

May 16, 2021



Ascension of The Lord

*So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right
hand of God.*

Mark 16:19

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. 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: 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, Thur, Fri
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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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.

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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 22 Lector: EMHC Min: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Gloria Fellers Garrett Unger, Nick Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 23 Lector: EMHC Min: Servers:	Tim Spila No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Trevor Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC Min: Servers:	Joe Murphy Bonita Higgerson, Margie Hoss Abby Friedman, Chris Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC Min: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Jan Weber, Elaine Hershberger, John Farney, Bailey McMahon, Jack McMahon



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 17

7:00 a.m.

Louis A. Pisani

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 a.m.

Kathleen Coffey Lyons

Wednesday, May 19

6:00 p.m.

Paul Kelley

Thursday, May 20

7:00 a.m.

Victims of Genocide and
Religious Persecution

Friday, May 21

7:00 a.m.

Johnny Deponai

Saturday, May 22

5:30 p.m.

Mary Young

Sunday, May 23

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Dominic Nguyen Huu Hieu

4:00 p.m.

For all who died from COVID-19
and their Families



Lectors

WE NEED LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS



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 office@holycrosscatholic.org.



NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,

and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Henry Santiago, Esmeralda, and Rubi Gonzalez, children of Santiago Gonzalez and Maria Hernandez. Let us support Henry, Esmeralda, and Rubi on their faith journey!

Wow, 30 YEARS ALREADY?

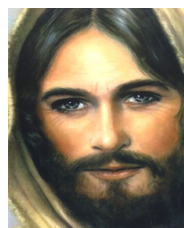
Congratulations to our own Fr. Joseph P. Donton on his upcoming 30th Anniversary to the Priesthood! He was ordained on May 25th, 1991. God bless you, Fr. Donton!



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on the following Fridays:

May 21, & 28. Come visit Jesus. He would so love your company!



TIME CHANGE IN OUTDOOR COMMUNION

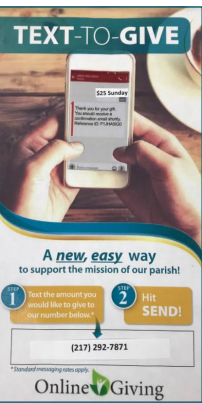
Effective May 16th, Outdoor Communion distribution will start at 11:15 a.m. and go until 11:30 a.m.



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 daily prayer life.



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.

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' specific 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.

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 order forms available in the Parish Center by the statues on the weekends of May 15th/16th, May 22nd/23rd, and May 29th/30th. If you have any questions or need assistance with your order, or would like to place an order, you may call or text 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!



ST. MARY CEMETERY ENTRANCE CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

St Mary's Road in Champaign will be closed from Neil Street to Oak Street until August 15th for road construction. A new temporary entrance is on the east side of the Cemetery off Griffiths Dr. To access that entrance, go west on Hazelwood Dr., from South First Street, then north on Griffiths Dr. to the temporary entrance.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR WORKERS

St Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow you supported Jesus and Mary. Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those God has given me to support. Teach me to see the face of Christ in my fellow workers so that I may be generous and forgiving toward others. Amen.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for May 8th/9th.....\$5,973.85

Development Fund.....\$672.00



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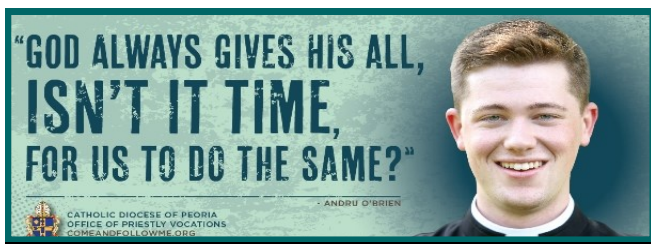
WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

The Holy Cross School legacy spans over 100 years in the development of Catholic youth with faith-based values and high academic accomplishments. Our goal is to ensure that each child is prepared--both spiritually and intellectually--to succeed in high school as well as becoming responsible Catholic Christians throughout their adult lives.

One example of building community within the school is having "prayer pals." Middle school students are paired with Pre-K through 1st grade students as "prayer pals," encouraging them in faith and friendship.

Holy Cross also provides many opportunities for the students to serve in the community. For example, weekly donations of fruit and milk to Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, raking leaves for residents, collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and many more.

Come see what Holy Cross School is all about! Now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. Call the school office for a tour, or if you have any questions, at (217) 356-9521.



www.comeandfollowme.org

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 hcspringraffle.givesmart.com, or in the Parish Office as of Friday, April 23rd.

All proceeds go toward the Holy Cross School Science Lab.



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

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

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, Christ-centric environment where our students receive first-class formation of their whole person. We are a school family.

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

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

SAVE THE DATE. The Athletic Boosters Organization (ABO) Golf Outing and Shindig will be held on Friday, August 6th. Register now at www.org/page/golf. Lunch at 12 noon, Golf Outing starts at 1:00 p.m. at Lake of the Woods Golf Course.

Emmaus Days 2021 will be back in Person!



Sessions 1 and 2 are for college-age men as well as single men in their 20's and 30's who are discerning their vocation. We will give tools to take a step deeper into discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to insights and meditations as well as spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a privileged glimpse into the priestly vocation.

In Sessions 3 and 4 we focus on fun in an attempt to show the joy of becoming authentic Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks by seminarians and priests, and sports activities.

Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign.

Session 1: June 11-14, for College Age & Young Adults.

Session 2: June 25-28, for High School Juniors & Seniors.

Sessions 3 and 4 will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School.

Session 3: July 18-21, H.S. Freshmen & Sophomores.

Session 4: July 21-23, 7th & 8th Graders

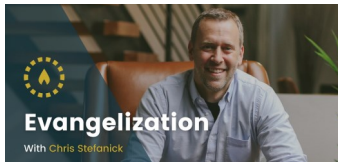
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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



This Sunday we are presented with a Gospel reading that should deeply challenge us. These are readings that remind us of who we really are—disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not only his friends, called to stay near to him, but we are also his missionaries, called to go out and to spread his Good News.

EVANGELIZATION



Evangelization
With Chris Stefanick

Spreading the Gospel and inviting others into a relationship with Christ is not just the priest's job; it is the responsibility of all baptized Catholics. What does that look like in our modern world? How do we do it effectively? Let renowned speaker, writer, and expert Chris Stefanick teach you his tried and true methods of spreading the Gospel, that is, evangelization. In his 3-hr course, Chris breaks down the why, the how, and the what of effective ministry to help Catholics of all backgrounds fulfill the Church's mission.

A WORD FROM JOY

WE NEED HELP WITH FURNITURE DELIVERIES. We need depth in our furniture ministry. Are you able-bodied? Or drive a truck? We are trying to put together a group of people so that when we have household goods, like mattresses, we can get them to people in need. This does not come up too often, but when the situation is right, we want to accommodate our families! Please contact me at: joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406.

FertilityCare™ Services of Champaign-Urbana Featuring NaProTECHNOLOGY®

Creighton Model System Group Introductory Sessions: They begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about an hour. Due to COVID-19, they will be held over Zoom. The sessions are free, but if you plan to continue with the full course of instruction, you must pay \$30 (all card transactions are subject to a 3% convenience fee) and schedule a follow-up appointment in approx. 2 weeks after the Intro.

To fulfill the marriage preparation requirement for the Diocese of Peoria, you must attend at least 4 follow-up sessions prior to the wedding. Register online for the introductory session you wish to attend at:

www.cufertilitycare.setmore.com/bookclass

7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, 2021

May 19, June 9, July 14, Aug 4, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec. 1

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.

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and select our parish.**

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 & Foltzler 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 & Huguette 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 Giuffrè & Cacioppo Families
Boudreau & Arseneau Family
Margaret Turkcan
Aloysius J. Winka
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
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
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Margaret Hettinger
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
John Michael Cabutti
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Christie & Hoss Families
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter