

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!

April 7, 2024



**DIVINE
MERCY**

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Excerpt from:

52 Weeks with Saint Faustina by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should be commonplace in the life of every baptized Catholic. We should deeply desire many opportunities to spend time with our Lord. He is waiting there in the tabernacle for our visits. A whole hour is not necessary for our time with Jesus to be meaningful. I tell folks to visit the chapel or church even for a short time, perhaps squeezed between errands, or on the way to or from work. Hopefully, you'll schedule longer times of Adoration, too. Kneeling before Him and pouring out our hearts melts away our concerns and fears. Nourished by His love, we leave with grace, renewed hope, and peace.

Sister Faustina was so in love with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that she visited the chapel at every chance, while obeying the rules of her vocation. Once she said, "All my strength is in You, O Living Bread. It would be difficult for me to live through the day if I did not receive Holy Communion. It is my shield; without You, Jesus, I know not how to live" (Diary, 814). She described Jesus' great gift saying, "You wanted to stay with us, and so You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and you opened wide Your mercy to us" (Diary, 1747). God's mercy and the Blessed Sacrament are intimately intertwined. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is very Eucharistic because it offers the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father, in atonement for the sins of the world.

Saint Faustina wished everyone would believe in eternity. Let's join her in praying for those who don't believe. Not believing in life after this one means believing there are no consequences for sin and that hell does not exist! This notion is fabricated by the devil, who is constantly on the prowl, seeking to snatch souls to hell. Saint Faustina also ardently desired that the whole world would come to know the unfathomable mystery of Jesus present in the Eucharist and His message of Divine Mercy. Take some time this week to ponder the Eucharist in your life. Can you carve out more time to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If sickness of infirmity prevents it, you can pray where you are. Be sure to pray for the souls who don't yet believe in God or those who are lukewarm and cause much pain to Jesus. Their souls are in serious jeopardy. May God have mercy on us all.

Ask Jesus to increase the love in your heart so that you can continually reach out in mercy to others in need.



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

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

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 13 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson, John Kelley John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 14 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Karduck Greg Koerner, Sue Berndt Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada Terry Sturdyvin, Jay Ehlman, Margie Hoss, Ben Laws August, Philip, Camille Christhilf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Will Herges, Mark Woolwine



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Carol Hegeman. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Divine Mercy Celebration

Please join us for a Divine Mercy celebration!

Today, 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 8

7:00 a.m.

Conrad Czar

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 a.m.

All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 10

6:00 p.m.

Teresa Kim Nguyen

Thursday, April 11

7:00 a.m.

Connor, Edgar, & Ingersoll Families

Friday, April 12

8:15 a.m.

Theresa Brown

Saturday, April 13

5:30 p.m.

Louise Arseneau

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Mary Sue Shay

4:00 p.m.

Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle



OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH FAMILY

Welcomes our new brothers and sisters of the Catholic faith who were received into our community at the Easter Vigil:

Teryl Patrice Brewster, who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Tricia Ann Baughman, Suzanna Michelle Storms, and Wesley Ronald Warning who received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Congratulations! May God Bless and Keep You!

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!



COFFEE AND DONUTS - Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut.



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 Sharon Kristovitch at (217) 355-2096.

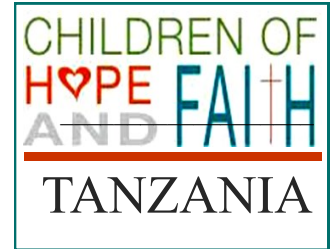
You can also email Sharon at kristomail@comcast.com.



SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH

Your cake purchases and donations during the Lenten Fish Frys raised more than \$1,200 for the Children of Hope and Faith – the highest amount ever! We raised enough to pay the tuition for Holy Cross’ sponsored student, Lydia Patrick, plus some extra. The extra money will support other projects sponsored by the Children of Hope and Faith in Tanzania.

Thank you again for your support!



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.



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!

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.

Holy Cross Parish Directory Update

Thank you all for your patience regarding the Holy Cross Directory. It is still a work in progress, but should be here by Spring. We were able to get some additional credits to use for the directory if we took our pictures by the end of August, so we took advantage of that offer knowing we still wouldn't get it completed until Spring. Thank you again for your patience!

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.

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

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.





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

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.



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

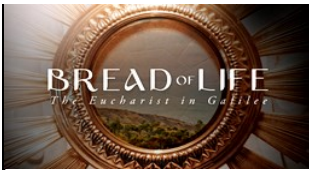
ADULTS \$10
 STUDENTS \$5
 SENIORS \$5
 CHILDREN UNDER 2, FREE
 Flowers will be for sale at the door.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Holy Cross School
 Music Program
 Annual
**SPRING
 PLANT
 SALE**

Shop for flowers, herbs, & vegetables for your spring garden online at <https://countryarbors.com/events/hcs-spring24> and pick up right here at Holy Cross on Friday, May 3rd.

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!



BREAD OF LIFE: THE EUCHARIST IN GALILEE

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in *Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee* for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.



CITY OF SAINTS

Award-winning director, Charles Francis Kinnane and his team of passionate and dedicated filmmakers tell the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey in this ground-breaking seven-part web series. Called one of the most influential Catholic film series of our lifetime, these short films have inspired over 1.2 million people world-wide; bringing the light of Christ to the faithful.



SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE: PATRON SAINT OF TEACHERS

"The inspiring story of a 17th century French priest who reluctantly became involved in educating poor children. In the process, he became the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, an order known today as the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Actor Mel Ferrer gives a heartfelt performance as St. John Baptist de La Salle, a priest from a wealthy upper-class family who gave up everything to serve the needs of educating poor children, facing tremendous opposition along the way.

His story is one of God's Providence, of great charity and perseverance, and of a genuine application of the Gospel to daily life in the classroom. His writings have become educational classics, and his meditations continue to inspire Catholic educators around the world to "see *Christ beneath the rags of those confided to your care.*"



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord God,
 We pray that you will call many fine young men to the Priesthood.
 May they have the grace to hear your call and to respond wholeheartedly, giving of themselves generously in the service of your Church, that we may be greatly strengthened and may grow.
 May these fine priests have the grace of perseverance and not burn out.
 And may they be supported and encouraged and appreciated.
 We ask this in the name of your Beloved Son, Jesus. Amen.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

- Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
- Menke & Leahy Families
- James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
- Living & 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 & Foltzer Families
- Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
- Ed & Jean Bown
- Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
- Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin 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
- Barham & Bosch Families

- Tangora & Kovera Families
- William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
- McNamara & Mulcahey Family
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
- Boudreau & Arseneau Family
- Aloysius J. Winka
- Charlie & Evelyn Bell
- Zeilenga Family
- Rentfrow Family
- Towner Family
- 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
- Theresa Brya

- Birdie & Edward Cronau
- Raymond Timpone
- Maxine Timpone
- Margaret B. Schwenk
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
- Perrodin Family
- Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
- Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
- Menacher & Sizer Families
- Leonard & Loretto Doyle
- Alan & Patricia Berndt
- Thomas McCarthy
- Costello Family
- Leta & Kenny Porter
- Ron Murphy
- Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.