas More, as well as the 4 feeder schools. Mr. Pope and Journalism students from STM will have article involvement. Five to 10% of each month's sponsorships will go to a yearly scholarship awarded to an STM senior. To help this vision become a reality, contact Curtis Dobbs at 618-302-1174.

HOLY CROSS COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Sundays & Holy Days:\$29,715.25Automatic Contribution Program:\$9,915.00Online Giving Contributions:\$4,764.00Total:\$44,394.75

Average Weekly Collection \$11,098.70



Holy Cross School 356-9521 www.holycrosselem.org

Father Donton has asked that the students and staff do not hold hands or shake hands at our school Masses.

Teachers will direct students to help wipe down desk tops, chairs, door handles, and anything else commonly touched in the classroom. Our maintenance staff will continue to wipe down railings, door handles, light switches, drinking fountains, and other commonly touched items.

Teachers will remind students to cough into their arms rather than their hands and to cover their mouths and noses if they sneeze. Students will also be encouraged to wash their hands more often. Students should not share items in the lunchroom. Teachers will be creating e-learning plans if school will be closed for a period of time.

One very important thing you can help us with: please keep your child at home if he or she is sick.

CRUSADER CASH RAFFLE TIME: Buy a \$25 ticket at either the school or parish office, or at the Fish Frys for a chance to win! One ticket gets you entered for all drawings, which are held weekly at the Friday night Fish Fry. You need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross School. Prizes run from \$100 to \$300 (April 3rd winner).



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

STM School Will BE Closed from March 16th-20th for Spring Break, and April 10th-13th for Easter Break.

EASTER EGG HUNT. The STM Interact Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 5 to 10 on Saturday, **March 28th** at 11:00 am. The hunt will take place on the football field if the weather is nice; or in the gym if it's cold or raining. Families are asked to bring a book or donation for Orphans Treasure Box; no additional charge. To RSVP, contact Noah Eyman at 21neyman@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 Shadow Visit: https://forms.gle/epBHFWbBfBaBSrdHA.

STM CLASS OF 2020 BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT MASS. Class of 2020 Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 15th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Urbana, and Commencement will be on Sunday, May 17th in the STM gymnasium, starting at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection, which funds Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and providing legal and advocacy services for migrants, the Catholic Relief Services Collection allows us to see every encounter with a person who is suffering as an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

It is important to remember our humanitarian obligations as Catholics. Our theme of Jesus in disguise reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer—and in those who respond compassionately to their needs. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports important Catholic organizations that carry out God's work around the world.

In our Peoria diocese, the Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for the weekend of **March 21-22**, 2020. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity. Please be generous to this collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Daniel R. Jenky 1.2.

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

In two weeks our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Please give generously as God has given to you.

WATCH WEEKEND, MARCH 27-29

PREPARE FOR THE RESURRECTION! Our WATCH (we are the church) is sponsoring a weekend retreat March 27th-29th. The theme is "Do Whatever He Tells You" and includes talks by parishioners on Eucharist, grace, ac-

tion, with time for prayer, meditation and spirited discussions. Meals are served and everyone goes home at night. This renewal helps direct each of us on a prayerful path toward the celebration of Easter Sunday. Brochures are at back of church and in the parish office. Questions? Call team leader Kathy Hussey, 309-212-4707. Take advantage of this opportunity! Register now. **Deadline is March 25th.**



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads us to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tra-

dition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Holy Cross/St. Matthew Conference is blessed by your generosity in making this outreach possible. Your collective food and financial contributions enabled us to assist 110 adults and 147 children in Champaign during February.

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. We would also like to add that more volunteers are always needed at St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this opportunity, please contact the Parish Office (352-8748) or Mark Taylor, SVDP President, at 217-419-0140. Please help us feed the hungry.

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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Slumberland

A WORD FROM JOY

Thinking of a good thing to do for Lent? Consider giving up your favorite restaurant meal and give to a family in need of food security. Buy an Aldi gift card or donate the amount of that meal to our committee to help a family in need! God bless you for sharing God's blessings with others!

We have good news! Our Mom in need of a good running car now has one! We were able to give her some food assistance and some cash assistance since she used all of her funds to purchase a car for her family!

We can use food assistance for a family of 5. This single Mom has 5 boys and she just got a \$1/hour raise, but her food assistance was decreased by the same amount, so she cannot get ahead. If you'd like to help this family with food assistance, please consider getting a gift card to Aldi or making a one-time donation to our committee or an ongoing donation online, or by check.

If you give a check, make it out to Holy Cross AND mark the check with Pro-Life in the memo line. If you give via Holy Cross online: note there is a new category for Pro-Life and the donation will go directly into our account. Thanks!

MARIAN CONSECRATION STUDY: 33 Days of Morning Glory

Draw closer to the heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary. Gain new insights into Marian Consecration. Learn how key saints lived it out, and how you can live it out as well.

Join us in preparation for Marian Consecration. We will meet Thursday evenings starting **March 26th through May 7th** (no meeting during Holy week) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Grade School in Philo, room #10. Please bring a copy of *33 Days of Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Extra copies will be available if needed. Everyone is welcome!

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families

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

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 Evelyn Bell Zeilenga Family Rentfrow Family Ron Murphy Harold Kremer Family Rakers-Wade Families Hershbarger & 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 McNabnev 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 Dovle Alan & Patricia Berndt Thomas McCarthy