



# *3rd Sunday of Easter*

April 18, 2021

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**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

# Wednesday Evening Devotions and Prayer

Before 6:00 p.m. Mass

Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Enrich your spiritual life by joining us in the Church before the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday evenings for a quiet time of reflection in prayer, and devotion. We will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops describes devotions as "expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

The *Catechism* clearly defines prayer as a "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God" (CCC, no. 2558).



"True prayer," wrote St. Augustine, "is nothing but love." Prayer should arise from the heart. "Prayer," said St. John Vianney, "is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself."

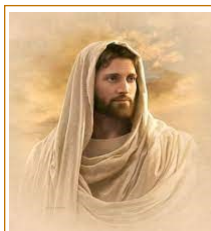
Pope Francis declared that this is the year dedicated to St. Joseph, so we will spend some time focusing on St. Joseph, as well as Jesus and Mary.



*Saint Joseph, Protect my family and me as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever strong in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.*



*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*



*Lord Jesus, You are a shield around me. Strong in love, heavy with power, shaped with hope, and girded with truth. I will fear no evil, for you watch over me. You defend and deliver me. In this day, this hour, this moment I put my trust in you. Amen.*

## PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor  
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher  
Deacon Michael Smith

### TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gloria Fellers

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

### TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

## 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.

## 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

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.

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## OUR PARISH

### HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

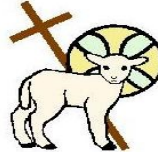
The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives 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 LUKE (24:35-48)

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." 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. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



#### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 19**

7:00 a.m.

For the Conversion of Hearts

**Tuesday, April 20**

7:00 a.m.

Connor, Edgar &amp; Ingersoll Fam.

**Wednesday, April 21**

6:00 p.m.

Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu

**Thursday, April 22**

7:00 a.m.

The Freedom to Worship

**Friday, April 23**

7:00 a.m.

Rosemary Pisani

**Saturday, April 24**

5:30 p.m.

Eugene Menke

**Sunday, April 25**

8:00 a.m.

Joe and Velma Jerkovitz

10:00 a.m.

Stephen Warner

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

#### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (3:13-15, 17-19)

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."



**NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH**, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Ruben Aloysius Jones, son of Chase and Karina Jones. Let us support Ruben on his faith journey!



**FAITHFUL DEPARTED.** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Paul Kelley. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## Emmaus Days 2021 will be back in Person!

**Sessions 1 and 2** are for college-age men as well as single men in their 20's and 30's who are discerning their vocation. We will give tools to take a step deeper into discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to insights and meditations as well as spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a privileged glimpse into the priestly vocation.

**In Sessions 3 and 4** we focus on fun in an attempt to show the joy of becoming authentic Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks by seminarians and priests, and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and card games.

**Sessions 1 and 2** will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign.

Session 1: June 11-14, for College Age & Young Adults.

Session 2: June 25-28, for High School Juniors & Seniors.

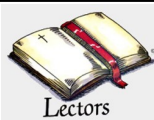
**Sessions 3 and 4** will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School.

Session 3: July 18-21, High School Freshmen & Sophomores.

Session 4: July 21-23, Seventh & Eighth Graders

## Total Collections for March

Sunday & Holy Days.....	\$32,887.29
Automatic Contributions.....	\$9,785.00
Online Giving.....	<u>\$8,178.00</u>
	\$50,850.39
HC Tuition Assistance.....	\$2,154.50
STM Tuition Assistance.....	\$547.00
Development Fund.....	\$2,675.00



## 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 (5th grade or older). 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](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org).

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, April 24

5:30 p.m. Patty Bingaman

### Sunday, April 25

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss

4:00 p.m. Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer, Jan Weber



## EASTER 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.

**GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE** at St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL, April 22nd and 23rd from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and April 24th from 8 to 11 a.m. All proceeds go to the St. Thomas School's Technology/Improvement Fund.

## Last Weeks' Collections

Offering for Easter.....	\$9,127.00
Offering for the Holy Land.....	\$1,145.00
Offering for April 10th/11th .....	\$5,728.07

Thank you very much!



**Holy Cross School**  
**356-9521**  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

#### 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.



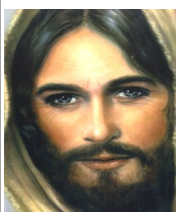
If you support our goal of creating the best environment possible to promote learning and would like to donate or adopt a table (\$573.00) or stool (\$35.00), this would be greatly appreciated.

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!

#### 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 **May 17th** (deadline has been extended) and call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 to put your name on the list.



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



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
**352-7210**  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.** We are currently seeking applicants for Math, Science, Spanish and Theology Teachers; also a Bus Driver, a Boys Tennis Head Coach, and a Head Wrestling Coach. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org).

**JUNIOR HIGH GAME NIGHT.** 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. You belong here. Become a St. Thomas More Saber. Our campus is more than just a place where our staff and students spend their days; it is a safe, welcoming, Christocentric environment where our students receive first-class formation of their whole person. We are a school family.

Our staff, students, and families have united to overcome so much over the past academic year, and we are excited as we approach the end of the school year to welcome the class of 2025 to campus in the fall!

Our enrollment application is FREE and consists of three parts that can be completed all at once or saved and done in steps. To begin, go to

<https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>. Questions, contact Miss Erica Lyons at [elyons@hs-stm.org](mailto:elyons@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>.  
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#### 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.

## PRO-LIFE

### A WORD FROM JOY

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is now completed. Please have people consider to still go out and pray. Presence and prayer really works. Nationwide, **505** lives saved in this campaign. God bless you for all you do!

**WE ARE IN NEED** of a Queen size bed and box spring (and frame if possible) for a deaf Mom who is sleeping on the floor. If anyone has a bed in very good condition, please have them get in touch with me. Also, we always appreciate donations of diapers and gift cards to help families in need of supplies.

**PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP** meets via Zoom every 3rd Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Next meeting: April 19th. To join in on the zoom meeting, please contact Joy at [joypace@msn.com](mailto:joypace@msn.com) or 217 359-8406 for more information and a link to our meeting. This discussion is open to everyone. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion. We truly believe that every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!



When asked what they should say in prayer, the Lord gives his disciples the "Our Father." This prayer is considered a gift from the Lord and one that we should especially turn to in times of crisis. This series will go line by line through the prayer highlighting what it meant to Jesus' first-century audience and what it means for us today.

## SAINT JOSEPH

4-PART SERIES

WITH DR. BEN AKERS AND TAYLOR KEMP

In this Year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis to be December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp reflect on the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. This four-part series will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles: Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

**Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.**  
To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

### 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.

## HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

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

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  
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  
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