

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What joy we feel when we hear those words on Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on his journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of his resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints.

But Easter doesn't end today. As a Church, we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full eight days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting 50 days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year.

The truth is, Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection can never be undone. What our Father created as "very good", what was corrupted and lost, has now been redeemed.

So look beyond this joyous day to the season ahead. Spend time over these next 50 days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how the apostles responded to this good news. For them, the resurrection changed everything and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen-they had seen him with their own eyes. Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news, whatever the cost.

Jesus' resurrection has changed everything for you too. Your are loved. Your are redeemed. Don't let Easter come and go. Live in this truth every single day. Let it seep into every fiber of your being. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation. Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever.

From *The Word Among Us*

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MASSES

Saturday: Sunday:

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 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.

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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ADORATION

On Fridays when school is in session, you are invited to come 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.

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.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John (20:1-9)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead ...

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (10:34A, 37-43)

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."



A Reading From the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)

Brothers and Sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Garrett Clements and Lena Brumleve, who were married here on Saturday, March 20th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



PALMS THAT ARE BLESSED 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 to the Parish Office and we will dispose of them properly.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 10

Sunday, April 11

5:30 p.m. John Kelley



8:00 a.m. No ministers 10:00 a.m. Jessica McMahon, Margie Hoss

4:00 p.m. Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Jan Weber

THE PARISH OFFICE

will be closed all day on Easter Monday, April 5th.

ST MARY CEMETERY ENTRANCE CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

St Mary's Road in Champaign will be temporarily closed from Neil Street to Oak Street until August 15, 2021, for road construction. This construction will close the two main entrances to St. Mary Cemetery during this period. A new temporary entrance will be constructed on the east side of the Cemetery off of Griffith Dr. To access the temporary entrance, you will need to travel west on Hazelwood Dr., from South First Street, then travel North on Griffiths Dr. to the temporary entrance.



WE NEED LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

As we are starting to get somewhat back to normal in church, we will have Lectors and Altar Servers for the weekend Masses again. Thus we will be in great need of both Lectors and Altar Servers. If you are interested in serving in either capacity, please contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748, or you can email us at:

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. The names will be listed in the bulletin.

Donations have been made in memory of Donald McDuffee; Rose & Roy Baum and Christian Decker; Herbert & Florence Desmier; Noble & Eleanor Devall; Chris & Val Patrick; the Cochrane and Vedder Families; Tom & Anne Corkery; John & C. Joan Murray; Ethel G. Cox; Terry O'Neill; Herb & Betty Friedman; Finn Oliveira; the Leathers, Lynch, Lecher, and Rodgers Families; the Hettinger, Painter, and Wagner Families; and James and Zachery McNabney.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me. It will pray fervently if I am a humble disciple. It will worship joyfully if I am an engaged follower. It will teach the truth if I am a faithful believer. It will give generously if I am an active steward. It will accomplish great works if I am a dedicated servant. It will be a community of faith, hope, and love, if I practice all these virtues. O God, grant me the grace I need to be a devoted member of Holy Cross Parish. Amen.

APOSTLESHIP OFPRAYER

UNIVERSAL INTENTION, APRIL 2021

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even in democracies in crisis.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

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 and take it with you as you leave after Mass.



FROM PRINCIPAL GREG KOERNER:

Who would have believed that at the beginning of the school year we would have made it all the way to the 4th quarter! In this very stressful pandemic year, Holy Cross parents, teachers, students, staff, alumni and parishioners have proven to be an excellent team together! Thank you all for this amazing effort!

The new science labs are starting to come together. Supplies are coming in and everything will be ready to go by August, 2021. They will have new lab tables and stools along with an all-new curriculum,



lab equipment and a mobile lab station. We are investing close to \$20,000 to create two incredible science labs! These labs will bring Holy Cross to the forefront of the Next Generation Science Standards.



If you support our goal of creating the best environment possible to promote learning and would like to donate or adopt a table (\$573.00) or stool (\$35.00), this would be greatly appreciated.

As we get closer to summer and the weather starts to warm up, please remember to follow CDC guidelines and stay safe while enjoying the warm spring air! God Bless!

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

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.

VOCATIONS "A call from God to live in a particular way"

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Is someone you know called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Call Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck at (309) 671-1550 or write: fr hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



High School of St. Thomas More 352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

CALLING ALL JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS! On Wednesday, April 28th, we will be hosting a Junior High Game Night from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at STM. This will be open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. It will be an outdoor event with food and drinks. Bring your friends and come for a good time! More information to come, but mark your calendars now!

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

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 info please contact Miss Erica Lyons, Director of Admissions and Campus Ministry at 217-352-7210.

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.

SAINT THOMAS MORE APP

Don't forget The High School of St. Thomas More has an app for your smartphone! It's everything St. Thomas More, in your pocket. Download the app on Android: http://bit.ly/39Tytt6 or iPhone: https://apple.co/303rQQx. http://bit.ly/39Tytt6 or iPhone: https://apple.co/303rQQx.

ADORATION CHAPEL St. Matthew's Adoration Chapel has reopened but there are restrictions. For more information please call the parish office at St. Matthew, (217) 359-4224.





PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR PEACE

St Joseph, teach us the ways of peace and wisdom. Protect us from the evil that breeds hatred in our hearts.

Heal the brokenness in our hearts. Release us from the bondage of fear and distrust of our neighbors, especially those who are strangers in our midst.

Help us be strong in defense of justice and care for the poor. Help our Church be a prophetic leader in the struggle for world peace. Help us to be generous and constant in praying for this peace. Amen.

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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.



FORMED Now: Evangelizing Millennials

After his Resurrection, Christ told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). To continue this evangelical work today, we have to adapt to diverse audiences. In this series, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss how to reach one of those audiences—millennials.

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FertilityCareTM Services of Champaign-Urbana Featuring NaProTECHNOLOGY®

Creighton Model System Group Introductory Sessions

All introductory sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about an hour. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all of the sessions will be held over Zoom. The group introductory sessions are free, but if you plan to continue with the full course of instruction, you will need to pay \$30 (all card transactions are subject to a 3% convenience fee) and schedule a follow -up appointment in approximately 2 weeks after the Intro.

To fulfill the marriage preparation requirement for the Diocese of Peoria, you will need to attend at least 4 follow-up sessions prior to the date of the wedding. Please register online for the introductory session you wish to attend at www.cufertilitycare.setmore.com/bookclass

7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, 2021

March 24, April 14, May 19, June 9, July 14, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1

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