

Then Jesus  
straightened up  
and said to her,  
“Woman, where  
are they? Has no  
one condemned  
you?”

She replied,  
“No one sir.”  
Then Jesus said,  
“Neither do I  
condemn you.  
Go, and from  
now on do not  
sin any more.”

*John 8:10, 11*

Christ and the Woman Taken  
In Adultery by Emile Signol  
Circa 1842



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

April 6, 2025

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

### From the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy



Divine Mercy Sunday is coming! The Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy at Holy Cross welcome all parishioners and visitors to learn more about The Divine Mercy this season.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us.

He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will

- call upon Him with trust
- receive His mercy
- Let Mercy flow through us to others

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint

Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

To learn more about Divine Mercy, and to find out about the Feast, Image, Novena (starts April 18), Chaplet, and Hour...



□ Use your phone's camera to follow this link to Fr. Michael Gaitley's "Crash Course on Divine Mercy."

... Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet □ □ □

... or visit: [www.TheDivineMercy.org](http://www.TheDivineMercy.org)



### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Vicariate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is at St. Matthew Church: Available to everyone in our Vicariate and open 24 hrs/day. Keycard access required. For assistance, contact Joe Taylor at the St. Matthew parish office. To sign up for a Holy Hour, go to [stmatt.weadorehim.com](http://stmatt.weadorehim.com)



### ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



### 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**

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Msgr. Brian Brownsey*  
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*Deacon Ed Mohrbacher*  
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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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### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
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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.



# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## OUR PARISH

### HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

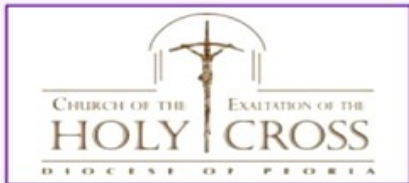
The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>April 12</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Peg Swanson, Sharon Kristovich John Haggin, Joey Haggin
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>April 13</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Karduck Barry Dickerson, Sue Berndt Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higgerson, Dawn Freedman Tim Freidman, Camille Christhlf
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Sam Easton, Ithuriel Randall

### ††† Masses For The Week

<b>Monday, April 7</b> 7:00 a.m.	Mary Kondrad
<b>Tuesday, April 8</b> 7:00 a.m.	Connor, Edgar, & Ingersoll Families
<b>Wednesday, April 9</b> 6:00 p.m.	Roberta Jahneke
<b>Thursday, April 10</b> 7:00 a.m.	Tony Rein
<b>Friday, April 11</b> 8:15 a.m.	Karen Santarelli
<b>Saturday, April 12</b> 5:30 p.m.	Cathy Leahy
<b>Sunday, April 13</b> 8:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Kathryn Dhom
4:00 p.m.	Rita Amacher



405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL

## Holy Week

<b>April 17, Holy Thursday</b> 7:00 p.m. - Mass	<b>April 19, Easter Vigil</b> 7:30 p.m. - Mass
<b>April 18, Good Friday</b> 3:00 p.m. - Service	<b>April 20, Easter Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. - Mass 10:00 a.m. - Mass

— Swieconka (Blessing of the Easter Foods)  
on Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. —



### 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.

Donations have been made in the memory of: Kevin Hodge; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Angela Seaman; Karen Santarelli; and Frank Hartman.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We are praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent each Friday at 5:30 p.m.

This prayer is the parish patronal prayer for the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We will carry with us, through the stations, the relic of the true cross. When Stations are prayed with a relic, the customary response, "Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" is modified to, "Because by *THIS* holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Following the Stations of the Cross, the relic will be enthroned for a period of veneration while confessions are being heard.

### Collections

Offering for March 29th/30th.....\$10,185.00

Thank You Very Much!



## FINAL FISH FRY IS HERE!

**Final Fish Fry will be April 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Join us from 5-7 p.m. in the Great Hall. Baked or Fried fish available. PB & J provided as well. **Free will offering.** **Please note:** We will NOT have a take-out line this year and have just one line for both dine in or carryout.



We will have a Fish Fry 50/50 with tickets sold each and the drawing on April 11th.

You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross School.

**Cake for \$0.50 a piece with proceeds to The Children of Hope and Faith.**



## FISH FRY CAKE SALE!



The Children of Hope and Faith will be hosting their annual cake sale at the Fish Frys this year! We are looking for 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 1½ cups of vegetable oil.** A gluten free dessert and angel food cake are also served each time, but we do not need any donations.

Please contact Sharon Kristovich at (217) 355-2096 or [kristomail@comcast.net](mailto:kristomail@comcast.net) if you have any questions or have a special request.

100% of the sales are donated to The Children of Hope and Faith to raise tuition for Holy Cross's sponsored children Amelia Gotifrid and Lydia Patrick.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FISH FRY

**Final Fish Fry will be on April 11th.**

We need volunteers to work from 1 to 3 hours during the event. Choose from the following times: 4:45—5:45 p.m. or 5:45—6:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. clean-up crew. Jobs include pouring soda, cleaning tables, assisting people to their seats, taking out trash, refilling supplies, washing dishes, etc. It's the most fun you'll ever have working! To sign-up, please contact Nicolette Burton ([26nburton@hs-stm.org](mailto:26nburton@hs-stm.org)), or Brooke McMahon ([26bmcmahon@hs-stm.org](mailto:26bmcmahon@hs-stm.org)), or go directly to sign up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses and warm up with a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation.

## 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!



## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**APRIL 2025**

### FOR THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

*Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times*

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



## The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street, Champaign. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships, and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or [crakers@comcast.net](mailto:crakers@comcast.net).

## Please join us for a FAMILY-FRIENDLY Stations of the Cross

**Friday,  
April 11th  
5:30 PM**

Reflections geared toward our younger parishioners with youth volunteers leading the service. We encourage all families to join!



**Fellowship after the service!**  
Parish **FISH FRY** in St. Brigid Hall

Note: This is our regularly scheduled Stations of the Cross simply tailored to our younger parishioners. All are welcome to attend!





## High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**STM Job Opportunities:** STM is currently seeking applications for a Head Girls Tennis Coach, Head Football Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [atrmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:atrmbridget@hs-stm.org), and John Delaney, Athletic Director at [jdelaney@hs-stm.org](mailto:jdelaney@hs-stm.org).

**Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders:** Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, shadow visits give prospective students 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](http://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information.

**Admissions Application Open for 2025-2026.** STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org). We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

**Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM!** Star Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Rome Odunze will be having a youth football camp for ages 6-16 here at STM on July 12th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, go to: <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps-1/rome-odunze-champaign%2C-il>.



## Holy Cross School

217-356-9521

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

### From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

By the time this hits the bulletin, we will be half way through Lent. I hope and pray that your Lenten season is going well and that you continue preparing for Easter.

These past two and a half months have been a busy time for the school. Our students have completed their winter testing, celebrated Catholic Schools' week, and our 3rd—8th graders have been trained on how to administer CPR/AED.

With April just around the corner, here are some dates to remember.

- April 10-12: Play/Musical
- April 14: Seminarian's talk with Middle School
- April 16: Stations of the Cross at 1:30
- April 22-May 2: Spring testing

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,  
A heart that forgives the worst, A mind that forgets the bad,  
and a soul that never loses faith in God.

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



**Job Opportunities:** Holy Cross School is seeking a middle school Social Studies, a 4th grade teacher, and a full time middle school math sub for 1st semester. Please contact Greg Koerner at [gkoerner@holycrosselem.org](mailto:gkoerner@holycrosselem.org)



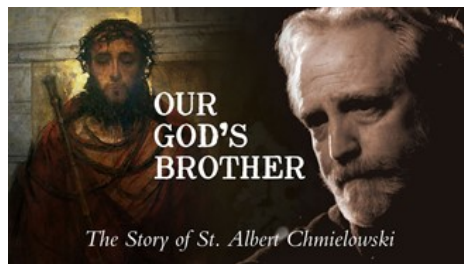
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL PRESENTS.....



Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM

Holy Cross School  
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TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR  
ADULTS \$10  
STUDENTS \$5  
SENIORS \$5  
CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE



**OUR GOD'S BROTHER:  
THE STORY OF  
ST. ALBERT CHMIELOWSKI**

This is the true story of St. Albert Chmielowski, a celebrated Polish artist and painter in the 1800's who was a major inspiration for young Karol Wojtyla, later Pope John Paul II. Albert became dissatisfied with his painting and disillusioned about the meaning of life when he encountered many homeless and outcast beggars in Poland; these encounters triggered his passion to help the poor. He gave up his promising painting career, and became a monk who served the poor for the rest of his life. He founded a new religious community that would come to be known as the Albertine Brothers and later, the Albertine Sisters.

This movie is based on a play Karol Wojtyla wrote as a tribute to his love for St. Albert and his inspiration for Wojtyla in discerning his own vocation to give up acting and enter the priesthood. When he became the Pope, he said that anyone who wanted to understand his views should study his plays, and on the topic of social justice, to study Our God's Brother. Wojtyla described the play not as a drama but a work of "inner theater," an attempt to penetrate the inner mystery of man. It is less driven by action than by interior monologues and intellectual dialogues that are more philosophical than psychological.

The tension in the film isn't just between art and God. There is also the tension between the many poor and the wealthy few; between the two forms of solidarity, Christian brotherhood and Marxism. Wojtyla's personality and philosophical views on man, faith, and life are revealed through Albert's monologues with himself and the conversations with others about the meaning of art and man.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

**Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!**

**New News:**

~ We have a new one-year old we will be supplying diapers for. The original Mom just had a new baby, and she signed over temporary guardianship to a friend. This guardian family is not getting help from the original family and we are stepping in with diapers. This guardianship should be temporary, and we are happy to help out.

~ Prayers needed: one of our Moms is ill, but is delaying her own surgery. She is not only taking care of her three children, but is helping raise 5 children from her friend's family. One of those children may be sick with cancer. Please pray.

~ Continued prayers for Malachi, a super cute little boy we have supplied diapers to for years. He has to have major surgery because he has a colon that is too big for his body. Arrangements to go to a more specialized hospital is in the works. Please pray for him and his Mom (who is his grandmother) and all the medical professionals helping with his care. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone helping families in need!  
God bless you all!

Thanks to your donations: we are helping 2 families of 6 (2 parents and 4 children each) and a single separated mom with many children with assistance! Thank you all!

Want to help or know more?

Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com)

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