

May 11, 2025

# The Good Shepherd

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*Amen, amen, I say to you,  
I am the gate for the sheep.*

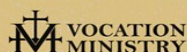
*John 10:7*

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)



Sunday, May 11, 2025 marks the 62nd anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Join us in promoting vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate with your prayers.



## 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**

## PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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## MASSSES

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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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820  
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

## 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.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

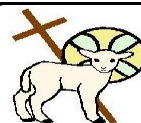
## OUR PARISH

### 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>May 17</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>May 18</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Judi Sherman Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Ben Laws, Bonita Higgerson, Jay Ehlman, Brooke McMahon Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Ithuriel Randall, Lydia Durdan



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, May 12

7:00 a.m.

Karen Santarelli

#### Tuesday, May 13

8:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Alfonso Mendoza

#### Wednesday, May 14

6:00 p.m.

Charlotte Joop

#### Thursday, May 15

7:00 a.m.

Marjorie Constable

#### Friday, May 16

8:15 a.m.

Anna Mussari

#### Saturday, May 17

5:30 p.m.

Roy Hannon

#### Sunday, May 18

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Janet Haggerty

4:00 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Warner

### 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!



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



### NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH,

and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Ehizoya Olivia Omiyi, daughter of Didi Omiyi and Ezinne Edomobi.

Let us support little Ehizoya her faith journey!

### 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](mailto: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. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation.



### Mother's Day

*The month of May is always devoted to Our Lady. Last week we honored our Blessed Mother with the traditional May Crowning. As we celebrate Mother's Day, we reflect on the gift of our mothers. As God formed us in our mother's wombs, our mothers talked to us, sang to us, fed and protected us, and loved us. They gave us the Gift of Life. Throughout our lives, they have continued to help and love us unconditionally. Our mothers bring us to the waters of Baptism and promise to guide us daily in our faith. We are all blessed with the greatest mother of all, The Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lord Jesus gave to all of us His own mother to love us and guide us each day. She will always lead us to her son. Today we thank our mothers both living and deceased for all they have given to form us in the image and likeness of God.*

*Thank you, Mother*





## 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](mailto: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.



**THANK YOU** to all who donated blood this past Sunday with ImpactLife Blood Center, organized by the Knights of Columbus. By donating blood, you have made a difference in someone's life in Champaign County. Thank you again for your act of kindness!



ST. MATTHEW | 1303 LINCOLNSHIRE DRIVE | CHAMPAIGN

ELIZABETH MINISTRY'S

# Mass of Remembrance

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025  
6:00 PM  
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

A SPECIAL MASS FOR ALL WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED  
INFANT LOSS OR A MISCARRIAGE

LEARN MORE ABOUT  
ELIZABETH MINISTRY  
HERE

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](mailto:dennysantarelli2@gmail.com)

# APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

MAY 2025

## FOR WORKING CONDITIONS

*Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

# TOTUS TUUS KIDS CATECHESIS CAMP

The Totus Tuus summer catechetical program is a week long parish mission for Catholic youth in grades 1st-12th. It is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

**SAVE THE DATE**

JUNE 8 - 13, 2025  
HOLY CROSS CHURCH  
CHAMPAIGN, IL

## Collections

Offering for May 10th/11th.....\$7,004.10  
Tuition Assistance.....\$666.00

Thank You Very Much!



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
217-352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:srmbriidget@hs-stm.org) and John Delaney, Athletic Director at [jdelaney@hs-stm.org](mailto: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.



Have you ever wondered what The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and EWTN Studios look like in person?

**Join us!**

**PILGRIMAGE to**  
**Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
**in Hanceville, Alabama**  
**and EWTN Studios in Irondale, Alabama!**  
**Monday, August 18, 2025 - Thursday, August 21, 2025**  
**Register before May 31, 2025.**

**ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!**

For more details go to our website: [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com)  
Click on the EWTN Pilgrimage tab.  
Questions- Call Kathy at (309) 828-6554



**Holy Cross School**  
217-356-9521  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

### Summer Office Hours:

The school office summer hours began on Monday June 2nd.

### Summer Office Hours are:

Monday & Friday - closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular office hours (7:30a-3:30p) resume on Wed. July 30.

### WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

**Employment Opportunities:** Holy Cross School is seeking a middle school social studies teacher, a 4th grade teacher, a 2nd grade teacher, and a full time middle school math sub for 1st semester. Please contact Greg Koerner at [gkoerner@holycrosselem.org](mailto:gkoerner@holycrosselem.org).

*May our schools continue to be beacons of light which enable all to live the Gospel message – 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'*  
(John 13:34)

### THE THIRD ANNUAL TIM MURPHY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

When: Friday May 30th

(11:30am check in/ noon lunch/ 1:00pm shotgun start)

Where: Lake of the Woods GC, Mahomet

FOR more information, sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit us @ [www.hs-stm.org/page/golf](http://www.hs-stm.org/page/golf)



**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

"FOR" MORE INFORMATION,  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, OR TO REGISTER,  
VISIT US @ [WWW.HS-STM.ORG/PAGE/GOLF](http://WWW.HS-STM.ORG/PAGE/GOLF)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

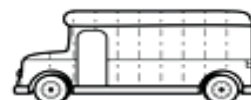
**11:30 AM:** Check In

**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](mailto:ABOGOLF@HS-STM.ORG)





### FINDING FATIMA

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. With high production values and a beautiful look, artists and filmmakers Ian Higgins and Dominic Higgins present a compelling docu-drama on the crucial details about the appearances and messages of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world. From the initial apparitions of the angel who prepared the children for Our Lady's coming, to the Miracle of the Sun, including moving film footage from *The 13th Day*, this illuminating and inspiring film will impact all those who see it to take heed of the critical messages of Our Lady of Fatima.



### THE 13TH DAY

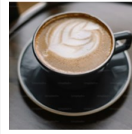
In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13. Abducted from their homes, thrown into prison, and interrogated under the threat of death in the government's attempt to silence them, the children remained true to their story about the crucial messages from Mary of prayer, repentance, and conversion for the world.

Our Lady gave a secret to the children told in three parts, from a harrowing vision of hell, to prophetic warnings of future events including the advent and timing of the Second World War, the spread of Communism, and the attempted assassination of the Pope.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed.

## Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

### Pro-Life Discussion Group for May



Special drop-in time at **Panera's on Kirby 11am-12:30 pm May 19th**  
Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch, and join in a drop-in discussion!

Join us for any amount of time for friendship and fellowship!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

### GOOD NEWS STORY:

We have a family of a now-deceased parishioner, who is continuing the family legacy. Every year, this family would choose to donate to the Holy Cross Pro-Life Committee instead of exchanging Christmas gifts.

We just received 5 lovely donations, in the memory of this beautiful man. God bless you all for wanting to continue the family tradition of helping others, especially honoring him. God bless you all for your kind hearts!

**Thanks to St. Matthew Church** who invited us to participate in their Stewardship Fair. We have a long history of collaboration between our parishes in doing Pro-Life work...

Our past and current collaborations include:

**Supporting Birthright and Living Alternatives, Sharing speakers and education, Providing help to the poor via the Change for Change program, 40 Days and special projects, Supporting families at Christmas time, Providing donated car to a St. Matthew family, Helping St. Matthew family with housing, and more...**

**Thank you to all of our special donors and prayer warriors who make our work possible!**

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

### Prospect Bank

## HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke  
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  
McNamara & Mulcahey Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families  
Boudreau & Arseneau Family  
Aloysius J. Winka  
Charlie & Evelyn Bell  
Zeilenga Family  
Rentfrow Family  
Towner Family  
Haggin Family  
Rakers-Wade Families  
Hershberger & Kick Families  
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families  
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  
Perodin 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