

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Being Divine Mercy Sunday, let's look at a few quotes from *The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*...

Jesus to Faustina: "I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me: They leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object."

--Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska #1385

"I will not let myself be so engrossed in work as to forget about God. I spend all my leisure time at the feet of my Master, Who is concealed in the Blessed Sacrament. He has been teaching me ever since my youngest days.

--Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska #82

"O Jesus, continue to grant me Your divine life. Let Your pure and noble Blood throb with all its might in my heart. I give You my whole being. Transform me into Yourself and make me capable of doing Your holy will in all things and of returning Your love....May Your pure and omnipotent love be the driving force of all my actions."

--Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska #832

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

--Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska #699

Jesus, I trust in You!



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 Rosary for the Glorious Mysteries



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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. (when school is in session).

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 22 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley Joslyn Unger Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 23 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Justine Karduck No Ministers Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck	
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Ben Laws, Jay Ehlman Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo	
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Stephanie Farney John Farney, Jan Weber Nate Farney, Sam Easton	



Presented by Drs Scott Hahn & John Bergsma



Holy Trinity Catholic Church Bloomington, Illinois Saturday, April 29, 2023

Register by scanning the code to the right or by visiting https://stpaulcenter.com/bloomington2023/







NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,

and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Kamilah Alexia Scott and Azora Noemy Coronado-Reyes, daughters of Abigail Reyes. Let us support these children on their faith journey!

Congratulations and Welcome!



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

We welcome Dianey Betancourt, Luke Patty, and Abigail Reyes.



SAVE THE DATE The Catholic Charities



Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt counties invites you to the 20th Annual Steak Dinner at Philo Tavern on Sunday, April 30th, located at 101 Washington Street in Philo, IL.

This annual fundraiser benefits several important charitable programs in Champaign and Piatt counties, including St. Patrick 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 new Parish Ministry of Financial Help program that helps parishes serve parishioners in need. **All our services are free.**

Tickets for the dinner are \$40/person. Cash bar opens at 4 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact Gloria Fellers at 217/649-8786. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities. We look forward to seeing you there.



JESUS I TRUST YOU! We invite you to Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 16 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm At St Patrick, Urbana f the Chaplet of Divine

For prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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 from last year to the Parish Office and we will dispose of them properly.



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DECORATING CREW!

Throughout the liturgical year, from Christmas to Easter and all points in between, the decorating crew works behind the scenes to provide the parish community with a well decorated, spiritually inspiring church. Father Donton referred to us after last Christmas as "the small but mighty band." It's become apparent that, despite our best recruiting efforts, we have become the "too small and mighty band."

To alleviate that problem, we're reaching out to all Holy Cross parishioners who may be interested in joining the decorating crew. No particular decorating background is required. We are looking for 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 Dave Devall at (217) 417-1376, or Sharon Kristovitch at (217) 355-2096.

You can also email Dave at <u>devalld@sbcglobal.net</u> or Sharon at <u>kristomail@comcast.com</u>.



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 the deceased Walter J & Maxine A. Palmer; Cindy & Jennifer Gibas; the Hettinger, Painter & Wagner families; Kevin Hodge; Michael A. & Marie Mularchik; Joyce & John Hipskind; Verna & Robert Kerber; Finn A. Oliveira; Jim & Kathryn Bristow; Gene, Elaine & Ross Mayor; Donna Menacher; Tom & Anne Corkery; John F. & C. Joan Murray; Ethel Cox; Frank Hartman; and Dina Mussam.

Donations have been made in honor of Eve Gordon Boyd; and in honor of Wendy Ziccarelli.



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

<u>STM Job Opportunities</u>: STM is seeking applications for a Head Boys Soccer Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at <u>imarston@hs-stm.org</u>.

Fine Arts Night: Wednesday, May 3rd, join The High School of St. Thomas More in celebrating our student achievements in the fine arts featuring music, drama, and visual art. The Art Gallery opens at 6:00 p.m. with the musical concert at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Admissions Application Open for 2023-2024: Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still accepting admissions applications for next school year. Go to <u>www.hs-stm.org</u> and click on "Explore" then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the app? Contact the Enrollment Office at <u>admissions@hs-stm.org</u>. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

<u>Student Shadow Program:</u> The Shadow a Saber Program is back for spring 2023! Full details and registration information can be found on our website <u>www.hs-stm.org</u> by clicking on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Any questions regarding shadowing, enrollment or the admissions application should be directed to the Enrollment Office at <u>admissions@hs-stm.org</u>. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!





HOLY CROSS SCHOOL 217-356-9521 www.holycrosselem.org

From the Desk of Principal Koerner: Here are upcoming Holy Cross Happenings...... April 28 Hot Dog Day 2.0 May 5 May Crowning & Bingo May 6 First Communion May 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 15 Family Night Out at Jarling's Custard Cup

May 17 8th Grade Honors Day

May 18 8th Grade Graduation

May 24 Field Day

May 25 Last Day of School

WE ARE HOLY CROSS



Tuition Assistance Consideration:

*Submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Application with fee online at <u>online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>.

*Call Parish Office to be put on the Spalding Scholarship list. Deadline for the completed application is **April 28th, 2023.** Notification of grant awards will be made in June.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the **Empower Illinois** website at:

<u>www.empowerillinois.org</u>. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.



OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the 20th century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.

Filmed on location in more than 20 cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy."

Through never before seen film footage, rare photographs, and extensive interviews with friends, biographers, and family members, this story journeys across a dramatic visual landscape to document their heroic struggles and herald the message of Divine Mercy to all mankind.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Gold Nugget Coins

A Word from Joy

HUGE THANK YOU to St. Mattew Church – they did a "March Kindness" diaper and gift card drive for us, resulting in over 4,200 diapers and \$900+ in gift cards donated! God bless you all! Huge thanks to Msgr. Deptula, Katie Race, and the man who helped load and deliver those diapers to me!! Thank you!

We were very busy! We delivered a fixed table and 4 chairs to a hearing-impaired family, and delivered a headboard, footboard, and reclining chair to a Bloomington family. Thank You to all our donors, delivery people, and Slumberland Furniture! We will order two more chairs for our repaired table. Big 'thank you' to Slumberland Furniture for donating the entire set and two new chairs. Big thanks to Dennis, who delivered and set up everything for this hearing-impaired family!

* 331 women and children saved from the violence of abortion

* Prayers needed: Please pray for good reliable transportation for Kay. We are still looking for a car for her. Without a car, maintaining a job without bus coverage in the evenings and weekends is making things difficult. Thank you's: For our donations –this helps us help families in need! Thank you!

A Family Blessing

Lord of all,

Bless our families, be they formed by blood or by circumstance. Make them holy.

May we find you in our relationships, in our marriages, in our families, in our households, in our communities, in our global humanity.

May we look across all that divides us, and see family, and embrace as a family does, and love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather in your name, There are you. Amen

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families Menke & Leahy Families James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, 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 Towner Family Haggin Family Rakers-Wade Families Hershbarger & 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

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