

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What joy we feel when we hear those words on Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on his journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of his resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints.

But Easter doesn't end today. As a Church, we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full eight days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting 50 days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year.

The truth is, Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection can never be undone. What our Father created as "very good", what was corrupted and lost, has now been redeemed.

So look beyond this joyous day to the season ahead. Spend time over these next 50 days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how the apostles responded to this good news. For them, the resurrection changed everything and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen—they had seen him with their own eyes. Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news, whatever the cost.

Jesus' resurrection has changed everything for you too. Your are loved. Your are redeemed. Don't let Easter come and go. Live in this truth every single day. Let it seep into every fiber of your being. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation. Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever.

From The Word Among Us



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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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Greg Koerner, Principal 410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820 Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:15 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 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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 23 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich John Bingaman Garrett Unger, Nick Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 24 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson No ministers Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Margie Hoss, Bonita Higgerson Ben Summers, Chris Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Farney Elaine Hershbarger, Jan Weber Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!



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

Jessee Evans, Maddie Johnson, Hannah Mueller, and Larissa Metz (St. Patrick)

were received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Ezinne Edomobi, Bill Kubaitis, Ashley Parada, and Jhane Reifsteck (St. Patrick) received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Katie Hicks and Mike Downes (St. Patrick) received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18th.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 18

7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 a.m. John Garvey

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 p.m. Bob Weber

Thursday, April 21

7:00 a.m. Betty Mikulich

Friday, April 22

8:15 a.m. Rosemary Decker

Saturday, April 23

5:30 p.m. Eugene Menke

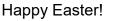
Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Michael Loftus
4:00 p.m.. Lizzy Warner

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE: A WALK TO THE SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We Completed our Journey!

(April 17) Congratulations to those who completed the Lenten Pilgrimage! The goal of this program was to make our bodies and souls ready for Christ's Resurrection today, through accountability, motivation, and working together as a parish. We hope that this imaginary journey will inspire us to continue on the improved spiritual and physical path we have started.





DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 24th, Holy Cross Church

The Champaign Vicariate invites all area Catholics to participate in our celebration of Divine Mercy at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 24th. The celebration will include: Adoration, reflection on God's mercy, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for Confession. Please join us at Holy Cross, 405 W. Clark St., Champaign.

After the Divine Mercy celebration, you are welcome to join us for Sunday Mass at 4:00 p.m.



JOIN OUR

EMAIL LIST

The Sunday after Easter has been named Divine Mercy Sunday to highlight the mercy and love of Jesus. St. Faustina Kowalska, the saint to whom Jesus revealed the image of Divine Mercy, shares in her diary that this Octave Day of Easter is chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces, a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach him with great trust and expectant faith.

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.



HOLY CROSS EMAIL LIST

Are you on our email list? Every Sunday we send out a weekly

Stewardship email, which includes parish and school news and upcoming events in our community. A link for the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass is also included. In addition, we use this email list to notify parishioners of any unexpected changes in Mass times or protocol. If you are not receiving these emails but would like to, please email

<u>Stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org</u> 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. The names will be listed in the bulletin.

Donations have been made in memory of the deceased members of the Calcagno & Christians families; the Vedder, Cochrane, & O'Brien families; the Leathers, Lynch, Lecher, & Rodgers families; Gene, Elaine, & Ross Mayor; Donna Menacher; John Ziccarelli; Boudreau & Arseneau Families; Herbert & Florence Desmier; Noble & Eleanor Devall; Angel Jensen; Ron Gibbons; Chris & Val Patrick; Laurie Miller; Carol Jensen; Mary Young; Bill Reynolds; Elmer & Sylvia Nicklas; Jim & Zach McNabney; Jim & Kathryn Bristow; Chuck Schweighart, Bob Soucie, Larry Hausmann; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Hettinger, Painter & Wagner families; Tom & Anne Cockery, John F. & C. Joan Murray; Ethel G. Cox; and Regina Robinson.

CDA MEETING

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Champaign County #1070, will hold their next meeting on April 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Church Parish Center, 405 W. Clark St, Champaign. All Catholic women, age 18 and over, are welcome to join us, make new friends, or renew old friendships, and share God's love through service. Please contact Debby Wagner (217) 356-9961 for more information.

Total Collections for March 2022

Sunday & Holy Days	\$27,806.95
Automatic Contributions	\$9,455.00
Online Giving	<u>\$9,761.65</u>
	\$47,023.60
HC Tuition Assistance	\$1,990.00
STM Tuition Assistance	\$517.00
Development Fund	\$2,190.00

LET US PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE. Please continue to pray for Ukraine. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued a statement on Ukraine: "On behalf of my brother bishops, I echo the Holy Father's call for prayer and fasting to end the war in Ukraine. In times of trouble we echo the tender mercy of God to guide our feet to the way of peace (Lk 1:78-79). May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us."

If you would like to donate to Catholic Relief Services for Ukraine, please use this secure, verified link: https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine



Holy Cross School 217-356-9521

www.holycrosselem.org

From Principal Greg Koerner:

Need Financial Assistance for the 2022-2023 School Year? You Must:

Please remember that there are 4 steps to requesting financial assistance from your parish that you **must** do:

- 1. Be a registered member of Holy Cross, St. Patrick's, or St. Mary's in town.
- 2. Apply for the Empower Illinois Scholarship
- 3. Apply for the FACTS Grant & Aid Scholarship.
- 4. Apply for the Diocese of Peoria Spalding Scholarship

Always Home - Always Family" WE ARE HOLY CROSS

JOB OPENINGS: We have openings for an Athletic Director, a Middle School Language Arts
Teacher, a Religion Teacher, a Spanish Teacher, and an After Care Aide. Please call the school office at 217-356-9521 if you are interested, or email us at www.holycrosselem.org.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 3RD QTR. 2021-2022

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Kendall Baumann	Sam Easton	James Linnenburger	
Emma Lwao	Will Herges	Kadair Ouedraogo	
Sarah Surratt	Hunter Knell	Ursula Tembo	
Grace Arend	Olivia LeFaivre	ed Campos Del-Valle	
Eireann Byard	Jordyn Reed		
Lara Rank	Lucy Rank	Faith Dean	
Zora Unger	Elizabeth Withers-Sickles	Alexis Hege	
Mia Elise Amador		Grace Riley	
Nate Farney	Sophie Morris	McKenna Tucker	
,	Abagail Teague	Emmanuel Tittora	
Henry Karduck	Ellie Brownfield	Ella Robeson	
Reese Baumann	Emily Surratt	Schwenk	
	Prunella Tembo	Duncan Oliveira	
	Wil Karduck	Peter Samu	
	Ann Lehmann		
	Natalie Pociask		

Nick Unger

Austin Ritter



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

STM Job Opportunities

STM is currently seeking applications for a History Teacher, Head Girls Tennis Coach, Head Girls Volleyball Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Mr. Jon Marston at jmarston@hs-stm.org, Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org, and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org.

STM Admissions News

Calling all 8th graders: If you aren't a part of the more than 45 students already in the STM Class of 2026, apply for free today! For a step-by-step guide of the admissions application process, go to https://www.hs-stm.org/page/step-by-step-stm-admissions-application-process. For questions or for more information, please contact Miss Erica Lyons, Director of Enrollment, at 217-352-7210.

Ladies of Champaign County, YOU are Invited! To a Spring Brunch

Date: Saturday April 23rd, from 9:00-11:30a.m. Place: Holy Cross Parish Center, 405 W. Clark, Champaign

RSVP: by April 20th. Call Cheri Rakers 217-352-4918, or call or text 217-417-6041, email crakers@comcast.net

Host: Catholic Daughters, Court #1070, Champaign County

The Catholic Daughters "Circle of Love" mission consists of seven facets: Education, Family, Leadership, Legislation, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement, and Youth.

As Mother Theresa said, "We can't all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love". Come see how our court programs and projects fulfill Christ's message to love one another. We look forward to meeting you!

BINGO IS HERE!

Join us for BINGO and FUN at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday**, **May 6th!** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase Bingo

cards. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games of Bingo! \$20 for 9 cards per game, or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m.. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$7. Soda for \$1. Beer, Wine, and Margaritas will be served in addition to dinner (Tacos). Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

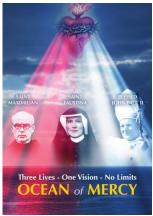
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OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the twentieth 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 twenty 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."

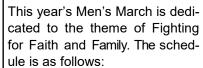
Through never before seen film footage, rare photographs, and extensive interviews with friends, biographers, and family members, this story journeys across a dramatic visual landscape to document their heroic struggles and herald the message of Divine Mercy to all mankind.

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ANNUAL MEN'S MARCH IN PEORIA

Mark your calendars for the Call to Catholic Men of Faith. The annual Men's March and Mass will be held on **Saturday, April 30th.** All men of the diocese, young and old, married, single, religious, and our priests, are invited to gather at the Peoria Riverfront and march to the Cathedral of St. Mary for Holy Mass.





8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the Gateway Building on Peoria's Riverfront.

9:00 a.m. Gathering and opening prayer.

9:15 a.m. The Men's Rally begins.

9:45 a.m. March to the Cathedral

10:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebrated with Bishop Lou Tylka at the Cathedral of St Mary.

11:45 a.m. Fellowship & Food following the Mass, at Spalding Pastoral Center.

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Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families Menke & Leahy Families 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

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