

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart. . ."

St. Therese of Lisieux

CCC 1379. The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil foe protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you,
to praise you with all your saints
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Continue to look for the Weekly Eucharistic Revival column in the bulletin each week during Lent.



MASS AND HOLY HOUR DURING LENT

Please join our parish family during Lent on Wednesday evenings for Mass and Holy Hour.

Following the 6 p.m. Mass, we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition, Meditation, Adoration, and Benediction

(There will **not** be the usual 5:30 p.m. Devotion during Lent)



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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

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ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. (when school is in session).

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.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE Saturday March 25 5:30 p.m. Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: Patty Bingaman Servers: Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger Sunday March 26 8:00 a.m. Lector: **Justine Karduck** EMHC: No Ministers Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck Servers: 10:00 a.m. | Lector: John Farney Ben Laws, Jay Ehlman EMHC: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo Servers: 4:00 p.m. Stephanie Farney Lector: EMHC: Jan Weber Servers: Kristina Maloney, Wil Herges

During Lent, no 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Devotion.



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.

Donations have been made in memory of the deceased Walter J & Maxine A. Palmer; .and Cindy & Jennifer Gibas.

LENTEN MOVIE AND MEAL

Movie and a Meal: Lenten dinner of soup, bread, & water. The meal will be followed

by the movie "Breakthrough," a story of a St. Louis teen who slipped through an icy lake, was under water for 15 minutes before being rescued, and was then in a coma. His family must rely on their faith to get through the ordeal.

When? Palm Sunday, April 2nd from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. At Holy Cross Parish Center, sponsored by Holy Cross Parish Council. Event is free; bring a friend, bring your family

RSVP **by March 30th** as to how many are coming. Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.



Monday, March 20

7:00 a.m. Alfonso and Marilou Mendoza

51st Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 a.m. Blanche Sembera

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 p.m. Lou and Rosemary Pisani & Family

6:30 p.m. Holy Hour

Thursday, March 23

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members

of Catholic Daughters Court #1070

Friday, March 24

8:15 a.m. Charlie Brozak

Saturday, March 25

5:30 p.m. Dora Kilmer

Sunday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Jack Burton

10:00 a.m. Lee and JoAnne Cabutti4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

Parish Penavee Services

Communal Penance Services

Monday, March 27th, 7:00 p.m. at St Matthew Tuesday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Wednesday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. at St Patrick

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JESUS IS CALLING YOU!

All Are Invited. Each Friday when school is in session, Jesus holds a special open house in our beautiful church. He invites us to spend quiet time with Him to give thenks for bloosing.



quiet time with Him to give thanks for blessings received and to tell Him about our pressing concerns.

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

Before Mass, talk to God. During Mass, let God talk to you. After Mass, talk to each other.

Euchre Tournament Follow-Up

Holy Cross Euchre Tournament was held Saturday Feb. 18th with 36 people participating.

Champion was Deke Vasey with 79 points, closely followed by 2nd through 4th, with 78, 77, and 76 points. We were glad Fr. Joseph and Fr. Leo were able to participate. After expenses and prize money, a balance of \$322 was donated to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Next Euchre Tournament will probably be this summer. Plan to attend. It's a fun evening.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The wound of abortion in real. So is healing. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional or



spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for single or married couples; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone impacted by an abortion experience.

If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the March 24-26, 2003 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or emailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential. For more information, please visit www.cdop.org/ rachelsvineyard or www.rachelsvineyard. org

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Two more Fish Frys: March 24th and 31st. We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours

during the Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry. Choose from 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m., or clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, helping people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, etc. Please call or text Jessica McMahon at 217-898-8846 to sign up. You can also go to: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ABA723A0FCC25-fish

FISH FRY CAKE SALE!

CHILDREN OF

PE FAITH

The Children of Hope and Faith are again hosting their cake sale at the

Fish Frys this year! We need 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 11/2 cups of vegetable oil. A gluten-free dessert and angel food cake are also served each time, but we do not need any donations. Questions? Contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or kristomail@comcast.net. 100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross' sponsored child, Lydia Patrick. Thank you for your support!

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Offering for March 11th/12th.....\$8,066.63 Development Fund......\$858.00

Thank you very much!

A SINCERE THANK YOU NOTE FROM SWANN



I spologize For just now thanking you and everyone that donated the gift cards for our residents last christmas.

It has been an amazing Christmas season for our residents. It was the first Christmas party that we had sine COVID. The airt card donations were spent in buying different items in which our resident would use and enjoys with as pillows, musical toys, books, lotion, shoes, and many others. We were able to wrap these items and have our resident open it just in time for Chroistmas Day.

all of their smites and excited faces white opening the pusent were priceless! And you made it possible with your donations. From all of our regidents here at Swann, THANK YOU very much you made the Christmas season even more special. - Juann -



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.

COLLECTION APPEAL—CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN AND PIATT COUNTIES

Catholic Charities of Champaign and Piatt Counties provides a variety of charitable services for needy individuals and families living in Champaign and Piatt Counties.

Our Food Pantry at St. Patrick's in Tolono is open to anyone and any family in need.

Our Light of Hope and Good Samaritan programs offer a variety of direct care support services, gift cards for multiple needs, transportation services and much more.

Our Parish Ministry of Financial Help program assists parishes by providing short-term rent, housing, or utility assistance for individuals and families in need, and much more.

All our services are free.

To help raise funds for these services, we would appreciate any donation. Envelopes are available at back of church, on the table in the parish lobby, or in the parish office.

Every dollar collected from our parishes serves individuals and families in need in Champaign and Piatt Counties. Thank You for helping us meet the needs of the poor among us!

Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt Counties P.O. Box 8937, Champaign, IL 61826





High School of St. Thomas More 217-352-7210 www.hs-stm.org

STM Job Opportunities

STM is seeking applications for a Head Boys Soccer Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: The STM Interact Club Easter egg hunt will be on Sunday, March 26th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. It will be held on the STM football field, unless it rains and is moved to the gym. There will be games and an Easter egg hunt. No registration needed. Participation fee is a book to be donated to Orphans' Treasure Box.

Spring Musical: STM's Spring Musical is "The Big Bad Musical." It will be performed March 30th at 7 p.m., March 31st at 7 p.m., April 1st at 2 p.m., and at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Come support our students and enjoy a howling good time. Ticket \$5 for adults / \$3 for students & seniors.

Admissions Application Open for 2023-24: Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still accepting admissions applications for next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on "Explore" then "Apply Now" to get started today. Questions? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

<u>Student Shadow Program:</u> The Shadow a Saber Program is back for Spring 2023! For details and registration info, go to <u>www.hs-stm.org</u>. Click on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Questions? Go to <u>admissions@hs-stm.org</u>. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!



EMPOWER ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT MATCH OPPORTUNITY!

BREAKING NEWS! We have a matching gift that will go toward student scholarships! The donor will match any gift 1:1 up to \$10,000 designated to Holy Cross School through Empower Illinois between now and April 15th! There has never been a better time to give. You can double your impact!

Monsignor Hallin once said, "No student will be denied a Catholic Education due to financial issues." If you believe in the benefits of Catholic education like Monsignor did, then please consider giving to Empower Illinois. We currently have 74 students on the waitlist for a 2023-24 scholarship. If this is something you believe in, then please make your gift today and you will receive 75% of your donation back as a credit on your Illinois state taxes. Let's help make Monsignor's dream come true! Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org with questions, or visit: https://donations.empowerillinois.org/donations



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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

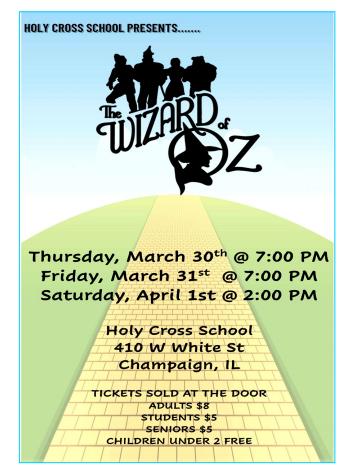
By seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary, we deepen our understanding.

Who would think that you can grow radishes with no soil?

We are continuing to experiment with what food can be grown in our aquaponics lab.

As you can see, we are challenging our students to take the ordinary, and turn it into an extraordinary learning opportunity.





Tuition Assistance Consideration:

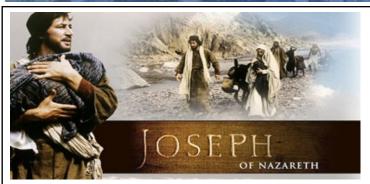
*Submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Application with fee online at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

*Call Parish Office to be put on the Spalding Scholarship list. Deadline for the completed application is **April 28th**, **2023**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the **Empower Illinois** website at:

<u>www.empowerillinois.org</u>. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



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.

As Joseph is informed by God's messengers about trusting and following his plan for Christ, the dangerous flight into Egypt to save his child, and finally returning to Nazareth to raise Jesus, this lovely film presents beautiful vignettes of these and other powerful scenes in the life of the young Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring. Also stars Stefania Rivi, Franco Interlenghi, and Andrea Prodan."

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.

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40 DAYS for LIFE. SPRING 2023

From February 22nd to Sunday, April 2nd

Where? At Planned Parenthood, 302 E. Stoughton St. Champaign. And the new Equity Clinic, 2111 W. Park Court, Champaign.

It is 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 when the abortion clinics are open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray. Since we will now have 2 abortion clinics, we encourage people to come pray at both locations.

Suggested prayer times for the Equity Clinic are Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (yes, they are scheduled to be open on Sundays).

Suggested prayer times for Planned Parenthood (PP) are Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Unfortunately, both clinics are open on Mondays and Tuesdays (Equity Clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, and PP from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday), so please choose either location for prayer on those days.

Since PP is open late on Monday, prayer is suggested there from 5 to 6 p.m. on Mondays. Since Equity Clinic is open later on Tuesday, prayer is suggested there from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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