

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

HOLY CROSS CHURCH **CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS**



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.

> We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.

By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein, may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

During May, our 5:30 p.m. Devotions will be for Mary: May 5th - Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception May 12th - Our Lady of Fatima May 19th - Our Lady of Sorrows May 26th - Our Lady of Lourdes

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MASSES

Saturday: Sunday: Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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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.

Sixth 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.

Šaturday 5:30 p.m.	May 15 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley No Ministers Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 16 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Barry Dickerson No Ministers Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Victoria Fitzgerald Ben Laws, Jessica McMahon August Christhilf, Philip Christhilf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca Anthony Frasca, Jack McMahon

NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Isabella Mae and Arabella Danielle Rush, daughters of Jacob Rush and Brook Cooper. Let us support Isabella and Arabella on their faith journey!

Copy of Parish Prayer available at entrances of the church or in the Parish Office.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me. It will pray fervently if I am a humble disciple. It will worship joyfully if I am an engaged follower. It will teach the truth if I am a faithful believer. It will give generously if I am an active steward. It will accomplish great works if I am a dedicated servant. It will be a community of faith, hope, and love, if I practice all these virtues. O God, grant me the grace I need to be a devoted member of Holy Cross Parish. Amen.





Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers, and to Our Mother Mary



MAGNIFICAT Renewal and New Orders

Soon it will be time to either renew your subscription to the Magnificat or start a new one. If you already receive one, please fill out the renewal form that will be included in your June issue. The Magnificat is ordered through the Parish Office, so please make your check payable to "Holy Cross," not Magnificat. Bring your

check or mail it to the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Magnificat."

If you'd like to place a new order, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. The cost is \$26 per year, which is half the regular subscription cost because we order as a group. Payment and order form must be in by June 30th. Take this opportunity to improve your

MARY STATUES AVAILABLE

Celebrate May! May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. The Knights of Columbus have been fortunate to secure a limited amount of inspirational statues of our Blessed Mother. These beautiful cast stone & resin



statues of Mary make wonderful gifts. In your home or in your garden, they can serve as a reminder of our faith and devotion to Mary. The larger statue is about 2 feet tall (left)



and costs \$125. The smaller 6-inch bust of Mary costs \$45. There will be a Knight available in the Parish Center after each Mass on the weekends of May 8th/9th, May 15th/16th, May 22nd/23rd and May 29th/30th, to answer your questions and assist with your order. You may also text your order or leave a message 24/7 at 217-649-8785. We will confirm your order or answer your questions the next business day.

*All proceeds will benefit charities served by the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you!



Last Week's Collection

Offering for May 1st/2nd	\$6,520.00
Tuition Assistance	\$640.00

Thank you very much!



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 <u>office@holycrosscatholic.org</u>.



TEXT-TO-GIVE

We are keeping up with technology! With 97% of smartphone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give text to our Online Giving service.

A new, easy way osupport the mission of our parish particular the registry (21) 22 7871 (21) 22 7871 Online Giving

The process is easy. In order to contribute to the Sunday and Holy Days Collections Fund, you will need to send a text with **the amount and the word Sunday** (e.g., **\$25 Sunday**) to Holy Cross' specif-

ic phone number **217-292-7871**. Your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with your phone number. The system will reply with a confirmation message and your gift amount.

If you want to use this way of giving, your phone number must be linked to your Online Giving account. In case you are not sure if this is true, simply send the giving text and the system will walk you through the linking process.

All other donors who don't have an Online Giving account yet will follow the same steps. They need to send a text with amount and word **Sunday** to the 217-292-7871 phone number. The system will send a link to create a new account. After registration, the system will send another text indicating that the opened account is ready for resubmission of the gift via Text to Give.

ST. MARY CEMETERY DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in 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.

ST. MARY CEMETERY ENTRANCE CLOSED

Due to road construction until August 15th, a temporary entrance is off of Griffiths Dr. (coming from Hazelwood Dr.)



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. They 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!

Need Financial Assistance for the 2021-2022 School Year? You Must:

1. Apply for an Empower Illinois Scholarship.

Submit and pay \$30 for the FACTS Grant & Aid Application.
 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.



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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. We are currently seeking applicants for a Math, a Science, a Spanish, and a Theology Teacher; and also a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at <u>srmbridget@hs-stm.org</u>.

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

<u>https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm</u>. Questions, contact Miss Erica Lyons at <u>elyons@hs-stm.org</u>.

SAVE THE DATE. The Athletic Boosters Organization (ABO) Golf Outing and Shindig will be held on Friday, August 6th. Golf Outing starts at 1:00 p.m. at Lake of the Woods Golf Course. More details to follow.

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:

<u>http://bit.ly/39Tytt6</u> or iPhone: <u>https://apple.co/303rQQx</u>. <u>http://bit.ly/39Tytt6</u> or iPhone: <u>https://apple.co/303rQQx</u>.

HOLY CROSS SPRING RAFFLE



Tickets are \$20 each, or 6 for \$100.

 1st Prize is
 \$1,000

 2nd Prize is
 \$500

 3rd Prize is
 \$250

Raffle runs April 23rd thru May 21st. The drawing will be on May 21st at the end of the school day. Tickets can be purchased online at <u>hcspringraffle.givesmart.com</u>, or in the Parish Office as of Friday, April 23rd.

All proceeds go toward the Holy Cross School Science Lab.

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FATIMA GEMS

FATIMA GEMS Hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Fatima Gems focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in

1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was over 100 years ago.

MOTHERHOOD MATTERS

Why won't my kids listen? How can I be a better spouse? Where can I find a good friend?

What can I do about my children's allergies? How can I find time to pray? Why is my home such a mess? Why can't I be a better mother . . . like her?

God cares about all of your mother matters, both big and small. Jesus tells us that the "very hairs of your head are all numbered" and that God knows when a sparrow falls. "*Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows*" (Luke 12:7). When you are drowning in diapers or losing arguments to tweenagers, God is there with you and he cares about all of these matters.

Join the presenters as they consider Motherhood Matters: Big and Small, shedding the light of faith and bringing hope to both the mundane and the monumental things you deal with everyday as a mother. Sixteen different topics are discussed, each of which stands alone, so the talks can be viewed in any order.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #1070



We meet every second Thursday of the month. Next meeting: will be on **Thursday**, **May 13th,** at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in per-

son at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. For more information call Angie Poulsen at 217 359-1317.

OUR PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP

meets via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. every 3rd Monday of the month. Next meeting, May 17th. To join in on the Zoom meeting, please contact Joy at <u>joypace@msn.com</u> or 217 359-8406 for more information and a link to our meeting.



Bereaved Parents of the USA Champaign -Urbana chapter will have its first meeting since COVID. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 9th** at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We'll meet

outside at the Pavilion north of the YMCA bldg., so bring a lawn chair if you'd like. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more info contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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 Ron Murphy 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

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