

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")

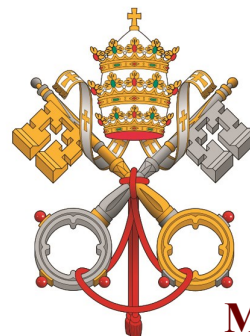


POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

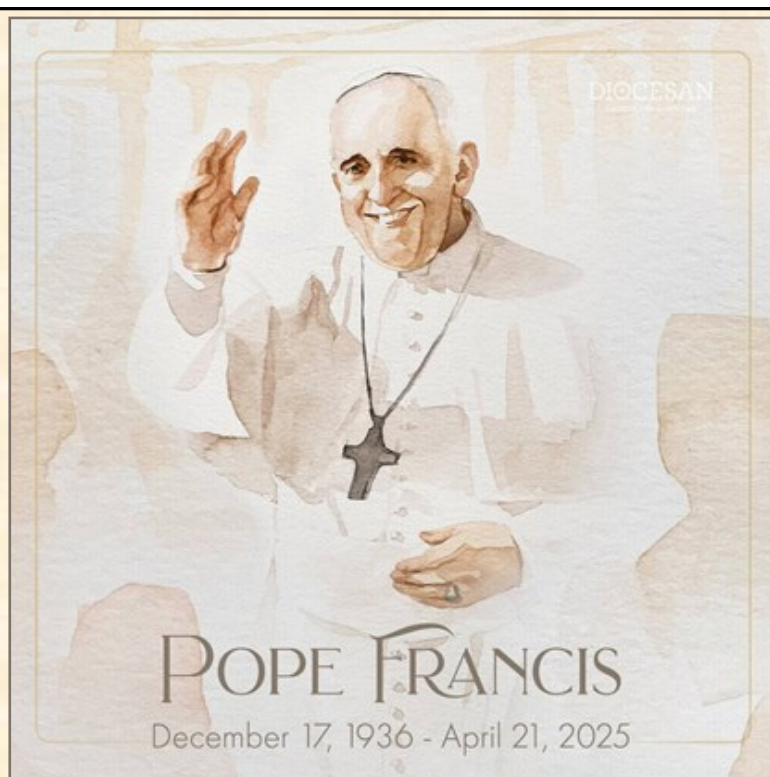
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



May 4, 2025

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, let us join with Catholics worldwide in praying for the repose of his soul.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Roman Missal)



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 May we are praying the Litany to Mary, Our Lady of Fatima

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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

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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.

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.	May 10 Lector: EMHC: Servers	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Kathy Murray, Sharon Kristovich Tom Murray, Ethan Weldy
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 11 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Judi Sherman Barry Dickerson, Sue Berndt Nicolette Burton, Violet Grace
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman Tim Friedman, Camille Christhlf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Mary Linnenburger Katrina Covello James Linnenburger, Sam Easton

The **Morning Mass on Tuesday, May 13th** will be at **8:15 a.m.** to allow the 8th graders to come to Mass as they begin their day of reflection.

There will be NO 7:00 a.m. Mass

There will be NO Adoration on Friday, May 9th due to a funeral.

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Catholic Church has an opening for a full-time Office Manager. This position includes Finance/Bookkeeping and Human Resources responsibilities.

Qualified applicants should send their resume to ellen@holycrosscatholic.org.



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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 5

7:00 a.m. Mary Kondrad

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Yvonne Mullen

Wednesday, May 7

6:00 p.m. Regina Robinson

Thursday, May 8

7:00 a.m. Kathryn and Walter Bingaman Family

Friday, May 9

8:15 a.m. Linda LaRue Marcin

Saturday, May 10

5:30 p.m. Melissa Ronczkowski

Sunday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Anna Marie Ulbrich
10:00 a.m. Mary Lou Tempel
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



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.

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.



EASTER FLOWER FUND

Our beautiful Easter altar decorations are made possible through gifts to the Flower Fund. **Thank you** to all who have made a donation to the Easter Flower Fund.

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; 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, Rose O'Neill; and Donna Menacher.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street, Champaign. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships, and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or crakers@comcast.net.



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!

Collections

Offering for April 19th/20th.....	\$7,482.75
Easter Offering.....	\$3,545.00
Holy Land Collection.....	\$1,175.00
Offering for April 26th/27th.....	\$6,536.87

Thank You Very Much!

A WEEKEND OF RENEWAL FOR MEN CURSILLO A SHORT COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY



Is Jesus Calling You?

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25 – 27

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
708 W Main St, Urbana IL

The Cursillo is designed to help you in that quest. Save the dates of sign up now! For more information, go to champaigncursillo.com or contact Bruce Killian at (309) 261-0168 or Paul Tellthorst (217) 649-8421.

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



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

May 27 through August 1

STM Office will be on summer hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, May 27 through August 1. The office will be closed during the week of June 9 and June 30. The office can be reached at 217-352-7210 or by emailing info@hs-stm.org.

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!

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 srmbriidget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

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.



Holy Cross School

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Holy Cross School
Music Program
Annual

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

Sales are open for the Spring Plant Fundraiser!

All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross School Music Department. Order at countryarbors.com/products/holycross. Make sure you receive a confirmation email. Orders will be available for pickup on Friday May 9th in the courtyard garden after noon. May 9th is also May Crowning and Hotdog Day! Can you help sort or assist with pickup?

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CAEA62FA3F85-56199988-spring>

Contact Stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org
with any questions!



Friday, May 30, 2025
Lake of the Woods Golf Course, Mahomet

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
INCLUDES 18 HOLES W/CART, LUNCH, 5 DRINK TICKETS & HAPPY HOUR
\$125/PERSON
\$500/FOURSOME

"FORE" MORE INFORMATION,
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VISIT US @ WWW.HS-STM.ORG/PAGE/GOLF

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
11:30 AM: Check in
NOON: Lunch
1:00 PM: Shotgun Start
5 PM: Happy Hour & Awards

FILL THE BUS!

All proceeds will benefit the Athletic Booster Organization's "Fill the Bus" campaign to purchase an activity minibus.

Questions? Contact us @ ABOGOLF@HS-STM.ORG



THE HIGH SCHOOL OF ST. THOMAS MORE
THIRD ANNUAL

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2025
GOLF OUTING

TIM MURPHY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM: POPE FRANCIS

Dr. Tim Gray shares a heartfelt message on the passing of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

May Pope Francis rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Join us in praying for Pope Francis by praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed.



LITANY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Francis: The People's Pope

On March 13, 2013, cardinals stunned the world when they elected Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pope. But what did they see in the 76-year-old Jesuit? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?

ROME REPORTS travels to Argentina to investigate and discover more about what shaped Pope Francis. From his only living sister, Maria Elena, to his successor as superior-general of the Jesuits in Argentina, we hear unedited testimonies from those who knew Bergoglio best. Hear from a priest who worked with Bergoglio in the country's slums, and the corner vendor who sold Bergoglio the daily newspaper every day for years. Meet the young man who overcame his addictions with support from the man that the world now calls the Pope.

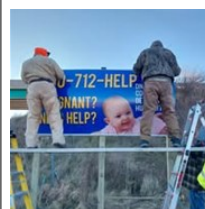
The documentary begins with the moment that the young Jorge Mario discovers his priestly vocation. After decades of service to the Church, a historic conclave would forever change his life and begin the extraordinary papacy of Francis.

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD PROJECT

With the help of generous donors, landowners, and volunteer laborers, we have now installed 23 of these Pro-Life Billboards across greater, central Illinois. These 4' tall x 8' wide signs are intended to help foster a stronger Culture of Life, and for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy to know where to find help. Unique designs and both one-sided and double-sided Pro-Life Billboards are available. Additional help and involvement is always welcome. Additional landowners are needed to simply allow Billboards on their property, especially alongside highways. Donations of any amount are much appreciated. Please contact Renée about how to make a tax-deductible donation.

CONTACT: Renée at 217-607-0811 (landline, no texting) or reneemullen1@comcast.net

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Pro-Life-Billboard-Project-117883802931580/>



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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
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Towner Family
Haggin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
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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