

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!

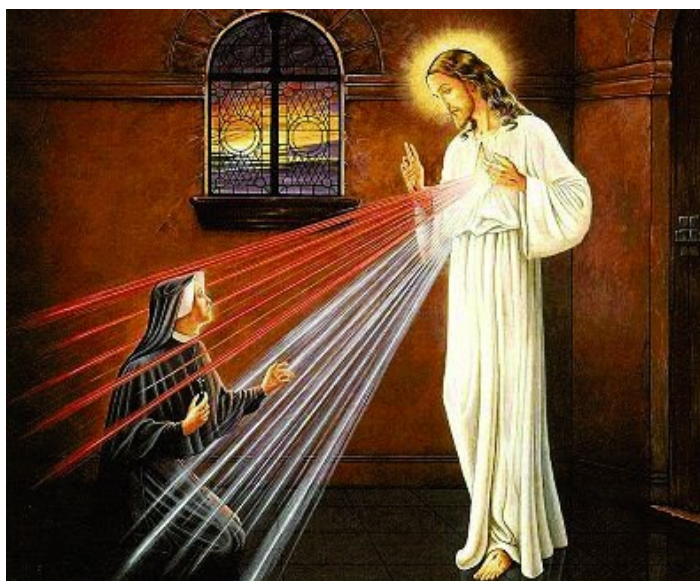


**DIVINE
MERCY**

April 24, 2022

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

It ranks highest among all the elements of The Divine Mercy devotion revealed to [St] Faustina. Its institution was requested by the Lord Jesus for the first time in Plock, in 1931, while He was communicating His will regarding the painting of the Image: *"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy"* (Diary, 49).

The choice of the first Sunday after Easter for the Feast of Mercy has a very deep theological significance, which points to the close relationship between the Paschal Mystery of the Redemption and the mystery of The Divine Mercy. This integral relationship is further emphasized by the Novena of Chaplets to The Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast.

This feast is not only a day in particular for worshipping God in His mystery of mercy, but also a time of grace for all people. The Lord Jesus said: *"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners"* (Diary, 699). *"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, recourse to My Mercy. If they will not adore My Mercy, they will perish for all eternity"* (cf. Diary, 965, 998).

From *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*
(Introduction, p. xxi)

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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 2:15 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.

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 30 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley Patty Bingaman Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 1 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt No ministers Nicolette Burton, Trevor Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy John Dixon, Pat Dixon Abby Friedman, Timmy Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney

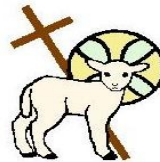


A hearty Thank You to all who helped make the solemn ceremonies of Holy Week a reverent spiritual experience! Our deepest gratitude to those who spent many hours putting together the beautiful flowers and altar decorations. We thank our organist, Jonathan Young, and the singers for their inspiring music. And we thank the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and servers who so generously gave of their time!



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JESUS IS CALLING YOU!

Each Friday when school is in session, Jesus holds a special open house in our beautiful church. He invites us to spend quiet time with Him to give thanks for blessings received and to tell Him about our pressing concerns. Come visit Jesus. He would so love your company!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 25

7:00 a.m.

Wardell Davenport

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 a.m.

For the Conversion of Heart for those who have turned away from God

Wednesday, April 27

6:00 p.m.

William (Bill) Neumann

Thursday, April 28

7:00 a.m.

Max Hershberger

Friday, April 29

8:15 a.m.

Fr. Robert Spilman

Saturday, April 30

5:30 p.m.

Jacob Hammel

Sunday, April 31

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Fr. Remigius Bukuru

4:00 p.m..

Rosemary Smith



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Anthony (Tony) Rein. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of hot coffee and a delicious donut. We also have granola bars, milk, orange juice, and stimulating conversation. Join old friends, make new friends.

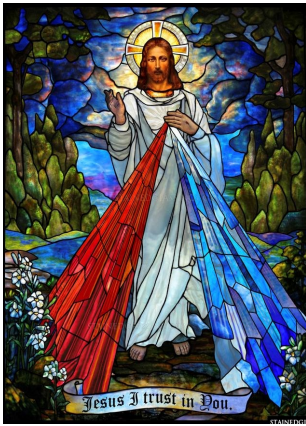


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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. today, 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., Ch.

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



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.



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 Zicarelli; 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; Regina Robinson; and Frank J. Hartman.

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.



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.



**JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST**

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

Stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.

Last 2 Weeks' Collections

Offering for April 2nd/3rd.....	\$6,223.80
Tuition Assistance.....	\$590.00
Offering for April 9th/10th.....	\$7,550.86
Development Fund.....	\$926.00

Thank you very much!

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>

Knights of Columbus

Career Opportunity in Financial Services for a Catholic Company:



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The Knights of Columbus is seeking Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their financial program in the local area. We offer a complete benefits package (health, dental, disability and life insurance, retirement pension program), expense allowance and professional training with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Jeff Niemeyer FICF, LUTCF, General Agent, at (618) 526-7991 ext. 301 or via email at Jeff.Niemeyer@kofc.org. Website: www.NiemeyerAgency.org



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 MOMS' GROUP

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, **April 27th**. Our guest speaker, Liz Kelley, will speak on resources and tips for incorporating the faith at home with little ones. We will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center basement.



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.

This year's Men's March is dedicated to the theme of Fighting for Faith and Family. The schedule is as follows:



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.



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.

Dear Fr. Danton:

Thank you very much for your continued sponsorship of Lydia Patrick. She graduated from Form IV (high school) from St. Joseph Secondary School because of your immense generosity! Angel Home Orphanage where Lydia lives, and St. Joseph School are both in the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. She may begin college courses in business and will need tuition in June.

There is an African saying that "Education is the key to life". Thank you for the lasting gift of an excellent Catholic education. This will provide possibilities for a much brighter future and the ability to break the cycle of crushing poverty. Thank you for giving Hope to your sponsored child.

If you would like to write to Lydia, please send a card or letter to Children of Hope and Faith at the address below. I could also pick it up in the parish office. Fr. John or Fr. Leo can take your correspondence the next time they visit Tanzania.

May Our Lord Jesus abundantly bless you and Holy Cross Parish for your generosity.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Walsh and Fr. John Zilimu

Jane Walsh and Fr. John Zilimu, Co-founders
Children of Hope and Faith

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Dear Holy Cross Church,

I hope you are fine, I am also fine. Thank you for paying my school fees and I am going on well with my studies.

I am studying 9 subjects in our school. My favorite subjects are ~~olives~~ ^{olives} in English, History and Civics.

I have one brother and three sisters. My favorite animal is an elephant because its ^{fat} like me.

My favorite colour is pink. My favorite foods are rice and meat. My ambition is to become a soldier after my studies.

yours faithfully,

L.P. Tibomanga -

Lydia-Patrick - Tibomanga -



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
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
Birdie & Edward Cronau
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
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.