

Vocations Sunday 2021



Holy Orders



Marriage



Religious Life



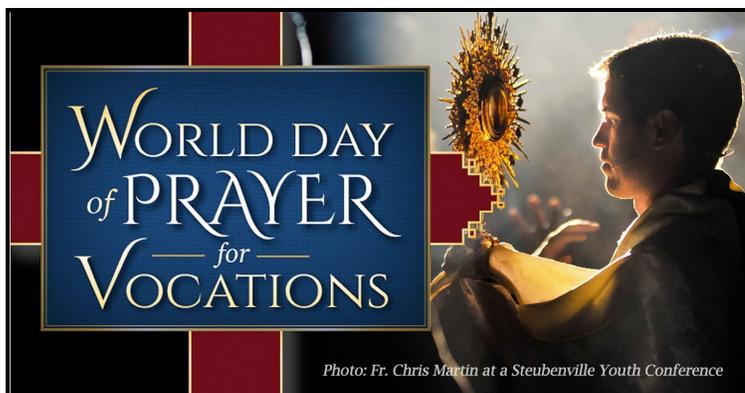
Apostolic Celibacy

"Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us."

- Pope Francis

April 25, 2021

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Help us to see our vocation as a journey toward you.

God our Father,

You call us to believe in You,
to accept lovingly Your Son Jesus
and to be open to the Holy Spirit
for the service of our brothers and sisters.

We thank You for the confidence
You show us in calling us to
share in Your plan of salvation.

Help us to discern
how we can work with You
as committed lay people,
married or single,
as priests or deacons,
as religious or missionaries.

Awaken in each of us
the courage to respond to Your call
by an ever-growing gift of self.

Grant the grace of fidelity and eternal life
to those who are called, like the Apostles,
to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

Amen

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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, Thur, Fri
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

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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.

Fourth 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.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (10:11-18)

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (4:8-12)

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. In his name this man stands before you healed. He is the *stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

A Reading from the First Letter of St John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

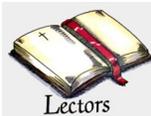


Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 26 7:00 a.m.	Joe Hacker
Tuesday, April 27 7:00 a.m.	Johnny Deponai
Wednesday, April 28 6:00 p.m.	All Souls
Thursday, April 29 7:00 a.m.	Patricia Petry
Friday, April 30 7:00 a.m.	Jacob Hammel
Saturday, May 1 5:30 p.m.	Mary Young
Sunday, May 2 8:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Beverly Lynch
4:00 p.m.	Tuck Craig



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Isabella Jo Schlund, daughter of Thomas and Renee Schlund. Let us support little Isabella on her faith journey!



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 (4th 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.

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



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord God,

We pray that you will call many fine young men to the Priesthood.

May they have the grace to hear your call and to respond wholeheartedly, giving of themselves generously in the service of your Church, that we may be greatly strengthened and may grow.

May these fine priests have the grace of perseverance and not burn out.

And may they be supported and encouraged and appreciated.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 1

5:30 p.m. Peg Swanson

Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. John Dixon, Pat Dixon

4:00 p.m. Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Jan Weber

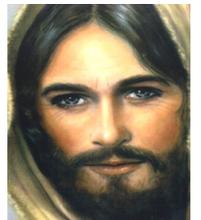


EASTER FLOWER FUND

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; the deceased members of the Calcagno & Christians Family; and Donna Menacher.

FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on the following Fridays: April 30; and May 7, 14, 21, & 28. Come visit Jesus. He would so love your company!



Last Week's Collection

Offering for April 17th/18th\$7,114.00

Thank you very much!



HEAVENLY DUSTERS for May are Kathy Bennett and Jennifer Walters. Thank you!



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FROM PRINCIPAL GREG KOERNER:

April showers bring May flowers. April blessings bring May crownings. On May 20th we will be crowning our 8th grade students with graduation. These 8th graders and the entire school could not have made it through the school year without all of your prayers of support. Thank You one and all!

The new science lab is coming together. David Atchley has been volunteering his time to assemble the lab tables and stools. The plumbers were in and they have plumbed the fixers where the new sink will be installed. Mrs. Crull, Mrs. Burgess, and Mrs. LeFairve have purchased all the curriculum and have held in-service training for the other teachers. Mr. Dwain Shuler has moved the new dry erase



boards into the lab and will install them when everything else is completed. And, to all of the parishioners and parents who have donated to make this happen: Thank You. Donations are still welcome and this money will go directly to the science lab.



The next few weeks will be extremely challenging for our students. Students will be taking the MAP test (Measure of Academic Progress), the ARK test (Assessment of Religious Knowledge), and the IAR test (Illinois Assessment of Readiness). Please continue to pray for our students as they push forward to the end of the school year.



As always, please stay safe during this ongoing pandemic. We will continue practicing our current protocols for the rest of the HC school year. Thank you for doing the same at home.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!



High School of St. Thomas More
352-7210
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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.

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.

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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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.

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.



CALLED TO HOLY ORDERS WITH FR. PAUL HOESING

Every baptized Christian is supposed to make the priesthood of Jesus real in this world. However, God calls some men to serve the Church within Holy Orders, acting in the person of Jesus to give the grace of the Sacraments to all. How can young men know if they're called to this special role?



ONE SISTER'S VOCATION: DAUGHTERS OF SAINT PAUL

What is vocational discernment? Why would a young woman consider religious life? What should she do when she feels God calling her? A group of Daughters of St. Paul and young women discerning religious life—gathered in Tempe, Arizona, for Sr. Maria Kim's perpetual profession—explore these questions and more.

Through this video, enter into their week of mission, experiences of Pauline prayer and spirituality, real-life stories from young women in discernment, and Sr. Maria Kim's journey from initial discernment all the way to profession of perpetual vows. Watch this powerful look at vocational discernment, religious life, and the unique charism of the Daughters of St. Paul.

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 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!

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Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families
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Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Pellum & Gillis Families
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Ed & Jean Bown
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Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
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Graham & Huguette 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 McMahan, Linda & Mike Wesolowski
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Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & 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
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