



April 20, 2025

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Celebrate
EASTER

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



You are invited to a celebration of

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 27, 2025

Holy Cross Catholic Church
405 W Clark St, Champaign

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- Exposition & Adoration
- Reflection on God's mercy
- Quiet time for reflection
- Divine Mercy Chaplet to be sung
- Litany
- Benediction

The Nine Day

Divine Mercy Novena starts

Good Friday, April 18

Confessions will be
available from
2:30 - 4:00

For further information contact:
Kathy Murray 217-390-7856



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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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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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.



PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Vicariate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is at
St. Matthew Church: Available to everyone in our Vicariate
and open 24 hrs/day. Keycard access required. For assis-
tance, contact Joe Taylor at the St. Matthew parish office.
To sign up for a Holy Hour, go to stmatthewadorehim.com

ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a
half-hour or more to visit Our Lord
on Fridays beginning after the
8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with
Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

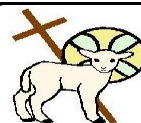
OUR PARISH

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 26 Lector: EMHC: Servers	Dave Kristovich John Kelley, Sharon Kristovich, Kathy Murray Emma Lwao, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 27 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Nicolette Burton, Landen Douglas
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Jessica McMahon, Jay Ehlman, Margie Hoss, Dawn Freedman Brooke McMahon, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Mary Linnenburger Katrina Covello James Linnenburger, Lydia Durdan



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 21

7:00 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, April 22

7:00 a.m.

Ryan McCarty

Wednesday, April 23

6:00 p.m.

Mary Kondrad

Thursday, April 24

7:00 a.m.

Harlan Schukar

Friday, April 25

8:15 a.m.

Charlotte Joop

Saturday, April 26

5:30 p.m.

William Santic

Sunday, April 27

8:00 a.m.

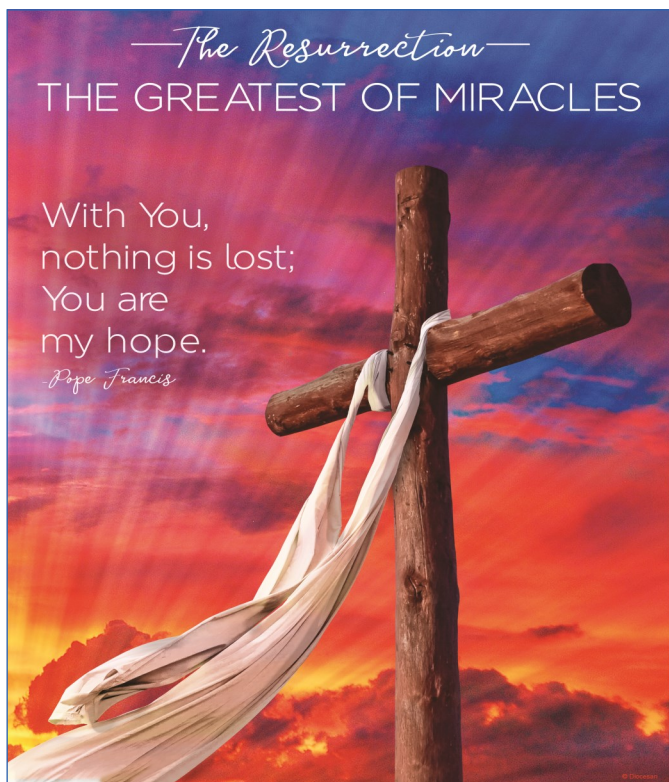
Mary Ann Volker

10:00 a.m.

Mary Elizabeth Warner

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO JOINED THE

CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS EASTER



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

Scarlette Martinez was received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Rane Faulkner, Aramis Martinez, Charles Young and Eleanor Young received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Kimberly Faulkner and Isabel Pione received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

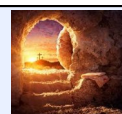
FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Henri Stegemeier. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**The Parish Office will be closed
Easter Monday - April 21st**



There will be NO coffee and donuts after Easter Masses.



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 Lectors, EMHC, and Altar Servers who so generously gave of their time!

Men's Cursillo Weekend July 25-27, 2025

Cursillo Weekends are Amazing!

Have you a desire to grow closer to God?

The Cursillo is designed to help You in that quest.

Save the dates or sign up now!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Champaign County blood supply has become critically low. Blood of all types is urgently needed. The Knights of Columbus, have answered the call by organizing a blood drive at Holy Cross Parish Center on May 4th. Personnel from the "Impact Life" blood bank will be there after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. We need 20 to 25 volunteers to donate.

One unit of donated blood can be lifesaving and help up to 19 different individuals. It's quick, easy, and painless. Men and women over the age of 18 are eligible to donate. The Knights (and some spouses?) will be donating blood, too.

A drawing will be held to give away one large and one extra-large blue & red Superman T-shirt. So come join us, give blood, save a life, and show the world you're a Super-hero.



PALMS FROM LAST YEAR ARE BLESSED,

and 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.



**THANK YOU FROM
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OF AMERICAS!**



Thank you to those who participated and prayed for the Catholic Daughter Baby Shower. Your overwhelming support provides BirthRight and Pro-Life families with 230 items not limited to diapers, pacifiers, bottles, and layettes for an estimated value of \$1264.

May God Bless you and these families.

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop at St. Patrick Church in Urbana - 708 W. Main St.

You're invited!

St. Patrick is offering an **Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop** **Saturday, May 3, 1:30-3:30, in St. Brigid Hall**

"Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself." Fr. Thomas Keating O.C.S.O.

Come learn about Centering Prayer and how contemplative prayer can deepen your relationship with God.

Psalms 46 encourages us, *"Be still, and know that I am God."* Join on May 3 and learn how to know God through silence and stillness.

Please register by using the QR code or by calling Karen Jones at 210-854-7818.

Whether registered or not, come and join!



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.

Donations have been made in the memory of: Kevin Hodge; Finn Whelan Oliveira; Angela Seaman; Karen Santarelli; Frank Hartman; Tangora and Kovera Families; Harold, JoAnn, Charles and Steve Heidbreder; Charlotte Joop; Larry Head; and Jim and Kathryn Bristow.



CATHOLIC
SPiRiT RADIO
NETWORK

Catholic Spirit Radio (88.3 FM) is an important resource for our community. Please support them during their upcoming **CARE-A-THON from 7am-6pm on April 22-25**. There will be special programming, guests, and giveaways centered around its special jubilant theme: **Opening the Doors of Hope - Leaving a Legacy!** Listen, participate, and plan to be inspired with wonderful stories of hope!



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

"Save the Date" - Saturday May 17
Euchre Tournament - Details next week

EUCHRE PLAYERS! We have a tournament coming up here at Holy Cross on **May 17th**. More details to come!

Collections

Offering for April 5th/6th.....\$12,044.39
Tuition Assistance.....\$545.00
Catholic Relief Services.....\$1,160.00
Thank You Very Much!



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a **School President**, a Part-Time Maintenance/Custodian, a PE/Health Teacher, a Head Boys Golf Coach, a Head Girls Tennis Coach, a Head Football Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

Shadow Visit Days for 7th and 8th Graders: Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, shadow visits give prospective students 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 on the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

Admissions Application Open for 2025-2026. STM is accepting admissions applications for the next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM! Star Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Rome Odunze will be having a youth football camp for ages 6-16 here at STM on July 12th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. For more information, go to: <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps-1/rome-odunze-champaign%2C-il>.

STM Youth Summer Camps: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball, Scholastic Bowl (Co-Ed) and Rome Odunze Youth Football Camp at STM! Camps are available for grades K-8 and will take place throughout May, June, and July. Registrations and payments received by May 14, 2025 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 <https://www.hs-stm.org/page/summer-camps> for more information and to register.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday May 30th, 2025

The High School of St. Thomas More's Third Annual Tim Murphy Memorial Golf Outing at Lake of the Woods Golf Course



On January 16, 2022, our community was devastated by the loss of Tim Murphy, a long-time member of our STM family and our golf coach from 2007-2011. Tim was instrumental in the school's golf program and led the team to many championships. This event serves as a remembrance of a man with unwavering dedication to The High School of St. Thomas More.

11:30am: Check-in/ Noon: Lunch/ 1:00pm Shotgun Start

'FORE' More information, sponsorship opportunities or to register,

Visit us @ www.hs-stm.org/page/golf



Holy Cross School

217-356-9521

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Did you Know?

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2025-2026 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Schools and then under John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist at the bottom of the webpage for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmtg.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2025-2026 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is April 25, 2025. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2025.



Job Opportunities: Holy Cross School is seeking a middle school Social Studies, a 4th grade teacher, and a full time middle school math sub for 1st semester. Please contact Greg Koerner at gkoerner@holycrosselem.org



Catholic
Charities
Diocese of Peoria
Champaign-Piatt Counties

PHILO TAVERN STEAK DINNER

Catholic Charities Board of Champaign & Piatt Counties invites you to attend our

Annual Philo Tavern Steak Dinner on

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at Philo Tavern
101 West Washington Street in Philo

Cash bar opens at 4pm, Dinner is served at 5pm
Tickets are \$40/person

This annual fundraiser raises money for those in need in Champaign & Piatt Counties.

To purchase tickets, order carry-out meals, or donate, please contact:
Gloria Fellers at 217/649-8786, gloriafellers@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner!

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HOLY WEEK | RESTORE: LENT WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT

Restore Lent series, you will walk with Jesus into Jerusalem, to the Cross, and finally to the joy of the Resurrection!

Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, encourages you to allow the Lord to draw close to you during this holiest of weeks—to restore your life, your brokenness, and your relationships. As the priest prays in the Easter Vigil Mass, “may the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.”



METANOIA: A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST INTO CONVERSION

METANOIA - and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent,

to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up.

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.

Baytowne Apts

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!



Pro-Life Discussion Group for April

Special drop-in time at **Panera's on Kirby**
11am-12:30 pm April 21,

Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch, and join in a drop-in discussion!

Join us for any amount of time for friendship and fellowship!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

THANK YOU!

To Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mahomet for a lovely donation from a bake sale! God bless you all!

To Catholic Daughters of the Americas for the Baby shower to support Birthright and the HC Pro-Life Committee!

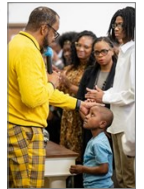
Thanks to St. Matthew Church who helps local families in need via their Change for Change initiative. They contributed to the Holy Cross Pro-Life ministry to help people in need in our area!

In the last two weeks we received donations of: \$25, \$50, \$77, \$20, \$515, \$250 and \$100!

Thank you to all of our special donors and prayer warriors who make our work possible!

May God protect you and bless you!

~ Continued prayers for Malachi, a super cute little boy we have supplied diapers to for years. He has to have major surgery because he has a colon that is too big for his body. He will be having his surgery shortly, up near Chicago. He was just baptized! Please pray for him and his Mom (who is his grandmother) and all the medical professionals helping with his care. Thank you.



Thanks to your donations: we are helping 2 families of 6 (2 parents and 4 children each) and a single separated mom with many children with assistance! Thank you all!

Thank you to everyone helping families in need!

God bless you all!

We pray for all our benefactors, those we do pro-life work with and all the people and families that we have helped. God bless you all.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
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, Fotzler & LoGrasso Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
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 & Mary 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 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
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
Dan Crawmer