

June 18, 2023

Happy Father's Day

FATHERS

I ask for you
the grace to be
ever closer to
your children,
allow them to
grow, but be close!

They need you,
your presence,
your closeness,
your love.

May you be
for them as
St. Joseph was;
guardians of their
growth in age,
Wisdom and grace.

May you guard
them on their
journey; be
educators and
walk with them.

Thank you for all
you do for your
children; thank you.

May St. Joseph
bless you and
accompany you.
- Pope Francis

A FATHER'S LOVE IS ETERNAL
AND WITHOUT END.



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"Here on earth it's impossible to perform a more meritorious act than visiting Jesus often in the Eucharist. If you took all of the good works done by all of the humans who have ever lived in all of history and stacked them all up and multiplied them by a million, they wouldn't equal the merit, the virtue and the worth of one Mass. The Eucharistic sacrifice is Christ's infinite merit, infinite value."

-St. Teresa of Avila

"When you have received Holy Communion,
close your bodily eyes so that
you may open the eyes of your soul.
Then look upon Jesus
in the centre of your heart"

St. Teresa of Avila



The
Eucharist
is the
highway
to Heaven

Excerpts from Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

His certainty that the Eucharist has the power to transform hearts led him often to say: *"The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus and the more we get a foretaste of heaven!"* The ability to imitate the Master is indeed one of the principal fruits of participating in Communion with his Body and Blood. Carlo understood this from a very young age, and it became a principal part of his daily life. The closer we draw to the Eucharist, the more we are transformed by it, because the presence of Christ transforms the "old man" into the "new man," and the latter can set the world on fire with the flame of charity.

Carlo's way of living gave flesh to the words of the martyr Saint Ignatius of Antioch, who in a letter to the Philadelphians called the Eucharist *"the medicine for immortality and the antidote against death so that we may always live with Jesus Christ."*

Carlo was always moved by the words Jesus left us in the Gospel of Matthew: *"I am with you always, to the close of the age"* (Mt 28:20). The certainty of God's presence among us was a source of tremendous consolation for Carlo. *"We can find God in his Body, Soul, and Divinity present in all the tabernacles of the world! If we think about it, we are much more fortunate than those who met Jesus on this earth two thousand years ago, because we have God 'really and substantially' with us always. It is enough to visit a nearby church. 'Jerusalem' is in every church! No room for despair! God is always with us and will never abandon us. How can people grasp this truth? Throngs of people stand in interminable lines to buy tickets to rock concerts or soccer matches, but I don't see crowds of people lined up outside church waiting to see Jesus in the Eucharist. This should make us pause and reflect. Perhaps people really haven't yet understood! Jesus is present among us in his very Body just as he was during his mortal life among his friends. If we reflected on this seriously, we would never leave him alone in the tabernacles waiting for us with love, wanting to help us and to support us on our earthly journey."*



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 June we are praying the Litany to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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TRIBUNAL AUDITOR
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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

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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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.	June 24 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: Sharon Kristovich Servers: Garrett Unger, Nick Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 25 Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: No Ministers Servers: Nicolette Burton, Isabella Contreras
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Christopher Ostertag EMHC: Ben Laws, Jay Ehlman Servers: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Rob Shanahan EMHC: Jan Weber Servers: Lucy Rank, Sam Easton

COFFEE AND DONUTS CONTINUING THIS SUMMER!

Coffee and donuts will continue through the summer after both Sunday morning Masses. We need people to "host" which you can do by calling Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217-417-6041 or by email at crakers@comcast.net. If you aren't sure what's involved, please call us. It's a perfect start to your summer Sundays Masses. Then visit with old friends and make new friends.



SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



There **will be** Adoration in the summer after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Since school will not be in session, and the Parish office is closed on Fridays, please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church.



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Dylan Pavlak and Isabella Schmitt, who were married here on June 9th. May God's grace support them throughout their married lives!

Love is Patient, Love is Kind. Love Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13:4 - 8



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 19

7:00 a.m.

Wayne and Marcella Logue

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 a.m.

Mary Byrnes

Wednesday, June 21

6:00 p.m.

Blanche Sembera

Thursday, June 22

7:00 a.m.

Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court #1070

Friday, June 23

8:15 a.m.

Chuck Schweighart

Saturday, June 24

5:30 p.m.

George F. Hammel

Sunday, June 25

8:00 a.m.

Elmer Nicklas

10:00 a.m.

Lee and JoAnne Cabutti

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office hours will be Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED!

We are in great need of EMHC at all Masses. The Bishop declared that we are able to take of the Precious Blood, but we do not have enough Ministers to resume the offering of the cup at all Masses. Please consider doing God's work as you partake in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ to others.

If you are interested, please email the Parish Office at office@holycrosscatholic.org or call 217-352-8748. Thank you so much and have a Blessed Day!

LECTORS NEEDED! If you are interested in becoming a lector, please contact the office.

There is no real training involved, you read the 1st and 2nd readings for the Mass. We are currently in need for lectors, especially at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. You can email the parish office at: office@holycrosscatholic.org, or call the office at 217-352-8748 if interested. Thank You!





FATHER LEO'S TANZANIA WELL PROJECT

Father Leo is raising funds to support the drilling of a well to provide a dedicated local source of clean drinking water to the Kiziramuyaga Primary School in his village in Tanzania. The school serves 900 students and staff, as well as the surrounding community.

The lack of nearby clean water means women and girls spend many hours each day walking long distances to carry buckets of water back to the school and village. The cost of the project including drilling, installation of pipes & pump, construction of a reservoir water tank, and solar panel installation to power the pump is approximately \$25,000.

To date, our SVdP conference has raised half of this amount from a small group of parishioners at Holy Cross and St. Matthew. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and include "Tanzania Well Project" in the memo portion of the check. Checks can be mailed to the Holy Cross Church office or dropped in the collection basket.

PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP

We meet via Zoom every 3rd Monday of the month. Next meeting: June 19th at 1 p.m. To join in on the zoom meeting, please contact Joy at joy-pace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information and a link to our meeting!



This discussion is open to everyone. We discuss everything—from ethical vaccines to abortion to human trafficking to ethical medical practices and more. Pro-Life affects more than just abortion—and living a pro-life life helps inform and guide every decision. We truly believe that every human needs to be treated fairly and with dignity, simply because they are human. Join us!



EMMAUS DAYS

Session II: June 23-26

High School Juniors & Seniors
St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign
Sessions I and II are overnight retreats held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments.

Session III: July 16-19

High School Freshmen & Sophomores
Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session IV: July 19-21

Seventh & Eighth Graders
Peoria Notre Dame High School
Sessions III and IV are overnight retreats. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become authentic Christian men.



CIRCLE OF PRAYER Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email.

If you would like to sign up to be a prayer warrior, call Susan Burton at 217-398-6560 or email: sburton93@att.net



2022 ADA UPDATE

Thanks to a generous donor, we have completed our 2022 goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are very grateful for this contribution! Thank you to all donors who have made it possible to reach our goal!

Collection

Offering for June 10th/11th.....\$6,251.00

Development Fund.....\$745.00

Thank you very much!



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

STM Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Head Girls Tennis Coach, Head Boys Swimming Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested email Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and Jon Marston Athletic Director jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Summer Sports Camps: Visit www.hs-stm.org for all the details regarding STM Youth Summer Sports Camps.

Summer School Office Hours: The STM School Office will be closed June 11th through 17th and July 3rd through 7th. As of May 30th the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and closed on Fridays. Regular office hours will begin on Monday, July 31st.

Madrigal's Summer Retreat will be held from July 26th to 28th (Wednesday to Friday) in the STM Music Room from 5 to 8 p.m. for 8th to 12th grade students. Contact Dr. Lee (cleee@hs-stm.org) and Mr. Kreps (ckreps@hs-stm.org) with any questions.

Admissions Application Open for 2023-2024: Current 8th grade and high school families: Just a reminder that STM is still accepting admissions applications for next school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on "Explore" then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the app? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

217-356-9521

www.holycrosselem.org

From the Principal's Desk -

As we close out another school year, I would like to thank everyone for the support to our school.

As of June 5th the school will be seeing some updates. The west wall of the school will be replaced with all new windows. This construction project should be completed by August 1st.

Our school open house is scheduled for August 15th from 4 to 8 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to meet their teachers and to drop off supplies. There will be food trucks available for parents to purchase food for their families. Our official first day of school will be a half day on August 16th.

We here at the school wish all of our students a great and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

Employment Opportunities:

Part time kitchen staff, 6th grade Language Arts teacher. Please contact the school at (217) 356-9521 if interested.

School Summer Office Hours

The summer office hours for Holy Cross School will be Tues, Wed & Thurs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning on June 5th and ending August 4th.



MAGNIFICAT RENEWAL AND NEW ORDERS

It is 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**.

TOTUS TUUS 2023 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

At St. Matthew Parish (Champaign)
July 16-21, 2023

Day Program (Grades 1-6)
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

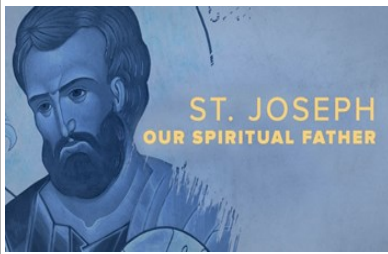
Evening Program (Grades 7-12)
Sun.-Thu., 6:30-8:15 p.m.



Looking for a fun, faith-filled adventure this summer?
Look no further!

All those entering 1st-12th grade in the Fall of 2023 are invited to attend this exciting, engaging, energetic week! Spots are limited, so sign up early!

For registration forms and more information, visit www.stmatt.net/totus-tuus



ST. JOSEPH: OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God and trust in Divine Providence. His role as protector of families in the difficulties of life and Patron of the universal Church has never been more clearly needed. Now, the Church is seeking to deepen its understanding of the Guardian of Jesus and of the Holy Family.

Featuring interviews with leading experts and theologians, in addition to powerful first-hand testimonials—St. Joseph: our Spiritual Father, provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history—a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us.

For more resources about St. Joseph, visit the Knights of Columbus website: kofc.org or Google --> St. Joseph Pray for Us, Knights of Columbus

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

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.

Westgate Apts

God is Good, All the Time - All the Time, God is Good!

Furniture Updates: We delivered a full mattress and box spring to a family who needed them. We have a Queen box spring that is offered to one of our families – and will arrange delivery soon!

Thank You to our moving and delivery team! They rock!



Furniture Request: Clothes dressers, 2 twin mattresses and a sectional couch for a Rantoul family. We are asking Slumberland furniture to help keep an eye out for good-used furniture.



Baby items and baby news: We have a new baby who will be born in August. This family will be accepting new diapers then. We hope to help them with financial assistance so they can be in their own apartment (since they are living with the father's parents). We also have 3 sisters of existing clients who are expecting. We help these families as they need things.



Gift cards: I plan to give our new family gift cards (see below).

Bill-paying: making new collaborations!

We have a new family – a mom with 4 children separating from her husband. We expect to help out with a rent payment, gift cards, and will see in what other way we can assist. This mom is doing all the right things to provide for an emotionally safe environment for her children. Please pray for this family as they try to make a path toward wholeness and healing.



Supporting the clean-water well for Father Leo's home town. We have decided to help with the new well-effort with St. Vincent de Paul Society for Fr. Leo's home town. This is such a lovely pro-life effort – for all the families of that town to have safe, available drinking water. We are very happy to support this effort! This will change the lives of that town – women and girls will not have to travel to get daily water and that allows those girls to go to school. **Huge THANKS to St. Matthew Parish!** Their Lenten Diaper Drive is saving us several hundred dollars a month as we deliver their donated diapers and give gift cards to needy families, allowing us to help support the new well project in Father Leo's home town.

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, 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
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

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
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Leta & Kenny Porter
Bill Mooney
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.