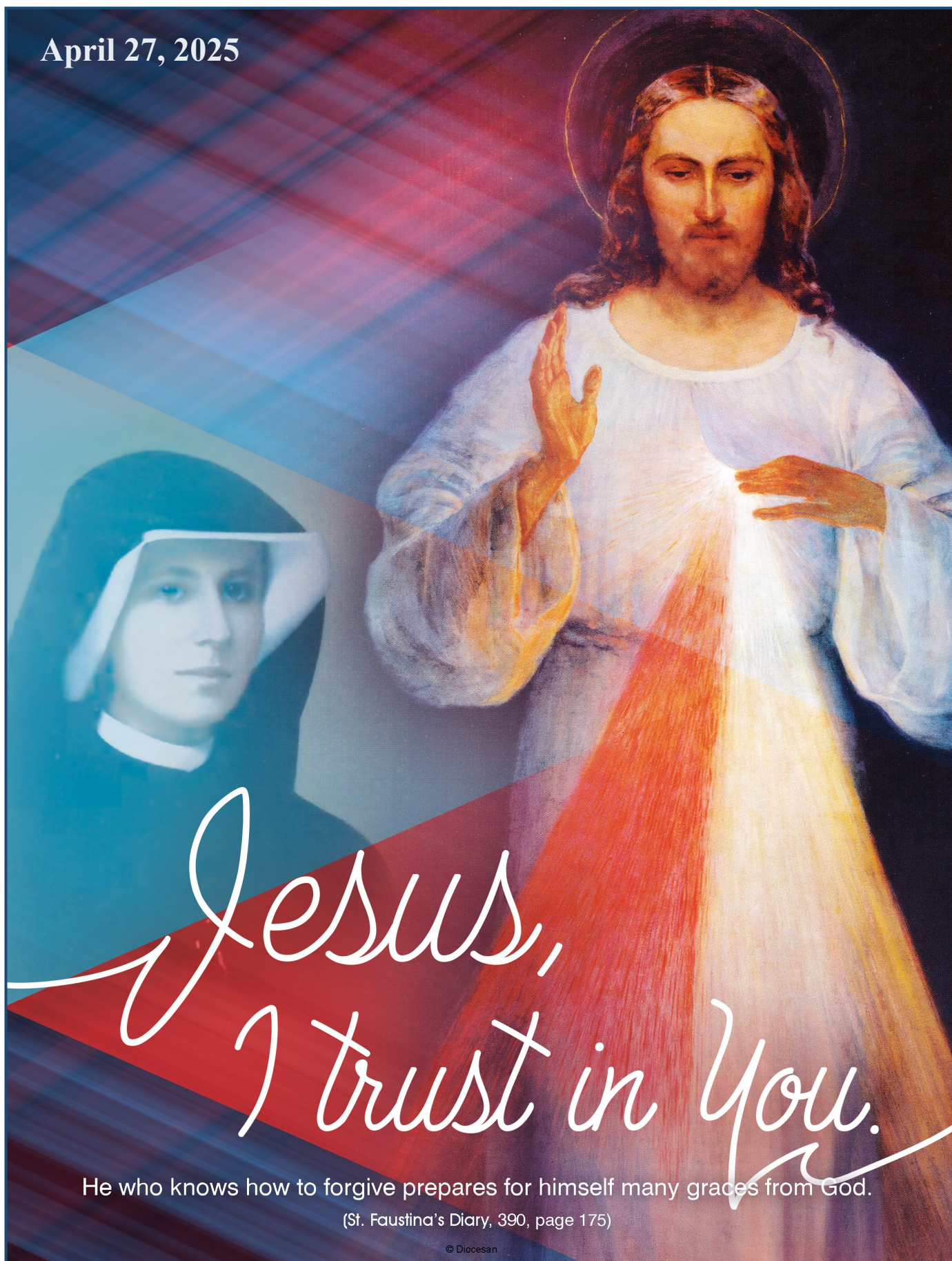


April 27, 2025



He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many grades from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

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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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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

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL, 61820
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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 EUCHARISTIC 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 stmatt.weadorehim.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



Divine Mercy Sunday

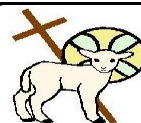
OUR PARISH

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.	May 3 Lector: EMHC: Servers	Tim Spila Peg Swanson, Terry Sturdyvin, Joslyn Unger Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 4 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	SCOUTS SCOUTS SCOUTS
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Stephanie Rank Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 28

7:00 a.m. Patricia France

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 a.m. Mary Kondrad

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 p.m. Karen Santarelli

Thursday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Yvonne Mullen

Friday, May 2

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, May 3

5:30 p.m. Patrick and Violet Cosgrove Family

Sunday, May 4

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. James Leahy
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer



NEW FILM ON CARLO ACUTIS IN THEATERS APRIL 27-29 ONLY

Discover the incredible life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis in *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. This powerful new documentary film explores his

life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world.

Learn more at CarloAcutisFilm.com.



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 16 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.

Please call 1-800-747-5401 to reserve your spot.



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.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Florene Smith and Bill Mishco. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Last SENIOR LUNCHEON Before Summer Break

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **May 8th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share!

We will be taking a break for the summer months.





EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

ATTENTION ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS!

Holy Cross is having a euchre tournament on Saturday, May 17. It will be in the Holy Cross parish center and begins at 7:00 p.m. This is open to all adults, singles and couples, with partners switching every round. The fee is \$10.00 per person, paid that night. Snacks provided. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are awarded. Whatever money is left after covering expenses will be given to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Invite your friends and families. Any questions, call Harry Rakers 217-521-0976.

Make your reservation by Thursday May 15. Reserve your seat by emailing Cathy Koerner: cathkern007@gmail.com.

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!



Catholic
Charities
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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, or gloriafellers@comcast.net.

Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner!



COFFEE AND DONUTS - Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses and enjoy a cup of coffee and a delicious donut.



BINGO IN MAY!

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, May 2nd.** Doors open at 5:30

p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. 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. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people.) Daubers are \$1 or bring your own!

Concessions will be available for purchase at 5:30 p.m. and will include a fried chicken dinner, (chicken, potato salad and coleslaw), & cans of soda. Lemonade, tea, & water is provided at no charge.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.



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 Heidebreder; Charlotte Joop; Larry Head; Jim and Kathryn Bristow; James Joachim; Lykins and Barham Families; Richard and Miriam Walker, Christina Walker-Bucher, David Espeseth, Robert Espeseth; Dick and Peggy Valentine; Dick and Lucille York; Terry O'Neill and Rose O'Neill.

Join St. Mary's Cemetery and the Knights of Columbus for

Memorial Day Mass

at St. Mary's Cemetery
(Located on St. Mary's Road just East of Neil St., Champaign, IL)

Monday, May 26, 2025 - 9:00 am

All are welcome, please join us for this special Ceremony and Mass, as we remember and honor.



Please bring your lawn chairs, seating will be limited.
For further information please contact
Denny Santarelli 217-778-0575, dennysantarelli2@gmail.com

Collections

Offering for April 12th/13th.....\$12,044.39

Development Fund.....\$750.00

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Thank You Very Much!



High School of St. Thomas More

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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



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Holy Cross School
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SPRING PLANT SALE

Shop for flowers, herbs, & vegetables for your spring garden online at countryarbors.com/products/holycross and pick up right here at Holy Cross on Friday, May 9th



Pick Up Date & Times:
Friday, May 9
Noon-5pm

Pick Up Location:
Holy Cross Courtyard Garden

***Deadline for ordering is May 7 at midnight.**
Questions: Contact Stephanie Rank: stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

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YOU'RE INVITED TO AN EVENING WITH FR. BROKAW

A chance to chat with Fr. Lee Brokaw, the 8th Head Chaplain of St.

John's, is just around the corner! We hope you can join us for a St. John's Catholic Newman Center alumni and friends event on campus on Friday, May 2, 2025. The evening begins with Mass at 5:00 PM, followed by an appetizer and drink reception. Come for an evening of fellowship with other Catholic Illini alumni and friends, and a chance to hear from Head Chaplain Fr. Lee Brokaw and other ministry leaders about the growth and graces God has provided at St. John's this year.

RSVP at https://bit.ly/CatholicIllini_Alumni_Friends



Men's Cursillo Weekend July 25-27, 2025

Cursillo Weekends are Amazing!

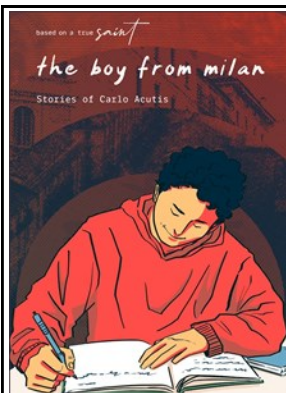
Have you a desire to grow closer to God?

The **Cursillo** is designed to help **You** in that quest.

Save the dates or sign up now!

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THE BOY FROM MILAN:

STORIES OF CARLO ACUTIS

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan on the path to sainthood. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist,

and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Featuring personal stories from those who knew him in real life, this documentary goes beyond the headlines to reveal the heart of a boy who saw Jesus in everyone and never missed an opportunity to love. His simple yet profound faith continues to touch lives, proving that sainthood is for all of us. Be inspired by Carlo's true story and discover that holiness is possible in daily life.



TO BE A PILGRIM

An ancient trail of pilgrimage runs through south-east England, a pathway along which so much of English identity converges. It is the way of St. Thomas

Becket, the martyr who stood up to a King and inspired Christendom. It is a route that drew countless pilgrims in ages past, captured the imagination of Chaucer, and interest in this pilgrim path is strongly reviving again today.

This beautifully photographed film follows Fr. Marcus Holden and Fr. Nicholas Schofield as they journey on pilgrimage from London to Canterbury. Along the way they discover the story of St Thomas and various fascinating traditions: the Rood of Boxley, the splendor of Rochester, the "second Carmel" at Aylesford, and many more.

By retracing the inspiring journey of the medieval pilgrims, this film reveals the rich Christian heritage of England, and provides a profound reflection for all Catholics on what it means 'To Be A Pilgrim.'

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

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!

Want to help or know more?

Contact Joy Pace at 217 840-0322 or joypace@msn.com

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