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HOLY CROSS CHURCH
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MAY 10, 2025

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

May 25, 2025

150th

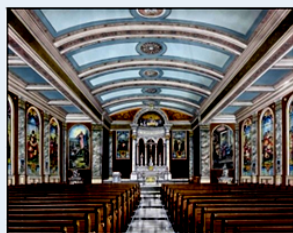
Diocese of Peoria

Holy Cross's own Father Joe Baker
is leading Troop 9 Scouts
on a pilgrimage
to St. John's Catholic Chapel
and YOU are invited too!



The purpose is to learn more about our Catholic faith, and to participate in a 150th Anniversary Peoria Diocese pilgrimage!

- *Tour the Chapel with Fr. Joe
- *Learn about Indulgences
- *Have personal prayer time
- *Celebrate the Mass



Tuesday, June 3

5:00pm Meet at Holy Cross playground
5:15pm Begin our 1.6 mile pilgrimage hike
5:55pm Arrive at St. John
6:00pm Tour & Prayer time
7:00pm Mass

*Times are approximate

*If you or your children can not hike 1.6 miles
in 40 minutes, you are welcome to meet us at
St. John's at 6pm.

*If you have questions, please text or call Karen Easton (217) 722-6151.

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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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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.



On this Memorial Day, we pray
for those who courageously laid
down their lives for the cause of
freedom. May the examples of
their sacrifice inspire in us the self-
less love of Your son, Jesus Christ.

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



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.	May 31 Lector: EMHC: Servers	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Peg Swanson, Sharon Kristovich Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 1 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada Jessica McMahon, Ben Laws, Dawn Friedman, Margie Hoss Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Katrina Covello James Linnenburger, Lydia Durdan



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Mass
at St. Mary's Cemetery at 9:00 am

Tuesday, May 27

7:00 a.m. Pett Jenkinson

Wednesday, May 28

6:00 p.m. Yvonne Mullen

Thursday, May 29

7:00 a.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

Friday, May 30

8:15 a.m. David Atchley

Saturday, May 31

5:30 p.m. Karen Santarelli

Sunday, June 1

8:00 a.m. Charlotte Joop
10:00 a.m. Mary Lou Tempel
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

Summer Office Hours

Starting on June 6th going thru August 1st,
the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays.
Have a great summer!

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. It's been a Holy Cross tradition for over 50 years. Join us for stimulating conversation.



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH,
and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Frances Elise Lillig, daughter of Elizabeth Ayotte and Elizabeth Lillig. Let us support little Frances her faith journey!

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

Call Elizabeth Kelley at (217) 352-8748



Holy Cross Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th, Mass will be at 9:00 am.
at St. Mary's Cemetery in Champaign.



A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN AND PIATT COUNTIES will be taken on May 31st / June 1st.

Catholic Charities of Champaign and Piatt counties provides support for those in need in Champaign and Piatt counties through our Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Tolono, and our Light of Hope and Parish Ministry of Financial Help programs. **In the last six months of our fiscal year, we have been able to donate over \$16,000 to help families and individuals with rent and utility assistance.** During this same period, over 400 families (including 55 new families) have made 883 visits to our Food Pantry, where they receive food, emotional support and referrals to other resources. **All our services are free.**

Our Food Pantry is open Mondays, 4-6:30 p.m. and Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. to serve those who are struggling to make ends meet and feed their families, regardless of where they live – grandparents raising grandchildren, young mothers raising small children, while working full-time and caring for a disabled husband, and seniors living on fixed incomes.

Please help us meet the needs of those in need living among us!

Donation envelopes will be provided.

Thank You and God Bless You!

2025 Installation Event & Business Expo

★ **Rantoul, IL** ★
Old Champaign Air Force Base
June 14th, 2025
Expo 10 am - 4 pm
Installation 4:30 pm

★ Event Title Sponsorship Level ★	★ Gold Sponsorship Level ★
<p>\$5000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier logo placement on banners. • Prime booth placement in event space. • Logo on Rotary website with a direct link. • Four tickets to the Installation Event. • Frequent recognition throughout the event. 	<p>\$750</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booth space in the event area. • Logo placement on banners. • Logo on Rotary website with a direct link.
★ Platinum Sponsorship Level ★	★ Silver Sponsorship Level ★
<p>\$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prominent booth placement. • Logo placement on banners. • Logo on Rotary website with a direct link. • Two tickets to the Installation Event. • Recognition during the event. 	<p>\$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booth space in the event area. • Logo placement on banners.

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Collections

Offering for May 17th.18th.....\$5,563.85

The date for "Collections" in last week's bulletin should have been for May 10th and 11th. Sorry for the misprint.

Thank You Very Much!

First Holy Communion



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion

was celebrated on May 10th by the
First Communicants of Holy Cross Parish.
Let us remember these young ones in our prayers:

River Edith Chitambar
Dillon Robert Duncan
Felix Michael Egner
Esmeralda Gonzalez
Rubi Gonzalez
Tobias Joseph Hartnett

Sylvia Wren Kampwerth
Arianna Louanne Klamann
Otto Andrew Kolschowsky
Sarah Lynch
Lewis Ray
Gabriel Shannon



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 at
(217) 778-0575 or 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 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.



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
 Click on the EWTN Pilgrimage tab.
 Questions- Call Kathy at (309) 828-6554



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
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.

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



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

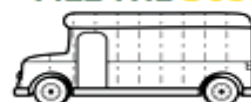
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
 INCLUDES 18 HOLES W/CART, LUNCH, 5 DRINK TICKETS & HAPPY HOUR
\$125/PERSON
\$500/FOURSOME

"FOR" MORE INFORMATION,
 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, OR TO REGISTER,
 VISIT US @ WWW.HS-STM.ORG/PAGE/GOLF

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



WHY IS THERE A POPE?

Did Jesus think of the pope? What is a pope? Dr. John Sehorn and Chris Stefanick hone in on the history of how the office of the pope came to be.



THE PASSION OF SAINT JOAN OF ARC

The Passion of Saint Joan of Arc is a documentary that was released on the centennial of the canonization of the Maid of Orleans (May 16, 1920). This brave young woman with a unique mission reminds us just how important it is that Jesus Christ be the King of our nation, of the entire world, and of our hearts. She carried out her mission in absolute fidelity and confidence in God's will, revealed to her by her "voices". Hers is not a life of mere heroism, but rather a model of holiness, of complete surrender to God's will to the point of sacrificing her own life at only 19 years of age.



JOAN OF ARC

Although she died at nineteen in 1431, her legend and legacy is stronger than ever five hundred years later. Leelee Sobieski shines as the legendary warrior and saint, Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed. Supported by an all-star cast, with glorious cinematography, music score, and stunning scenery, Joan of Arc is a riveting epic film of faith, inspiration, triumph, and tears. Born to a peasant French family, Joan hears the voices of saints calling out to her to unite her besieged nation.

Gaining an audience with the young French king, Joan convinces him that God is calling her to command an army into battle to save France. It becomes an incredible adventure that leads to thrilling victories and heartbreaking betrayals as Joan of Arc defies all odds and marches into history.

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. We would recommend Parental Guidance..

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up.

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD PROJECT

With the help of generous donors, landowners, and volunteer laborers, we have now installed 23 4' tall x 8' wide Pro-Life Billboards across greater, central Illinois. These signs are intended to help foster a stronger Culture of Life. Additional landowners are needed to simply allow Billboards on their property. Donations of any amount are much appreciated. For more information, please contact Renee Mullen at 217-607-0811 or reneemullen1@comcast.net.

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.

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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, Fotzler & LoGrasso Families
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
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Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family
Barham & Bosch Families

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Towner Family
Hagglin 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
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