

April 11, 2021

Jesus, I Trust In You

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

It ranks highest among all the elements of The Divine Mercy devotion revealed to [St] Faustina. Its institution was requested by the Lord Jesus for the first time in Plock, in 1931, while He was communicating His will regarding the painting of the Image: *"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy"* (Diary, 49).

The choice of the first Sunday after Easter for the Feast of Mercy has a very deep theological significance, which points to the close relationship between the Paschal Mystery of the Redemption and the mystery of The Divine Mercy. This integral relationship is further emphasized by the Novena of Chaplets to The Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast.

This feast is not only a day in particular for worshipping God in His mystery of mercy, but also a time of grace for all people. The Lord Jesus said: *"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners"* (Diary, 699). *"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, recourse to My Mercy. If they will not adore My Mercy, they will perish for all eternity"* (cf. Diary, 965, 998).

From *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*
(Introduction, p. xxi)

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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, Thur, Fri
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

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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.

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.

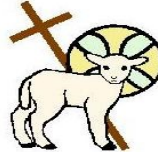
A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-31)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 12

7:00 a.m.

Charles Mitsdarfer

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 a.m.

John Khuong Nguyen

Wednesday, April 14

6:00 p.m.

Harry Breen

Thursday, April 15

7:00 a.m.

Tom Costello

Friday, April 16

7:00 a.m.

Geoff Halverson

Saturday, April 17

5:30 p.m.

Liam Mullin

Sunday, April 18

8:00 a.m.

Beverly Lynch

10:00 a.m.

Lee Mickey

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN (5:1-6)

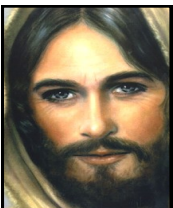
Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on the following Fridays:

April 16, 23, & 30; and May 7, 14, 21, & 28. Come visit Jesus. He would so love your company!



FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation was celebrated on Monday evening, March 22nd, for the Family Formation students, and also on Thursday afternoon, March 25th, for the Holy Cross School students. The students prayerfully and joyfully received this sacrament. Congratulations to all of the following students:

Camille Christhilf	Lucas Maxwell
Lydia Durdan	William McMillan
Kingston Feller	Noella Nzeza
Violet Grace	Sophie Rank
Jack Kane	Addilay Scaff
Ava Kavelman	Margaret Slagor
Lily Kelly	Samantha Unger
Nolan Kiser	Lincoln Wood
Kevin Markiewicz	Natalie Yacko

OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH FAMILY

Welcomes our new brother and sister to the Catholic faith who were received into our community at the Easter Vigil: Melissa Cappo and Vincent Noel, who received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.



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!

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 17

5:30 p.m. No Ministers

Sunday, April 18

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Jessica McMahon, Ben Laws

4:00 p.m. Elaine Hershberger, John Farney



EASTER FLOWER FUND



Our beautiful Easter altar decorations were made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. 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; James and Zachery McNabney; Harold, JoAnn, and Charles Heidbreder; Gene, Elaine, and Ross Mayor; and the deceased members of the Calcagno & Christians Family.



GREAT NEWS! If you would like a Breaking Bread Missal, which we normally use in church during Mass, they are now available. 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.



Holy Cross School
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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!



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!

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>.

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.



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.



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.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for March 27th/28th.....\$6,960.50

Thank you very much!

THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY

FR. CHRIS ALAR, MIC



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BY FR. CHRIS ALAR

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

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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

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

OUR PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP

meets via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. every 3rd Monday of the month. Next meeting, April 19th. To join in on the Zoom meeting, please contact Joy at joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information and a link to our meeting.

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Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
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Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, Edward, & Marie Knoke
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 & Fotzler Families
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Pellum & Gillis Families
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families
Graham & Huguet 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
Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families
Barham & Bosch Families
Tangora & Kovera Families
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
McNamara & Mulcahey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
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
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Margaret Hettinger
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
John Michael Cabutti
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Christie & Hoss Families
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family