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Eucharistic Revival



In Conversation with God

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Appearances of Jesus: the encounter with his mother, living this liturgical time very close to Our Lady.

The Blessed Virgin, who was accompanied by the holy women through those hours of the crucifixion, did not go with them in their pious attempt to finish embalming the dead body of Jesus...Our Lady knew He would rise.

It is ancient tradition of the Church that Jesus appeared first of all to his Mother in solitude. It could not have been otherwise, because she is the first and principal co-redeemer of the human race, in perfect union with her Son. Alone she would have been, since this appearance would be for a reason very different from the reason for the other appearances to the women and the disciples. He had to reassure and comfort them, and win them to him definitively in the faith. The Blessed Virgin, who had become the mother of the human race now reconciled with God, did not at any time cease to be in perfect union with the Blessed Trinity.

We do not know how Jesus appeared to his Mother...In an intimacy we can barely comprehend, He showed himself to his Mother in such a form that she would have known him instantly in his glorious state. After the pain she had endured, our Lady was filled with an immense joy. *The star of the morning shines not so lovely, says Fr. Luis de Granada, as the Mother's eyes shone in that gracious face of hers, the unblemished mirror of divine splendor. She sees the body of her Son risen and those divine eyes returned, his previous loveliness restored and increased. The openings of the wounds which had been sword – thrusts of pain for the Mother – to see them now as fountains of love; to see the One who had suffered between thieves, attended now by angels and saints; to see the One who commended her to the disciple from the Cross reach out his loving arms now, his visage radiant with unutterable peace...Take her, do not leave her. Embrace her and ask her not to let go. Then, stricken with anguish, she had not known what to say; now, mute with joy, she cannot speak.* We join in this immense joy.

It is said that each year on this holy day St. Thomas Aquinas counseled his hearers not to fail to congratulate the Blessed Virgin on the Resurrection of her Son. *Queen of Heaven, Rejoice. Alleluia! For He whom you did merit to bear has risen as He said. Let us resolve to live this Easter period very close to our Lady.*



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

Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

2nd Wednesday - after 6:00 pm Mass in Parish Center
4th Wednesday - after 6:00 pm Mass in the church for Adoration



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 April we are praying the
Litany to Mary, Help of Christians**



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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.

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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

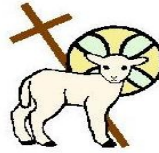
OUR PARISH

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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	April 6 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Kathy Murray Tom Murray, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 7 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt Barry Dickerson, Mary Shelden Nicolette Burton, Nolan Kiser
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman Abby, Chris, and Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Jan Weber Avery Natschke, Ithurriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 1 7:00 a.m.	Eugene Menke
Tuesday, April 2 7:00 a.m.	Freedom to Worship
Wednesday, April 3 6:00 p.m.	Paul Kelley
Thursday, April 4 7:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Mai -Chi- Thanh
Friday, April 5 8:15 a.m.	First Friday Memorial
Saturday, April 6 5:30 p.m.	Cathy Leahy
Sunday, April 7 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Judith Joan Joergens Mary Elizabeth Warner For the Parishioners

The Resurrection THE GREATEST OF MIRACLES

With You,
nothing is lost;
You are
my hope.

Pope Francis



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed
on Easter Monday, April 1st.



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.



There will be NO coffee and donuts after Easter Masses.



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.

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.



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; Bernard Buese; Jeri Hix; Carol Dicken; Grace Isringhausen. And in honor of Troy Fisk.

Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **April 11th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share!



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!



A hearty Thank You to all who helped make the solemn ceremonies of Holy Week a reverent spiritual experience! Our deepest gratitude to those who spent many hours putting together the beautiful flowers and altar decorations.

We thank our organist, Jonathan Young, and the singers for their inspiring music. And we thank the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and servers who so generously gave of their time!

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.



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY NEW COLUMBARIUM

St. Mary's Cemetery is pleased to announce the addition of their new columbarium for interment of cremated remains.

The columbarium contains 48 niches and can hold up to two cremated remains per niche. Contact Denny Santarelli for more information 217-778-0575, or the cemetery office at 217-352-8364, ext. 3.

Collection

Offering for March 23rd/24th.....\$7,010.25
Thank you very much!



High School of St. Thomas More
 217-352-7210
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April 9, 2024, Wine & Wisdom

At The High School of Saint Thomas More, 3901 N Mattis Ave, Champaign. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, formation, wine, and snacks. Mia Teehan, Zoe Solomon, and two Catholic Counselors will be presenting on relevant topics for parenting teenagers today. Open to the public at 6:30.p.m. Cost: Free

STM Youth Summer Sports Camps

Boys Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball, and a Free Football Clinic

Camps are available for Grades K-8 and will take place throughout May and June. A free non-padded event will be offered on August 1st that introduces the fundamentals of football (limited to 40 participants). Registrations and payments received by May 13, 2024, guarantee camper t-shirts. All camps are located at the High School of Saint Thomas More, 3901 N Mattis Ave. in Champaign. Cost: Varies by Camp
 Visit www.hs-stm.org for more information and to register.

COMING SOON: Register for The High School of Saint Thomas More's 2nd Annual Tim Murphy Memorial Golf Outing & Shindig

Lake of the Woods Golf Course, 405 N Lake of The Woods Rd., Mahomet. Rotary Hill Pavilion, 901 Geranium Dr., Mahomet. When? Friday, August 2nd, 2024 (Rain date is Friday, Aug. 9th, 2024).

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.



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From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner

Easter is a time of renewal, celebration, and joy as we gather with our loved ones to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's the perfect occasion to spread happiness and share heartfelt messages with family, friends, and colleagues. The Holy Cross School staff wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



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.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

APRIL 2024 - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org



Check out the new bookcase in the back of church! Books are free – read, return or pass along to someone else.

Donations accepted but not necessary. Place any money in an envelope marked 'bookcase' and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

LOST AND FOUND - Holy Cross has a Lost and Found box in the Sacristy at the church which is getting quite full! If you are missing an item and think you might have left it in the church, please call the Parish Office (217) 352-8748 or stop by and we can check for you. Thank you!

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.

Filmed on location in more than twenty cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy."

Through never before seen film footage, rare photographs, and extensive interviews with friends, biographers, and family members, this story journeys across a dramatic visual landscape to document their heroic struggles and herald the message of Divine Mercy to all mankind.

PRO-LIFE



GREAT NEWS! We had a baby saved from abortion Monday, January 26!! This woman and boyfriend traveled from Indiana, came to the Equity clinic and fortunately talked with a woman sidewalk counselor here, who encouraged her to allow her child to live. Those two women are in contact with each other and the pregnant momma now has information for help in her area. Please pray for this young family, and in thanksgiving for this save. Praise God. We are in touch with them and will continue to offer assistance...

Thank you to Our Lady of the Lake – they donated some diapers, wipes and a gift card to our ministry! Thank you!

NEW:

Thank you to the STM Pro-Life group – they will be gathering wipes for us! Thank you!

Thank you to Sharon K, who gathered donated home items, and has delivered those to one of our families. Thank you!

We have a not-used car seat donated, a crib that is virtually new and we have found a home for those. This family is moving and we will get that seat to them when they are settled.

We need:

1 twin box spring, a set of bunk beds, trundle bed or bunk beds (safe for a 5 year old) and dressers.

Call Joy Pace with questions or donations at (217) 359-8406



DIVINE MERCY WITH FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven

through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

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.

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 Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
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 Costello Family
 Leta & Kenny Porter
 Ron Murphy
 Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
 Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.