



March 17, 2024

# 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

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



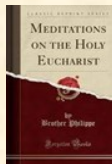
## Eucharistic Revival



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

### Excerpt from:

Meditations on the Holy Eucharist by Brother Philippe  
**Institution of the Holy Eucharist**



"When about to leave this world to go to his Father," says the holy Council of Trent, "our Savior institutes the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in which he pours forth profusely the riches of his divine love, comprising therein the remembrance of all his wonders." Ah! Let us contemplate him working this prodigy of his omnipotence and of his unspeakable love.

After having washed his apostles' feet, he returns to the table and commands them to do to each other as he had done to them. His thoughts then rest on him among their number, who, a slave to Satan, was in a few hours to deliver him up to the Jews! He shows that he knows of his wicked project, and even solicits that wretch but in vain to reflect and pause on the path of perdition on which he had entered

Then, as if to give some solace to his heart, he allows St. John to lay his head upon his breast. O beloved disciple, who can express your happiness? What passes in your soul at that moment when, if we may say so, you make but one with your divine Master, when you hear the beatings of his adorable heart, and yours is in closest communication with that furnace of divine love!

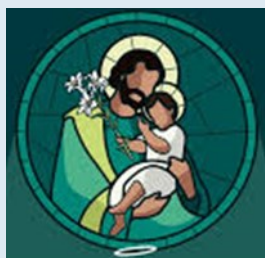
But the hour has come when all the faithful may participate in the same favor as St. John. Yes, all are invited to the table of the Lord and admitted to the most intimate union with him. Jesus Christ shows this by choosing as the remote matter of the Sacrament of his body and blood, bread and wine, the most universal nourishment whose use is most familiar and most general. By that choice, he teaches us that he wishes the adorable Eucharist to be the habitual food of Christians.

**Let us love and thank God who gives himself to us. He loved us to excess; can we then hesitate to consecrate our hearts to him; to praise his goodness and devote ourselves wholly to his glory?**



Friday Adoration after 8:15 a.m. Mass  
with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

**Holy Hour after Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Mass during Lent.**



### 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

*Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator*  
*Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar*  
*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*  
*Deacon Michael Smith*

#### TRUSTEES

*Tom Murray John Powers*

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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*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
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.



# Fifth 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> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>March 23</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, John Kelley Nora Kelley, Emma Lwao
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>March 24</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Greg Koerner, Barry Dickerson Nicolette Burton, Landen Douglas
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Terry Sturdyvin, Margie Hoss Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo, Brody Oliveira
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Jim Linnenburger Lydia Durdan, Ithuriel Randall

### ††† Masses For The Week

#### Monday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members  
of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

#### Tuesday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Eileen Joyce

#### Wednesday, March 20

6:00 p.m. Bob Yackel

#### Thursday, March 21

7:00 a.m. Andrew Mikulich

#### Friday, March 22

8:15 a.m. Barbara Leathers

#### Saturday, March 23

5:30 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner

#### Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners  
10:00 a.m. Ricardo Galvan  
4:00 p.m. Peggy Bartko

There is NO Precious Blood at 4 p.m. Masses in March

### THE LAST FISH FRY! - March 22

Fish Fry run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Free will offering.

**We need volunteers** to work from 1 to 3 hours during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. **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, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc.

It's the most fun you'll ever have working!



### FISH FRY CAKE SALE DONATIONS



The Children of Hope and Faith are hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year!

Slices of cakes will be .50 cents each and 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored child, Lydia Patrick.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or [kristomail@comcast.net](mailto:kristomail@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support!



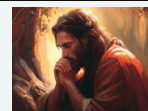
**COFFEE AND DONUTS** - Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for coffee and a delicious donut. Join old friends, make new friends.

### Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass  
--> in the Parish Center

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass --> in the church  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
followed by Benediction

**Come and spend time with Him!**







## LENTEN

### Reconciliation Services

Monday March 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Matthew

Tuesday March 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
at Holy Cross

Wednesday March 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Patrick

## HOLY CROSS PARISH/SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER FULL-TIME POSITION OPEN

Holy Cross Parish has an immediate opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a full-time position that handles the finances for both the church and school.

Primary Purpose: Under the direct supervision of the Pastor and/or Principal, to assist in the administration of the school and parish's accounts payable function, ensuring the accuracy and timely payment of invoices, maintaining accurate account balances, in conformance with policies and practices as well as applicable laws and regulations.

Accounting experience required.

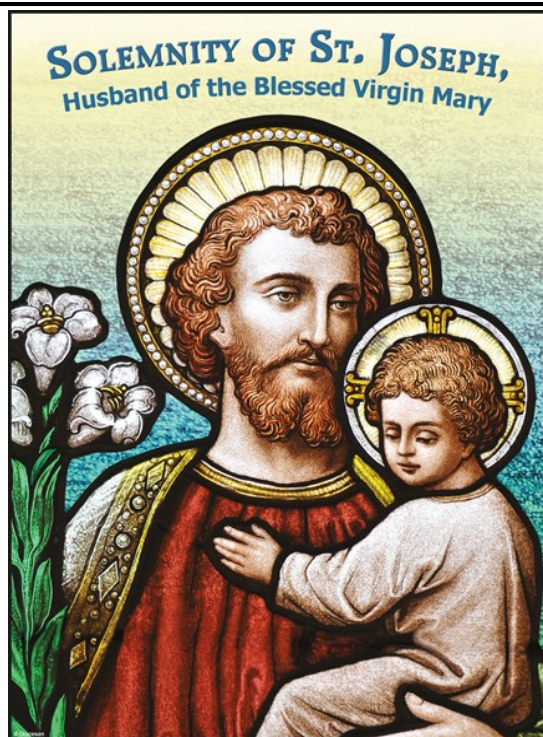
If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Holy Cross Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 or by email at [office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org).



### 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.

In memory of Donna Menacher; Kevin Hodge; Regina Robinson; Theresa Brya; Whelan Oliveira; Tom & Anne Corkery; John F & Catherine Murray; Ethel G. Cox; Eve & Elmer Corkery; Randall P. Baughman



Feast Day of St. Joseph is March 19th



## Lent 2024

*The Faithful are encouraged to celebrate the paschal mystery during the season of Lent by devoting themselves more deeply to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.*

### Wednesdays: March 20, 27

6:00 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Holy Hour with Exposition, Meditation, Adoration, Benediction

**March 27** -1:00 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross (in Church)

### Fridays: March 22

8:15 a.m. - School Mass

9:00 a.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 noon — 1:00 p.m. - Confessions

2:30 p.m. - Benediction

5:30 p.m. - **Pray and Stay** - Stations of the Cross followed by the Fish Fry

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Fish Fry ~~ **Free Will Offering** ~~  
Dine in or pick-up available at the door off the playground parking lot. Cake is 50¢ a piece (proceeds go to Children of Hope and Faith)

### Sacred Triduum:

#### March 28, Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. - Mass

#### March 29, Good Friday

3:00 p.m. - Service

#### March 30, Easter Vigil

7:30 p.m. - Mass

#### Easter Sunday: March 31

8:00 a.m. - Mass

10:00 a.m. - Mass

### Lenten Vicariate Reconciliation Services:

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Wednesday March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick

### Holy Cross Parish Directory Update

Thank you all for your patience regarding the Holy Cross Directory. It is still a work in progress, but should be here by Spring. We were able to get some additional credits to use for the directory if we took our pictures by the end of August, so we took advantage of that offer knowing we still wouldn't get it completed until Spring. Thank you again for your patience!

**Collection** Offering for March 9th/10th...\$7,783.30

Development Fund.... \$905

Thank you very much!



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

**Spring Play:** The High School of Saint Thomas More Drama Club will present *Moriarty's Daughters* by Claire Wittman. Performance dates are March 21st, 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium. Tickets are on sale now at [STMMusicandDrama.ludus.com](http://STMMusicandDrama.ludus.com) or may be purchased at the door prior to the performance. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$5 for Children and Students. No cost for children under 5.

**Spring Open House:** Is high school on the horizon for your son or daughter? We invite all families with middle schoolers to STM's Spring Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 6 to 8 p.m. Current students will give building tours and faculty/staff will be present to answer questions about what The High School of St. Thomas More has to offer. Questions? Email [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information. We hope to welcome you to the Saber family soon!

**Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year**  
 STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) and click the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions? 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!

**7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits:** Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending STM? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student 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 in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org).

**Job Opportunities:** STM is seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [stmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:stmbridget@hs-stm.org), Mr. Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org), and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at [jmarston@hs-stm.org](mailto:jmarston@hs-stm.org).

**The Holiness of the Priest depends  
 on the Holiness of the Parishioners.**



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

**From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:**

Our Lenten season ends in two weeks. At the beginning of the Lent, some of us decided to abstain from certain foods or activities. Others resolved to add some foods to their diets or activities to their daily routines. Still, many people choose to consolidate some additions or subtractions **that they already have. Many of us simply have been doing something since the beginning of our Lenten journey.**

Where are we now? Have we stopped with our Lenten observances? Have we forsaken Jesus in the wilderness? Have we forgotten that he is still in the desert preparing himself for the ultimate price of our salvation? Have we quickly forgotten that he is still in the wilderness, lonely, hungry, thirsty, weak, and isolated? Lent is just halfway. It is not over yet.

The whole idea of making Lenten observances is to deepen our relationship with Christ, to unite ourselves in fraternal solicitude to the suffering Christ. His sufferings and all the hardships he endured are to free us from our sins and show us how to embrace suffering.

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



**LENTEN RETREAT**

Saturday, 3/23/2024, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. CST

**Holy Family Church, Danville, IL**

Adoration, Confession, The Divine Mercy Chaplet

-- Reflections on the book,

"Jesus I Trust in You" by S. Faustina Maria, S.V.

Fr. Steven Loftus, pastor, as well as other speakers will share insights from St. Faustina's Diary. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Hosted by **The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group**. For more information or to RSVP call Connie Taylor at (217) 427-2534 or Marietta Foellner 217-304-2586 (text please).

A \$10.00 donation may be given at the door.  
 All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

Fiscal Year 2023/24				
	February	July- Feb	July- Feb	Budget Deficit/Surplus
	Contributions	Contributions	Pro-rated Budget	
Sunday & Holy Days Contributions	36,364.08	287,806.22	266,666.67	21,139.55
Automatic Contribution Program	9,330.00	75,180.00	76,666.67	(1,486.67)
Online Giving	10,321.80	81,444.21	73,333.33	8,110.88
Subtotal	<b>56,015.88</b>	<b>444,430.43</b>	<b>416,666.67</b>	<b>27,763.76</b>
HC Tuition Assistance	1,771.00	14,792.50	16,666.67	(1,874.17)
STM Tuition Assistance	567.00	4,416.00	4,000.00	416.00
Development Fund	2,495.00	18,731.20	33,333.33	(14,602.13)



### WEEK FIVE / RESTORE LENT

with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In Week Five video of the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, helps you discover the true meaning of forgiveness.

She explains that forgiveness is not condoning bad behavior or letting someone "off the hook," rather it is letting your grief and anger come to the surface so that you can allow the Lord to heal your broken heart. We are each in need of God's grace to be able to forgive as freely and frequently as Jesus asks.



### 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.

This film uses creative license in telling the story of St. Joseph. Some scenes may not be suitable for all audiences. Parental guidance is suggested.

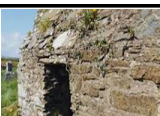
**A Word from Joy**

Happy News: We have a save from 40 days! Praise God! An expectant mom and her boyfriend from Indiana came to the Equity clinic here, and fortunately stopped to talk with a woman praying here on the sidewalk. The couple decided not to abort their baby! They have a referral for help in their home state and we will be in touch with them. Please continue to keep Taylor and her young family in your prayers. In great thanksgiving for the woman who was out there praying. Thank You!

Pro-Life Discussion Group - every 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Next meeting: March 18th at 3:30 p.m. We will be at Holy Cross for in-person meetings, with hopefully ZOOM access also. Please contact Joy at [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com) or 217 359-8406 for more information. This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything – from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion – and living a pro-life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe that every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!

## 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.



### 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.

### Freedom

## 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 & Fotzler Families  
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families  
Ed & Jean Bown  
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart  
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin 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  
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families  
William 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  
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  
Theresa Brya

Birdie & Edward Cronau  
Raymond Timpone  
Maxine Timpone  
Margaret B. Schwenk  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.