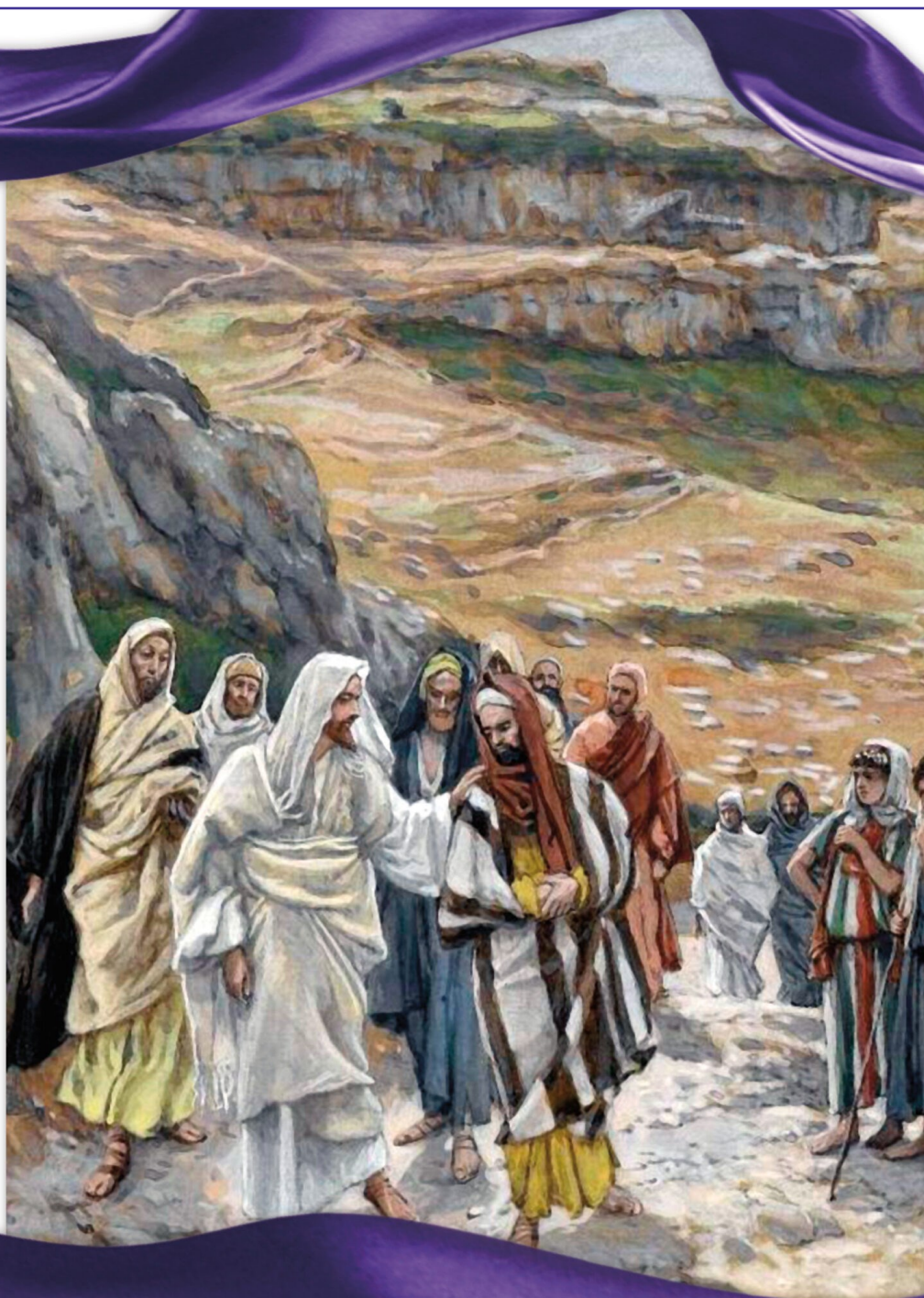


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but if it dies,  
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much fruit.”

*John 12: 23,24*

Jesus Discourses with His  
Disciples by James Tissot  
Circa 1886-1894



5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

March 21, 2021

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



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 13 AND 14

Jesus, how brutally you were put to death. How gently you are taken from the cross. Your suffering and pain are ended, and you are put in the lap of your mother. The dirt and blood are wiped away. You are treated with love.

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

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

Jesus, your body is prepared for burial. Joseph gave you his own tomb. He laid your body there and rolled a large stone in front of it, then went home. What a sad day it has been for so many people.

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS

Please join our parish family this Wednesday evening during Holy Week 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*

#### TRUSTEES

*Tom Murray     John Powers*

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Gloria Fellers*

#### 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

#### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

#### 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 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.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (12:20-33)

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

### A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS (5:7-9)

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

### † † † Masses For The Week

#### Monday, March 22

7:00 a.m. Betty Alexander

#### Tuesday, March 23

7:00 a.m. All Souls

#### Wednesday, March 24

6:00 p.m. Reann Gibson

#### Thursday, March 25

7:00 a.m. Dr. Cesar Yu Co

#### Friday, March 26

7:00 a.m. Connor, Edgar & Ingersoll Families

#### Saturday, March 27

5:30 p.m. Harry Breen

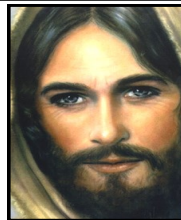
#### Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m. John Sheridan

10:00 a.m. Msgr. Albert Hallin

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

### FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT



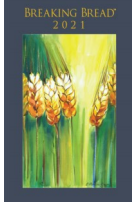
**All Are Invited.** Jesus is holding a special open house in our beautiful church on Fridays. He invites us to spend quiet time with Him to give thanks for blessings received and to tell Him about our pressing concerns. Please consider visiting Jesus on Fridays during Lent between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. 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 Cappo 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 27

5:30 p.m. No Ministers

### Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m. No ministers

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

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



**OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES** go with Dana Scaff and Darren Maguire, who were married here on Friday, March 12th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!

## 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.

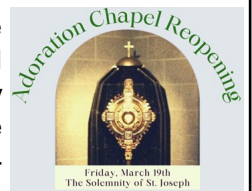
## LAST DRIVE-THRU LENTEN FISH FRY SIGN-UP FOR MARCH 26TH



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.

St. Matthew's is excited to announce that their Adoration Chapel reopened on Friday, March 19th, immediately following the 7:00 a.m. Mass. For more information, please call the parish office at St. Matthew at (217) 359-4224.



## 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](mailto:stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org).

## 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.

# APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

## REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS, MARCH 2021

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

## Last Week's Collection

Offering for March 13th/14th.....\$4,539.20  
Development Fund.....\$637.00

Thank you very much!



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

**FROM PRINCIPAL GREG KOERNER:**

Spring break has ended and so has the third quarter. It's hard to believe 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.

Our new science lab is starting to come together. Mrs. Crull, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. LeFavre 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.*

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL  
 PRESENTS SHADOW STATIONS  
 OF THE CROSS!**

We will have 2 performances during Holy Week that will be live-streamed on our parish Facebook page:

- Tuesday, March 30 @ 9:00 a.m.—7th Grade performance
  - Thursday, April 1 @ 9:00 a.m.—8th Grade performance
- Please join us live or watch later at your convenience!

**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.



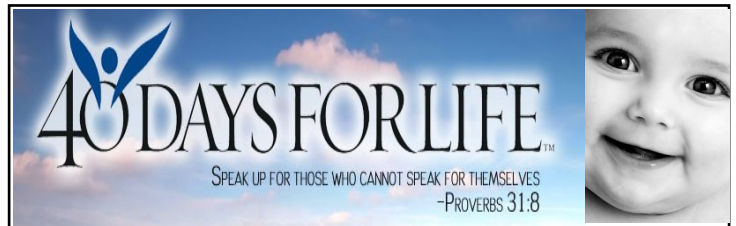
**High School of St. Thomas More**  
 352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**STM ADMISSIONS NEWS**

Calling all 8th Graders. Become a St. Thomas More Saber. To apply, go to. <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>. Applications for the 2021-2022 academic year are officially open. For more information please contact Miss Erica Lyons, Director of Admissions and Campus Ministry at 217-352-7210.

**SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED:** STM will be closed from April 2nd through April 5th for Easter Break.

**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](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org).



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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:reneemullen1@comcast.net) or

<https://www.facebook.com/40DaysCU>



## A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



## FORMED LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS

Sign up to encounter Christ this Lent with daily Lenten reflection videos from Dr. Tim Gray.



## BROTHER FRANCIS: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Brother Francis as he follows our Lord on his way to the Cross. This episode includes:

- A short introduction to the traditional Stations of the Cross, and how meditating upon them brings us closer to our Savior.
- The traditional 14 stations beautifully illustrated with 14 thought-provoking meditations composed especially for children
- "What More Can He Give"—a moving song that reminds us of Jesus's love for us all throughout his time on earth.

**Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.**

**To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.**



**PRAY to END ABORTION!**



## A Word from Joy

**We are growing!** We are working with two new families! One new family is expecting their first child in a couple of months. Our second family has a one-year-old and is expecting a second child.....This coming month we will probably be delivering over 3,000 diapers. Consider making a donation to the Pro-Life committee for Lent.

As usual, if there are any questions, please contact Joy Pace. 217-359-8406 (home) or [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com).

**"40 Days for Life"** started on February 17th and will run from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day thru Palm Sunday. **189 lives saved this campaign so far.** We normally need 2 people per hour. This is taking place at the local Planned Parenthood (3rd & Stoughton) in Champaign. Renee Mullen and Sandi Ostrowski head up that effort.

**Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry** has their 2021 schedule available. This is a ministry of healing and restoration. These retreats inform and help strengthen and support Catholic thought and life. This ministry is located in Vandalia, IL. Lodging is available at area hotels (there is a retreat discount available) and some lodging is available onsite. See [www.osmm.org](http://www.osmm.org) for more details.



Catholic Radio  
95.7 FM; WLHF-LP  
"Holy Family Radio"  
Champaign/Urbana, Illinois

## 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 & Foltzler 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 & Huguette 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