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HOLY CROSS CHURCH
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MAY 4, 2024



Eucharistic Revival



"Jesus Christ, after having given us all he could give, that is to say, the merit of his toils, his sufferings, and his bitter death; after having given us his Adorable Body and Blood to be the Food of our souls, willed also to give us the most precious thing he had left, which was his holy Mother."

St. John Vianney

"As for our Lord's mother, to whom especially I have entrusted and do entrust you, and shall never fail to entrust you until we see her as we long to do - what am I to say of her whom heaven and earth cease not to praise though they can never do so as she deserves? But this you must hold as certain: as she is higher, holier, more perfect than every other mother, so much the more is she kind and gentle towards her erring but repentant sons and daughters. So make a firm resolution never to commit another sin, prostrate yourself before her, and pour forth your tears from a contrite and humbled heart. You will find her, I can assure you beyond all doubt, more accessible, more tender in the love she bears, you, than any natural mother could be on earth."

Pope St. Gregory VII

"So great is the authority that mothers possess over their sons, that even if they are monarchs, and have absolute dominion over every person in their kingdom, yet never can mothers become the subjects of their sons. It is true that Jesus now in heaven sits at the right hand of the Father, that is, as St. Thomas explains it, even as man, on account of the hypostatical union with the Person of the divine Word. He has supreme dominion over all, and also over Mary; it will nevertheless be always true that for a time, when He was living in this world, He was pleased to humble Himself and to be subject to Mary, as we are told by St. Luke: 'And He was subject to them.' And still more, says St. Ambrose, Jesus Christ having deigned to make Mary His Mother, inasmuch as He was her Son, He was truly obliged to obey her. And for this reason, says Richard of St. Laurence, 'of other saints we can say that they are with God; but of Mary alone can it be said that she was so far favored as to be not only herself submissive to the will of God, but even that God was not subject to her will.' And whereas of all other virgins, remarks the same author, we must say that 'they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth,' of the Blessed Virgin Mary we can say that the Lamb followed her, having become subject to her."

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church



Friday Adoration after 8:15 a.m. Mass
with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Join us for our Monthly Encounter Nights

2nd Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass in Parish Center

4th Wednesday - after 6:00 p.m. Mass in the church for Adoration



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 Our Lady of Fatima

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator

Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

Deacon Michael Smith

TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elizabeth Kelley

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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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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.

The Ascension of the Lord

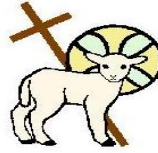
OUR PARISH

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 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson Unger Family (3)
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 19 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Mary Shelden, Ray Tucker Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higginson, Jessica McMahon Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	???? No Ministers Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 13 7:00 a.m.	Mary Sue Shay
Tuesday, May 14 7:00 a.m.	Caleb Hall
Wednesday, May 15 6:00 p.m.	Regina Robinson
Thursday, May 16 7:00 a.m.	Lou & Rosemary Pisani and Family
Friday, May 17 8:15 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Life
Saturday, May 18 5:30 p.m.	Theresa Brya
Sunday, May 19 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Estella Gallegos & Inocencia Emiliano For the Parishioners Stephen Primmer



The month of May is always devoted to Our Lady. 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.



MAGNIFICAT RENEWAL AND NEW ORDERS

Soon it will be time to either renew your subscription or start a new one. The Magnificat is an easy-to-read daily Mass companion and features the complete readings for each Sunday and all the weekday Masses; as well as daily reflections and prayers.

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, and bring it 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 \$29 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**.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Angela Marie Seaman. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Summer Office Hours: In June and July, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. Have a great summer!

First Holy Communion



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion

was celebrated on May 4th by the
First Communicants of Holy Cross Parish.
Let us remember these young ones in our prayers:

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| Grace Esohe Aideyan | Ruby Jane Morrow |
| Juliana Ruth Blakeman | Brayleigh Jean Pierre |
| Reagan Marie Douglas | Mwabenge Munoko |
| Jacqueline Violet Durdan | Bernie Vaga Nginamau |
| Jacobi Lamar Hawkins | Berry Nimy Nginamau |
| Graham Charles Jensen | Liam Oluwafiojemi Odimayo |
| Jase Robert Kiser | Daphne Nicole Ohlsson |
| Gabriel Michael Krumrie | Sophia Marie Ostertag |
| Hayley Lim | Philip Kimball Potter |
| Sophia Anne McFarland | Mason Von Puckett |
| Iverson Sylvestre Malumbi | Leighton Aria Wingler |
| Winner Marinunga | George Ambrose Wood |
| Jack Maxwell | Elliott Lawrence Zielinski |

Catholic Charities

of Champaign and Piatt Counties

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
PO Box 8937
Champaign, IL 61826

Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office for donations to support the work and services provided by the Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt Counties.

The Catholic Charities Community Advisory Board of Champaign and Piatt Counties offers services for those in need through its Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Tolono, which is open to anyone and any family in need, regardless of income, residency, or age. Our Light of Hope and Parish Ministry of Financial Help programs offer short-term rent, utility or other assistance to individuals and families in need, and our Good Samaritan program provides transportation assistance for senior citizens. All our services are free, and all donations collected are used to serve individuals and families in need and residing in Champaign and Piatt Counties.

Please make your checks to 'Catholic Charities' and include 'Second Collection' on check memo line.

Thank You Very Much for helping us meet the needs of the poor among us!



*Lord Jesus, You are a shield around me.
Strong in love, heavy with power,
shaped with hope, and glided with truth.
I will fear no evil, for you watch over
me. You defend and deliver me. In this
day, this hour, this moment I put my
trust in you. Amen.*



We are still in need of
LECTORS and
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of one of these ministries. Call the office at 217-352-8748 or Email office@holycrosscatholic.org. Thank you!

Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.

LOST AND FOUND - Holy Cross has a Lost and Found box in the Sacristy at the church which is getting quite full! If you are missing an item and think you might have left it in the church, please call the Parish Office (217) 352-8748 or stop by and we can check for you. Thank you!

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 27, 2024 - 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

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Join us on Monday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. for Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary Cemetery, Neil and St. Mary's Road, Champaign. The Mass will be offered for all those buried in our cemetery and for the men and women who served our country. Bring your lawn chairs, seating will be limited. For additional information contact Denny Santarelli at 217-778-0575. All are welcome, please join us for this special Mass, as we honor and remember.

Collections

Offering for May 4th/5th\$6,709.00
Tuition Assistance.....\$980.00

Thank you very much!



High School of St. Thomas More
 217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

STM Youth Summer Sports Camps

Boys Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball, and a Free Football Clinic
 Camps are available for Grades K-8 and will take place throughout May and June. A free non-padded event will be offered on August 1st that introduces the fundamentals of football (limited to 40 participants). Registrations and payments received by May 13, 2024, 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 www.hs-stm.org for more information and to register.

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at stmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Registration is NOW LIVE for the Golf Outing at
<https://www.hs-stm.org/page/golf>.

Lake of the Woods Golf Course, 405 N Lake of The Woods Rd., Mahomet. Rotary Hill Pavilion, 901 Geranium Dr., Mahomet. When? Friday, August 2nd, 2024 (Rain Date Friday, August 9th, 2024)

Admissions Application Open for 2024-2025 School Year. 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!

**NEW HOLY CROSS PARISH DIRECTORY
 UPDATE - PLEASE READ!**

The New Holy Cross Parish Directory is progressing into the final stages for completion. With that, we need to send the parish roster of families for print in the back of the directory. This will include your family name and contact information. If you do not want your information included in the directory, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

You can email us directly at office@holycrosscatholic.org, or call the parish office at (217) 352-8748.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on this project!



Holy Cross School
 217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

Online Re-Enrollment Packets for current students due by May 17

Please log into your Family Portal today and fill out your re-enrollment packet. A new set of emails were sent out as a reminder.

Every year you have to fill out the online re-enrollment packet for us to know your students are returning for the next school year!

Holy Cross is getting a lot of applications and interest at all our grade levels. Please fill out your re-enrollment packet(s) today!

Order your 23-24 Yearbook now!

The yearbooks for this school year will be published over the summer and delivered to your student(s) in early September. Order yours today at inter-state.com/order. Use code: 81627E \$28/yearbook

The school office will NOT have extra copies for sale. All orders must be placed before May 23rd!

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Part time school office help, PreK 4 classroom teacher. Please contact the school at (217) 356-9521 if interested.

TOTUS TUUS
at St. Patrick

TOTUSTUUS
 DIOCESE OF PEORIA

- FUN AND GAMES
- FANTASTIC STAFF
- DAILY MASS
- CATECHESIS

**BELIEVE - THE APOSTLES
 CREED & THE GLORIOUS
 MYSTERIES**

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.

DAY PROGRAM (1ST-6TH) MONDAY-FRIDAY (JUNE 17-21), 9 AM - 2:30 PM
 TEEN PROGRAM (7TH-12TH) SUN-THURSDAY (JUNE 16-20) 6:30 - 8:15 PM
 QUESTIONS: EMAIL JON AT JON.MCCOY@STPATURBANA.ORG



FATIMA: HOPE FOR THE WORLD

Fatima Hope for the World is a 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. It includes details of the apparitions, historical context, the secrets of Fatima, the children seers and their missions, Our Lady's specific requests, and the importance of responding to her call. The 5-minute videos are intended for educational purposes and are appropriate for ages 12 and up.



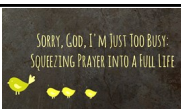
FINDING FATIMA

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.



SORRY, GOD, I'M JUST TOO BUSY: SQUEEZING PRAYER INTO A FULL LIFE

How important is it to take time out of your busy day to pray? According to Jennifer Willits, it's as important as breathing. Mothers especially know that prayer is a crucial part of taking care of their families and themselves, yet finding the time to do it is very difficult. Jennifer shares some ideas of how to do this as well as providing encouragement, but not perfect, examples from her own life.



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



Hello! Many thanks to all who participated in recent pro-life events including the spring 40 Days for Life, the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, the Illinois March for Life in Springfield, and The Walk for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

It's been a while since our last Jericho March, so we hope you can plan to join us on **Saturday, May 18th at 10 a.m.** for the next one. All are welcome. Please note that this time we will be at the Equity Clinic, NOT at Planned Parenthood.

The abortion facilities operate year-round, so we encourage people to continue coming out to pray as your schedule allows. Peaceful, public prayer truly does save lives. Jericho March at Equity Clinic, 2111 W Park Court, Champaign: Join us for Faith, Pro-Life Witness, Some Exercise and Joyful Noise in this family-friendly event as we peacefully circle the Equity Clinic facility surrounding area 7 times. A Jericho March mimics the biblical battle of Jericho.

Pastors will lead us in prayer and participants will march (walk) around on the sidewalk outside the facility while praying. Those who prefer to sit (portable chairs are welcome) or stand are welcome to do so. We will also have singing and music including the *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* song at the end.

Contact Renee at 217-607-0811 (landline, no texting) or reneemullen1@comcast.net

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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 & Foltzer Families
- Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
- Ed & Jean Bown
- Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
- Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin 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
- Barham & Bosch Families

- Tangora & Kovera Families
- William 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 David & Bernice Williams Family
- 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
- Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
- Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
- Menacher & Sizer Families
- Leonard & Loretto Doyle
- Alan & Patricia Berndt
- Thomas McCarthy
- Costello Family
- Leta & Kenny Porter
- Ron Murphy
- Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
- Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.