



3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them,

"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Luke 24: 37-40

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Holy Cross Men's Prayer Group

Dear Friends,

The Holy Cross parish council has approved activating a Holy Cross men's prayer group. Our culture is becoming increasingly materialistic and much less spiritual. This is too huge a problem for us to solve without **God's help!**

Christ told us to ask for what we need in prayer. Prayer is the first step in the solution to any problem. Families are the building blocks of culture. Families must be strong in faith. This requires that parents be strong in faith. Prayer will, by God's Grace, ensure that we men are strong in our faith.

The goal of the prayer group will be to increase holiness in us men. **The intent is that this endeavor will be hard and will demand a serious commitment.** It worked for Mother Teresa; it will work for us. Once this endeavor "hits its stride," it will hopefully flourish and even inspire others to pray more.

What is expected? Members will do the following **as best they can. First, pray the Liturgy of the Hours**— morning, evening, and night—daily on their own. **Second, attend Mass** once a week with other members of the prayer group and, after Mass, **pray the Morning Liturgy of the Hours aloud** and listen to a short meditation. This after-Mass activity will take about 20 minutes. It will close with a short ejaculatory prayer said by all – **"Holy Joseph, help us to be more Holy."** Then, members will depart silently, like a flash mob. **Something beautiful and dramatic for God!**

We need to get organized, work out the details, and practice saying the Liturgy of the Hours a few times before we do this after Mass in church. We will use the **"IBreviary" APP** when reciting the morning Liturgy of the Hours together. Two sections will alternate in praying the Liturgy, back and forth.

Any man who is interested in this initiative, please **download the IBreviary APP** and attend the first organizational meeting in the Holy Cross parish center at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April.20th. We will discuss specifics at that meeting. Shall we call ourselves the **"Brotherhood of Prayer"**?

POC is John Deponai at jmd3@hotmail.com Does anyone have experience in two-section praying? John would surely appreciate your help on how best to do it.



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 p.m. Mass in Parish Center

4th Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. 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

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator

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Deacon Michael Smith

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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

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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.

Third Sunday of Easter

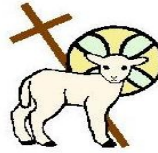
OUR PARISH

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 20 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Joslyn Unger Nora Kelley, Emma Lwao
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 21 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Greg Koerner, Sue Berndt Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahon Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Matthew Korah No Ministers Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 15

7:00 a.m.

Living & Deceased Members of
Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 a.m.

Hannah Breer

Wednesday, April 17

6:00 p.m.

Joseph Ngo Huynh

Thursday, April 18

7:00 a.m.

Sebastian & Mary Mikulich & Fam.

Friday, April 19

8:15 a.m.

Freedom to Worship

Saturday, April 20

5:30 p.m.

Eugene Menke

Sunday, April 21

8:00 a.m.

Connor, Edgar, & Ingersoll Families

10:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

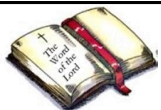
4:00 p.m.

Stephen Primmer



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES

go with Erik Nuss and Mary Gray, who were married here on April 6th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



We are still in need of

LECTORS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of one of these ministries. Call the office at 217-352-8748 or Email office@holycrosscatholic.org. Thank you!



PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS -

Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday.



EUCCHARISTIC OUTREACH

If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.

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; Kathryn Bristow. In honor of Troy Fisk.



COFFEE AND DONUTS -

Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. Join old friends, make new friends.



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.



The ‘Life is Good’ Group Our Group needs volunteers on Saturday, April 20th at 8 a.m.

This year's Annual WALK to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center and Merci's Refuge is a 2-mile, family friendly event that helps us to walk alongside women and men in our community every day, as they make decisions about life. Volunteers slots are available from 8 a.m.to10 a.m. We will help with set-up, registration, handing out food and goodie bags. and any other needs. The walk begins at 10 a.m. The High School of St Thomas More “Life is Good” has sponsored our group. Please volunteer if you can. If you would rather just walk at 10 a.m.to be a witness, join us then too! All are welcome.

Contact Jessica McMahon at jmcmahon01.com with any questions.



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 gloriafellers@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner for food, fun and fellowship!

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.



CIRCLE OF PRAYER Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or through email.

If you would like to sign up to be a prayer warrior, call Susan Burton at 217-398-6560 or email: sburton93@att.net



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

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, August 9th).

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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Congratulations to all who made the Honor Roll!

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL
3rd QTR. 2023-2024

HIGHEST HONORS

Camille Christhilf
Maddie Favot
Violet Grace
Nolan Kiser
David Surratt
Samantha Unger
Brendan Byard
Sophie Le
Lydia Durdan
John Fletcher
Kendall Baumann
Kadair Ouedraogo
Jordyn Reed
Eireann Byard
Lucy Rank
Elizabeth Withers-Sickles

HIGH HONORS

Nyah Fitzgerald
Sophie Rank
Faith-Ann Kumpi
Colin Dykstra
Teagan Merz
Braden Ritter
Petra Scott
Joel Tittora
Sarah Surratt
Faith Dean
Lara Rank
McKenna Tucker
Zora Unger

HONORS

Izzy Geiss
Ithurriel Randall
Lincoln Wood
Isaiah Bartlett-Fraley
Jules Favot
Harper Scott
Colton Stonecipher
Sho Watt
Will Herges

HONORS (cont.)

Mark Woolwine
Sophia Decker
Emma Lwao
Daniella Nzinga
Lilly Schmidt
Ursula Tembo
Ethan Weldy
Edward Campos del Valle
Alexis Hege

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

WDCR'S 13TH ANNUAL DINNER

Keynote Speaker:

Monsignor Jason A. Gray, J.C.D.

Executive Director of the
Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation



The Canonization Process for Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Learn About:

- The life of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen
- The Canonization Process regarding Archbishop Sheen
- The child who is an approved miracle for Venerable Archbishop Sheen's canonization process



Thursday, April 25, 2024

Mt. Zion Convention Center • 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway • Mt. Zion, IL

Doors open @ 5:30 PM • Dinner @ 6:15 PM

\$50 per person or \$400 for a table of 8

Reservations may be made by returning this portion of the flyer along with payment.

Name: _____

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• Enclosed is my payment for _____ (# of guests) at \$50/each = \$ _____

• _____ I would like to reserve a table for 8 (\$400)

Please include names of guests:

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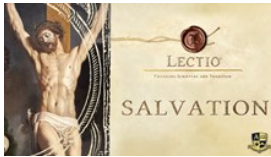
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CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW | REAL LIFE CATHOLIC

Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not say, "I came to make them boring." Instead, he wants us to live life to the fullest.


Dive into the heart and soul of what it means to be Catholic with Chris Stefanick and his guests LIVE every Monday at 7 p.m. (ET).



LECTIO: SALVATION WITH DR. MICHAEL BARBER

LECTIO: SALVATION NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic and deeply biblical answer.



RESTLESS HEART: THE CONFESSIONS OF AUGUSTINE

This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

Pro-Life Discussion Group

Join us every 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: April 15 at 3:30 p.m.

We will be at Holy Cross for in-person meetings, with hopefully ZOOM access also. Please contact Joy Pace at joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information.

This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything, from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more.

Pro-Life affects more than just abortion—and living a pro-life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe that every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!



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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
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 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.