

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



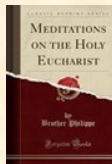
Eucharistic Revival



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Excerpt from:

Meditations on the Holy Eucharist by Brother Philippe
Institution of the Holy Eucharist (cont.)



The adorable Savior takes bread unto his holy and venerable hands, and having raised his eyes to heaven, to God his Father, he returns thanks: teaching us thereby that he is about to establish the true sacrifice of thanksgiving, that by which alone the Father can be worthily thanked for all his favors to us.

When he said: "This is my body," Jesus changed all the substance of the bread he held in his hands into the substance of his body, - that same holy body which, born of the Virgin Mary, was to be delivered up to death for us. When he said: "This is my blood," he changed in the same manner all the wine which was in the chalice into his blood, - that same blood which he was to shed for the remission of sins.

Behold how he gave himself to his apostles to be their spiritual food, and the life of their souls. Now, as it was not for them alone that he instituted the Holy Eucharist, but for the whole human race, he appointed them priests of the new law, and commanded them to do what he had done for a commemoration of him. Thus all the faithful of all times may participate in this divine banquet, and feed on the living bread come down from heaven.

The apostles, after having adored the body and blood of Jesus Christ beneath the sacramental veils, receive them from his hands, nourish themselves with them, and first relish the sweetness of the bread of angels. They all participate in the divine banquet their adorable Master prepared for them, and by which he feeds and strengthens their souls, and makes them live by his own life.

Let us assist at Mass and approach to Communion with the dispositions of the faithful apostles at the last supper, when they received into their hearts the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Let us go to the holy table with St. Peter's faith and St. John's love, so as to participate abundantly in all the graces of that sacrament of faith and love.



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
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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., & 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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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th, 7:30 p.m.

Lector: Sue Berndt
EMCH: Stephanie Rank, John Kelley, Jessica McMahon
Servers: Ben Summers, Linclon Wood, Kristina Maloney
Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Sam Easton

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th, 3:00 p.m.

Lector: Justine Karduck
EMCH: - No Ministers -
Servers: Kristina Maloney, Ben Summers, Emma Lwao,
Ithuriel Randall, Tim Friedman

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th, 7:30 p.m.

Lectors: Matthew Korah, Michael Roedelbronn
EMCH: John Kelley, Peg Swanson, (need 1 more)
Servers: Kristina Maloney, Ben Summers, (need 4 more)

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st, 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ed Seebauer
EMCH: Ray Tucker, Juliann Seebauer
Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker, (need 1 more)

EASTER SUNDAY, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Andrew Zasada
EMCH: John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Stephanie Rank,
(need 1 more)
Servers: Abby Friedman, Chris Friedman, Tim Friedman
(need 2 more)

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on

Good Friday, March 29th, and Easter Monday, April 1st.



**And Jesus said to Peter,
"So could you not keep watch
with me for one hour?" (Mt 25:40)**

HOLY THURSDAY: After the 7:30 p.m. Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule for that night. Consider signing up to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration anytime until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is no adoration on that day. The Good Friday Service will be held at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY: There will be NO confessions heard on this day. Easter Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: There will be the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses but NO 4:00 p.m. Mass.

††† Masses For The Week

Monday, March 25

7:00 a.m. Mary Sue Shay

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory who took religious vows.

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 p.m. Elizabeth Murphy

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m. For the Priests

Good Friday, March 29

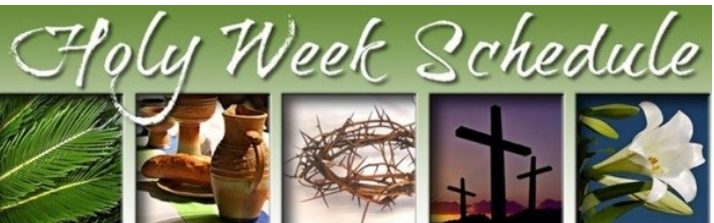
3:00 p.m. No Mass Intention -

Holy Saturday, March 30

7:30 p.m. For the Candidates

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Mary Young



March 24 - Palm Sunday (reg. weekend Mass times)

March 28 - Holy Thursday 7:30 pm

March 29 Good Friday 3:00 pm

March 30 - Holy Saturday 7:30 pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday 8:00 am / 10:00 am

ŚWIECONKA - BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Of special interest to those of Slovak, Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Central European background will be the traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at **1:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday, March 30th**, in the church.



There will be NO coffee and donuts after Easter Masses.

Congratulations and Happy Retirement to Jola!
Jola has been our bookkeeper at Holy Cross for 17 years. May you enjoy much rest, relaxation, and happiness! Best Wishes on your new journey!



We will miss you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DECORATING CREW!

From Easter to Christmas and all points in between, the decorating crew works behind the scenes to provide us with a well decorated, spiritually inspiring church. It has become apparent that, despite our best recruiting efforts, we have become the "too small and mighty band."

Thus we are reaching out to all Holy Cross parishioners who may be interested in joining the decorating crew. No particular decorating background is required. We need dedicated people willing to work, follow directions, and commit themselves to our decorating ministry. Availability is a must. We would like to recruit 4 or 5 individuals who have those traits and want to help carry on the tradition that began with Harry Breen in the mid-1980s. If you are interested, please call Dave Devall at (217) 417-1376, or Sharon Kristovitch at (217) 355-2096.

You can also email Dave at devalld@sbcglobal.net or Sharon at kristomail@comcast.com.



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 F. Baughman; Robert & Verna Kerber; John & Joyce Hipskind; Hettinger, Painter and Wagner Families; Gene, Elaine, & Ross Mayor; Helen Vedder; Frank Hartman.

Collection

Offering for March 16th/17th.....\$6,234.50
 Thank you very much!



FOR THOSE SENSITIVE TO INCENSE, please note that it will be used on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday at the beginning and end of Mass, and at the Easter Vigil.



PALMS FROM LAST YEAR ARE BLESSED, and must be disposed of properly. This means burning the palms and burying the ashes. If you'd rather have the parish handle it for you, please bring your palms from last year to the Parish Office and we will dispose of them properly.



ON GOOD FRIDAY our parish will take up the annual collection for the **Holy Land**. Please be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and help protect the Holy places and Christian shrines.

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.*



Wednesday: March 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)

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

March 31, Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.- Mass



Divine Mercy Celebration

Please join us for a Divine Mercy celebration!

Sunday, April 7th

Doors will open at 2 p.m.

Prayer service will begin at 2:30 p.m..

St. Matthew Church

1303 Lincolnshire Dr, in Champaign.

Priests will be available for Confession. The program includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration with the Divine Mercy Praises and Benediction. Jesus told St. Faustina "*I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy*"

The Novena for the Feast of Mercy begins on Good Friday. Novena pamphlets are available outside the St. Matthew Adoration Chapel.



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

Admissions Application Open for 2024-25 School Year

STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to 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. 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 and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at 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, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
 ANNUAL STEAK DINNER**
 at Philo Tavern on
Sunday, April 28, 2024
 101 Washington Street
 Philo, Illinois

The Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt counties invites you to our Annual Steak Dinner

Cash bar opens at 4 p.m. Dinner is served at 5 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40/person.
 Carry-out meals are also available.

This annual fundraiser benefits several important charitable programs offered in Champaign and Piatt counties, including St. Patrick's Food Pantry in Tolono, which is open to anyone and any family in need, regardless of income or residency, our Light of Hope and Good Samaritan programs, and our Parish Ministry of Financial Help program that assists parishes to serve those in need.

All our services are free.

To purchase tickets, please contact:
 Gloria Fellers at: 217/649-8786, or gloria-fellers@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

*We look forward to seeing you at
 the dinner for food, fun and fellowship!*

PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS -
 Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Mon, Tue, & Thur.



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org



Holy Cross is excited to present
 Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella,
 starring 55 of our students in grades K-8!

Thursday, April 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 12th @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th @ 5:00 p.m.

TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

ADULTS \$10

STUDENTS \$5

SENIORS \$5

CHILDREN UNDER 2, FREE

Flowers will be for sale at the door.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

**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.



PALM SUNDAY (Year B)

This Sunday we find ourselves at a crossroads. As we approach the great mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, we are coming to the end of our Lenten journey. It is a time to both look back and reflect, and to look forward and prepare.

Holy Week is a unique time in the Church calendar where we are suddenly walking minute by minute with Jesus as he goes through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Starting today with Palm Sunday, we enter into Jesus's life in "real time." The way God works in time during this week can really help us to enter into friendship with Jesus as we walk with him in his sufferings.



PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY God of all life,

Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness.

Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes.

Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity.

May your justice reign forever! Amen.



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

Dr. Ben Akers, associate professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, leads us through a brief reflection on the scene of the Annunciation in Luke 1:26-38. He engages the scripture verses line by line highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by the angel Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's "yes" to the Lord in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

HOLY CROSS EMAIL LIST



Do you receive our Sunday morning emails? Each week we send out an email about parish & school happenings, links to Mass, readings, reflections, and so much more! Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to our email list!



HOLY WEEK IN ROME: A JOURNEY WITH THE POPE

See how Holy Week is commemorated in Rome. Hear from theologians, professors, art historians, and Vatican officials about Jesus' last days on earth and how those moments have been relived throughout the centuries in Church ceremony and art.

From the washing of the feet to the walk to Calvary, Pope Benedict XVI takes us step-by-step through these symbolic events as played out in the Eternal City.

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