

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

THE MIRACLE OF LANCIANO, ITALY

Around the year 700 a priest-monk was celebrating Mass. This priest had been suffering from repeated doubts about the bread and wine changing into the body and blood of Christ. On this particular day right after the words of consecration, the host was suddenly changed into a circle of flesh and the wine was changed into visible blood.



After regaining his composure he said to his congregation: "O fortunate witnesses, to whom the Blessed God, to confound my unbelief, has wished to reveal Himself visible to our eyes! Come, brethren, and marvel at our God, so close to us. Behold the flesh and blood of our Beloved Christ."

Many studies have been done on the tissue with the most recent being in 1971. Microscopic studies have identified the flesh as muscular tissue of the myocardium (heart wall) with no trace of any materials which could have been used to preserve the flesh. Both the flesh and blood are the same blood type, AB.

Today the flesh and blood is kept in a reliquary situated in a tabernacle atop the main tabernacle of the high altar. A stairway behind allows visitors to get close to the tabernacle which is open in the back.

Much more can be read about this miracle. Read: *Eucharistic Miracles* by Joan Carroll Cruz



The beauty of the miracle of Lanciano reflects the words our Lord spoke: (John 6:53-58)

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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.

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 29 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich James Linnenburger, John Haggin			
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 30 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Isabella Contreras			
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Margie Hoss, Bonita Higgerson Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon			
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Penny Devall, Juliann Seebauer Kristina Maloney, Lucy Rank			



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



St. Patrick Church Eucharistic Revival 2023 Speaker: Fr. Luke Spannagel

Saturday, April 29th 4 p.m. Mass followed by a social

Sunday, April 30th

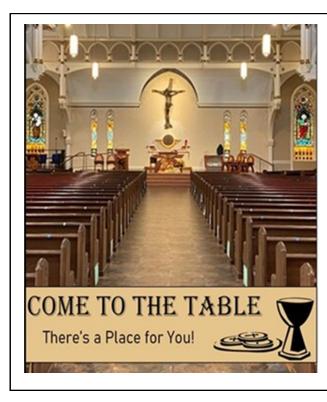
8 a.m. Mass followed by K of C Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. Mass followed by a light social 12 p.m. Talk—"*Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Miracles*" followed by a social

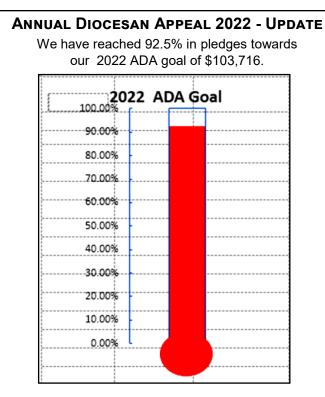
Monday, May 1st

6 a.m.—6 p.m. Adoration 6 p.m. Daily Mass 6:30 p.m.—"*Seeing the True Presence of Jesus*" followed by social

Tuesday, May 2nd

12:10 p.m.—Daily Mass followed by a light social 6 p.m.—Talk—"*Holy Communion as a Sacrament of Unity with God and Each Other*" followed by a social





We need additional pledges to meet the goal.

Last year, Holy Cross Church had to **pay** the 2021 ADA shortfall of **\$19,618** to the Diocese. This year, if we don't get more pledges, we will have to pay **\$7,737** out of budgeted money for Parish expenses. Please consider pledging or giving again to fulfill the 2022 goal.



CHAMPAIGN-URBANA VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN GUILD A CHARTERED GUILD of the Catholic Medical Association

Presents: Venerable Fulton Sheen

In honor of his birthday (May 8th), we will listen to and discuss a talk by our patron, *Venerable Fulton Sheen*. Light refreshments will be served.

Please contact: <u>cufultonsheen@gmail.com</u> with questions

All are welcome to join us on **May 6th** at 9 a.m. St. Mark Room (Parish Hall) St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Champaign



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>.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our merciful Lord will listen to your prayer." St. Padre Pio

Collection

April 15th/16th.....\$6,440.35

Thank you very much!

Fiscal Year 2022/23						
	March Contributions	Jul-March Contributions	Jul-March Pro-rated Budget	Budget Deficit/Surplus		
Sundays & Holy Days	32,185.85	308,997.83	300,000,00	8,997.83		
Automatic Contributions	9,740.00	87,115.00	90,000.00	(2,885.00)		
Online Giving	9,775.10	81,876.50	75,000,00	6,876.50		
Subtotal	51,700.95	477,989.33	465,000.00	12,989.33		
HC Tuition Assistance	1,758.50	18,502.50	18,750.00	(247.50)		
STM Tuition Assistance	567.00	5,353.00	4,500.00	853.00		
Development Fund	2,346.00	27,317.00	46,875.00	(19,558.00)		



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

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

<u>Fine Arts Night:</u> 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!

<u>TRIVIA NIGHT!</u> @ The High School of St. Thomas More (3901 N Mattis Ave)

April 26, 2023 at 6pm (Doors open at 5:30!)

Questions about: Sports, pop culture, history, science, and STM!

\$25 for a group of 4-5 players, \$7 for individuals!

Theme: Tailgate!





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From the Desk of Principal Koerner:

The very purpose of Easter weekend reminds us, no matter what we face today, what we've been through, or what uncertainties tomorrow may hold, Christ is risen and is our Hope. He conquered death, He makes all things new.

He has risen! He has risen indeed!

Our Holy Cross students have also risen to a challenge. Raising funds for Fr, Leo's school to help purchase school supplies. Our students were able to raise just over \$1,100. We hope that these funds will help start a student's new school year off with everything they need to be successful in school.

Nobody likes to wait in an emergency room, especially children. Our new service project at Holy Cross school is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, small games, crossword or wordsearch books, and picture or story books for OSF Heart of Mary medical center. The items collected with be available to children who have to wait in the emergency room at OSF.

We Hope that your Easter celebration is off to a great start and we would love to invite you to our Hot Dog Day part 2 on April 28 from 11:30-1:00. Please come out and celebrate with our students on their success as we begin to close out our school year. HAPPY EASTER!

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Tuition Assistance Consideration:

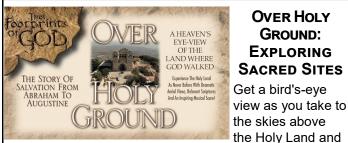
*Submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Application with fee online at <u>online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>.

*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.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



beyond. See the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the pyramids of Egypt, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and many more locations that impacted the salvation story. Complemented by relevant passages of Scripture and backed by a musical score, this is an inspiring and moving experience.

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ST. MARY CEMETERY DONATIONS

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Champaign is asking for donations to help cover lawn mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. All donations are appreciated and no donation is too small!

Please send your donation to: St. Mary Cemetery, care of:

St. Mary Catholic Church 612 E. Park St, Champaign, IL 61820.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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SAVE THE DATE



The Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt counties invites you to the 20th An-

nual Steak Dinner at Philo Tavern on Sunday, April 30th, located at 101 Washington Street in Philo.

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, call Gloria Fellers at 217/649-8786. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities. We look forward to seeing you there.

BINGO IS BACK!

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on Friday, May 5th! Happy Cinco De Mavo! 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 (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 \$10. Soda for \$1. Dinner: Taco's Bar: Chicken. Beef and Fish with all the fixings and Dessert.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

Before Mass, talk to God. During Mass, let God talk to you. After Mass, talk to each other.

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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