

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



March 16, 2025

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH,**  
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
March 19th



**SAINT  
PATRICK**

I Arise Today Through  
a Mighty Strength, The  
Invocation of the Trinity,  
Through Belief  
in the Threeness,  
Through Confession of  
the Oneness of the  
Creator of Creation.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

©Diocesan St. Patrick Window, Chapel of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Joseph, Liverpool, England

Jesus took Peter,  
John, and James  
and went up the  
mountain to pray.

While he was  
praying his face  
changed in  
appearance and  
his clothing  
became dazzling  
white.

*Luke 9:28, 29*

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

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH



During the Jubilee Year of Hope, COHF is bringing hope to the Catholic schools where we have sponsored children in Tanzania. The school communities, which are boarding schools, are in dire need of basic necessities including water and solar energy for electricity. They need an adequate supply of clean water for drinking, cooking, laundry and good hygiene. A reliable source of electricity provides lighting for students to study after dark, a safer environment, and the use of office equipment.

We also fund the building of classrooms and dormitories so that the schools are able to grow and educate more children. To learn more about our school projects and current project, visit our website at [childrenofhopeandfaith.org](http://childrenofhopeandfaith.org)



Well and water tank project for St. Joseph Secondary School



Solar energy project for St. Clare Girls' Secondary School

### ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Jesus would so love your company!



### DEVOTION AND MASS

Please join our parish family on Wednesday evenings for Devotion and Mass.

The Devotion begins at 5:30 p.m. in the church, followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

In March we are praying the Litany to St. Joseph



## PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Msgr. Brian Brownsey*  
*Father Joseph Baker*  
*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*  
*Deacon Michael Smith*

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*Elizabeth Kelley*

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

*Jonathan Young*

### TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

*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.

**DEVOTION** 5:30-6:00 p.m. Wednesday

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
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Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

### ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

### 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.

# 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 22</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Terry Sturdyvin Emma Lwao, Ethan Weldy
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 23</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Lynette Barham, Ray Tucker Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker, Henry Karduck, Will Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss, Jay Ehlman Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Stephanie Rank Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank

### ††† Masses For The Week

<b>Monday, March 17</b> 7:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b> 7:00 a.m.	Larry Head
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b> 6:00 p.m.	Joseph Francis Harris
<b>Thursday, March 20</b> 7:00 a.m.	Connie Welch
<b>Friday, March 21</b> 8:15 a.m.	Mullen Siblings
<b>Saturday, March 22</b> 5:30 p.m.	Karen Santarelli
<b>Sunday, March 23</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners Mary Elizabeth Warner Charlie Hoss



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent each Friday at 5:30 p.m.

This prayer is the parish patronal prayer for the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We will carry with us, through the stations, the relic of the true cross. When Stations are prayed with a relic, the customary response, "Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" is modified to, "Because by *THIS* holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Following the Stations of the Cross, the relic will be enthroned for a period of veneration while confessions are being heard.



**NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,** and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Hanna Maia Miller, daughter of Mark and Maria Miller; and Hank Robert Plunk, son of Christopher and Brittany Plunk.

Let us support little Hanna and Hank on their faith journey!



### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Dean Schwenk and Charlotte Joop. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Everyone knows March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, but did you know March 19 is St. Joseph's Day? In fact, March 19 is so important, that despite falling within the season of Lent, the Mass of the day has us sing

the Gloria and the priest wears white or gold rather than the usual Lenten purple. In many countries of the world it is even a Holy Day of Obligation. Why so important? Because there was no man who ever lived who was closer to Jesus than St. Joseph!

As such, Holy Cross will be celebrating a Solemn sung Mass at 5:30 p.m. on March 19 with incense to honor St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is invited! St. Joseph Day is a particularly festive day in Italy where it remains a major day of celebration. In the spirit of the day, after the Mass at roughly 6:30, the Catholic Daughters of America will host a meal in the Holy Cross parish hall. There will be a traditional St. Joseph Altar, a presentation on St. Joseph, and lasagna will be the main course.

**To recap – March 19, St. Joseph Day, Solemn Mass at 5:30 p.m. Italian Lasagna Dinner at 6:30, Holy Cross Parish Hall** – All the coolest people in C-U will be there.

Fr. Joe



## FISH FRYS ARE HERE!

**Fish Frys are March 21, 28 & April 4, 11 from 5:-7 p.m.**

Join us from 5-7pm in the Great Hall. Baked or Fried fish available. PB & J provided as well. **Free will offering.**

**Please note:** We will NOT have a take out line this year and have just one line for both dine in or carryout.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL  
2025

### Fish Fry 50/50


\$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

Drawing will be on April 11, 2025.  
Do not have to be present to win.

We will have a Fish Fry 50/50 with tickets sold each and the drawing on April 11th.

You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross School.

Cake for \$0.50 a piece with proceeds to The Children of Hope and Faith.



## FISH FRY CAKE SALE!

CHILDREN OF  
HOPE AND FAITH  
TANZANIA

The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their annual 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's sponsored children Amelia Gotifrid and Lydia Patrick.



Thank you in advance for your support!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FISH FRYS

**Fish Fry Dates:** March 21, 28, & April 4, 11.

We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the event. Choose from the following times: 4:45—5:45 p.m. or 5:45—6:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, assisting people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, washing dishes, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working! To sign-up, please contact Nicolette Burton ([26nburton@hs-stm.org](mailto:26nburton@hs-stm.org)), or Brooke McMahan ([26bmcmahan@hs-stm.org](mailto:26bmcmahan@hs-stm.org)), or go directly to sign up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ABA723A0FCC25-54371571-holy>

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)** invite our parish community to participate in a special **"BABY SHOWER"** for Birthright and Holy Cross Pro Life families. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in love and generosity to support expectant parents.

**How You Can Help support our families:**

**Donation Period: March 22-30th, 2025**

**Drop-Off Locations:** Holy Cross Parish Center and Church. Boxes in Parish Center coat closet and back of the church.

**List of Preferred New Items:**

- Diapers (all sizes up to 6, 3-4T and 4-5T) Pampers, Huggies, or Luvs.
- Baby wipes
- Infant outfits (premie & up)
- Pacifiers
- Bottles
- Blankets, towels, wash cloths
- Baby toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.)

o Gift cards to Panera, Aldi or Gas cards are welcome. - Please leave in sealed envelope in Holy Cross Parish Office

Let's show our support and care by contributing to families in need. Thank you for your generosity! Questions, please contact Angela Douglas [kcyaby1@gmail.com](mailto:kcyaby1@gmail.com), cell 309-275-5855.



walking with purpose

## Champaign Catholic Women's Spring Bible Study

Come as you are  
You are welcome here.

Make authentic connections with other women  
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

*Redeeming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection* is a 6 week Bible study for women of all ages and vocations that explores what it takes to stay close to friends for the long haul, what to look for in a friend and how to navigate toxic relationships. Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship.

Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm  
March 24 - April 28  
St Mark Room of St Matthew Catholic Church  
1303 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign



Purchase your book or eBook at [bitly/wwwpfriend](https://bitly/wwwpfriend) or and join us! For sign up and questions, contact Katie at [krace@stmatt.net](mailto:krace@stmatt.net) or call 217-359-4224.





# Lent

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
 217-352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**STM Job Opportunities:** STM is currently seeking applications for a Head Football Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [srbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srbridget@hs-stm.org), and John Delaney, Athletic Director at [jdelaney@hs-stm.org](mailto:jdelaney@hs-stm.org).

**Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders:** Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, shadow visits give prospective students a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to [hs-stm.org](http://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information.

**Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025.** STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

**Spring Play:** Come join The High School of Saint Thomas More this March 27-29 for "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." The beloved Peanuts cast are all here exploring the ins and out of growing up and coming to realize where true happiness can be found! Tickets are \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Students, and Children 5 and under get in free. For tickets and information visit our ticket site at <https://stmmusicanddrama.ludus.com> or email [ckreps@hs-stm.org](mailto:ckreps@hs-stm.org).

**Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM!** Star Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Rome Odunze will be having a youth football camp for ages 6-16 here at STM on July 12th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, go to: <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps-1/rome-odunze-champaign%2C-il>.



**Holy Cross School**  
 217-356-9521  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

Peggy Loftus, School Nutrition Director at Holy Cross School in Champaign, IL has been a breakfast champion! With the help of our Dollars for Dairy grant, a brand-new breakfast program was implemented for the 2024-2025 school year. To date, 3,441 breakfast meals have been served. Along with getting input from students on what to stock on the cart, she has also engaged them with a variety of contests and rewards for participating.

Local dairy farmers are helping to feed hungry kids in a hurry through our Dollars for Dairy program. Holy Cross is one of three schools making morning meals mobile with grab-n-go equipment enhancements. No time, no problem! They just grab cold milk, cereal and fruit, and they are good to go.  
 #ItAllStartsLocal #slddc #schoolbreakfast

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



## Able Group Meeting 😊

**Where:** St. Brigid Hall at St. Patricks in Urbana

**When:** March 23, 2025 after 10am Mass

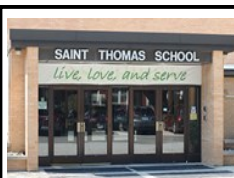
For who? All people with disabilities and their families and volunteers who would like to serve the disability community. All are welcome! Even if you are not a member of St. Patrick's, we would love to have you join us!

\*Please send any questions/comments to Ciara and Larissa at [able@stpaturbana.org](mailto:able@stpaturbana.org)

We are excited to have PACE, Inc. and the Illinois Respite Coalition as our guest speakers for the upcoming St. Patrick's Able Group meeting. They will share information about the following services:

- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistant/Personal Support Worker Services
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Low Vision Services
- Adult/Youth Transitions
- Home Accessibility Modification
- Medical Equipment Loan
- Emergency Respite
- In-Home Respite
- Respite Voucher Program

For more information about PACE, please contact them at 217-344-5433 or by email at [info@pacecil.org](mailto:info@pacecil.org).



## ST. THOMAS SCHOOL IN PHILO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Thomas School in Philo is accepting applications for the following two positions:

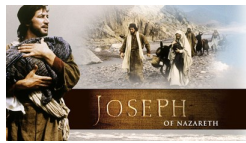
**7th Grade Homeroom Teacher/Science -- Full Time**  
**Intervention Teacher -- Full Time**

Starting with the 2025-2026 school year.

Eligible candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to promoting Christian ethics and a strong dedication to fostering and developing a quality,

Christ-centered environment in the Catholic faith.

For full qualifications of each position, please contact Principal Jean Cothron at [jcothron@stthomasphilo.org](mailto:jcothron@stthomasphilo.org) or call her at 217.684.2309.



**JOSEPH OF NAZARETH:  
THE STORY OF THE  
MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST**

The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ.

Starring Tobias Moretti in a manly, appealing performance, we are shown the human, noble, and deeply spiritual aspects of Joseph the carpenter, son of David, servant of God, and loving husband of Mary. He is presented as a man of faith who must grapple greatly with the profound mysteries of the miraculous conception, the Virgin Birth, the Incarnation of the Son of God, and the incredible challenges of protecting and raising Jesus amidst the threats on his life from the moment of his birth and beyond.



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF SAINT PATRICK**

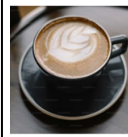
*The Footsteps of St. Patrick* is an inspiring docu-drama and spiritual adventure that recreates Patrick's pilgrim journey through Ireland, using letters written by him, as well as Monastic records from the 10th Century. Once a slave of the Irish people, after his escape, he discerned the call of God 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.

**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.

**Westgate Apts**

**Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!**



**Pro-Life Discussion Group  
for March**

Special drop-in time at Panera's on Kirby  
**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on March 17th.**

Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch,  
and join in a drop-in discussion!

Join us for any amount of time for  
friendship and fellowship!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

**A Word From Joy**

Prayers needed: one of our Moms is ill, but is delaying her own surgery. She is not only taking care of her three children, but is helping raise 5 children from her friend's family. One of those children may be sick with cancer.

Please pray: Continued prayers for Malachi, a super cute little boy we have supplied diapers to for years. He has to have major surgery because he has a colon that is too big for his body. Arrangements to go to a more specialized hospital is in the works. Please pray for him and his Mom (who is his grandmother) and all the medical professionals helping with his care. Thank you.

We have a new partner to help supply twin beds to area children – it's called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. They are a national organization and have a chapter in Mahomet. We received a request from a grandmother who needed a bed for her grandchild, and herself. We hope SHP can help!

Financial needs: we are looking to raise \$ for:

1. A parish family that has less working hours and that is making paying bills difficult
2. A single mom of 4 who is several months behind on her garbage collection bill
3. A family of 6 whose Dad was laid off in the Fall
4. A parish mom with a large family, who is separated and has financial difficulties
5. A parish single mom with one child still at home still needs more financial stability
6. A single mom, with 3 children of her own, who is fostering her friend's children.

Want to help or know more? Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com)

**HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL**

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke  
Living & 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 & LoGrasso Families  
Ed & Jean Bown  
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart  
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families  
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families  
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families  
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family  
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families  
William & Mary McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski  
McNamara & Mulcahey Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families  
Boudreau & Arseneau Family  
Aloysius J. Winka  
Charlie & Evelyn Bell  
Zeilenga Family  
Rentfrow Family  
Towner Family  
Haggin Family  
Rakers-Wade Families  
Hershbarger & Kick Families  
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family  
John E. Sullivan Family

Theresa Brya  
Birdie & Edward Cronau  
Raymond Timpone  
Maxine Timpone  
Margaret B. Schwenk  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.  
Dan Crawmer