



# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:  
“A sower went out to sow.”

*Matthew 13:3*

**July 16, 2023**

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The Sower and the Sunset, by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

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





## Eucharistic Revival

*"Do not say you have no time. Rather, acknowledge that you do not love Him enough. If you did, you would leave everything in order to visit Him."*

-Jose Guadalupe Trevino

### Prayer to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

*By St. Alphonsus Liguori*

My Lord Jesus Christ, who, through the love which you bear toward men, does remain with them day and night in this sacrament, full of mercy and love, awaiting, inviting and receiving all who come to visit you, I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the abyss of my nothingness, I adore you. I thank you for all the graces which you have bestowed upon me, particularly for having given me yourself in this sacrament, for having given me your most holy Mother Mary for my advocate, and for having called me to visit you in this church. I pay my homage to your most loving heart for these three ends:

- 1) in thanksgiving for this great gift;
- 2) to make amends to you for all the outrages which you do receive in this sacrament from all your enemies;
- 3) I intend by this visit to adore you in all the places on earth in which you are present in this sacrament and in which you are the least honored and the most abandoned.

My Jesus, I love you with my whole heart. I am sorry for having offended your infinite goodness so many times. I purpose, with the help of your grace, never more to offend you; and, at this moment, miserable as I am, I consecrate my whole being to you. I give you my entire will, all my affections and desires and all that I have. From this day forward, do what you will with me and with everything that belongs to me. I ask and desire only your holy love, the gift of final perseverance and the perfect fulfillment of your will. I commend to you the souls in purgatory, particularly those who were most devoted to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary; and I also commend to you all poor sinners. Finally, my dear savior, I unite all my affections with the affections of your most loving Heart; and thus united, I offer them to your Eternal Father, and I entreat Him, in your name and for your sake, to accept and answer them. Amen.

**During this Year of Parish Revival please consider spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**It will change your life!**

**As it has been said "Be that one leper who returned from the ten, to go to Jesus and give Him thanks."**

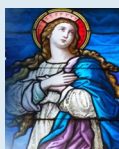
**What should you thank Him for?**

### 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 July our Devotion is for the Consecration of the United States to Mary Immaculate (Prayer) followed by

Litany to Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception.



### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor*

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*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.

# Fifteenth 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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>July 22</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila Patty Bingaman Zora Unger, Samantha Unger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>July 23</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Isabella Contreras
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada John Dixon, Pat Dixon Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, July 17</b> 7:00 a.m.	William Maier
<b>Tuesday, July 18</b> 7:00 a.m.	Laureana Mendoza
<b>Wednesday, July 19</b> 6:00 p.m.	Don McDuffee
<b>Thursday, July 20</b> 7:00 a.m.	Ronnie Clow
<b>Friday, July 21</b> 8:15 a.m.	Blanche Sembera
<b>Saturday, July 22</b> 5:30 p.m.	Thomas Menke
<b>Sunday, July 23</b> 8:00 a.m.	Frank C. Gasiorek, Jr.
10:00 a.m.	Mary Elizabeth Warner
4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners



### 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](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org) or call 217-352-8748. Thank you so much and have a Blessed Day!

**OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES** go with Alex Tran and Brooke Hinman, who were united in the Catholic sacrament of marriage here on July 8th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



**FAITHFUL DEPARTED.** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Walsh. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**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](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org), or call the office at 217-352-8748 if interested. Thank You!



### SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is Adoration this summer after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Since school is not 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.



### COFFEE AND DONUT SHOP

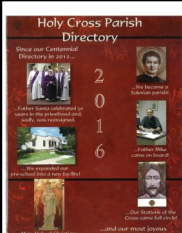
Coffee and donuts continues through the summer after both Sunday morning Masses. We need people to "host" which you can sign up by calling Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217-417-6041 or email [crakers@comcast.net](mailto:crakers@comcast.net).



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office hours are Monday--Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Have a Happy Summer!







## NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!

It's been 7 years since our last Parish Directory and we have seen some changes and many new faces since then.

To celebrate our church family and to strengthen the bond within our parish, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory. We need you to make our directory complete! **The days for taking pictures are August 16th—19th and August 28th—31st.** You can sign up online, after Mass, or contact the Parish office.

You will receive a free 8x10 photo as well as a directory.

### Volunteers Needed!

We need your help to make our parish photo directory a success! Here are some descriptions of what we need:

**Sign Up After Mass:** Help our parish members and their families schedule photo sessions after weekend Mass.

**Call to Schedule:** Reach out to members to invite and help them schedule a photo session! You can set your own hours or come to the Parish Office during business hours.

**Reminder Calls:** Call to remind folks 24 to 48 hours in advance of photo sessions scheduled. You can do this from home, or come to the Parish Office during business hours.

**Host a Photo Session:** Welcome our members and their families during the photography sessions.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in helping in one of these areas.**



## 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 approx. \$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.



The address for the Holy Family Catholic Radio station has changed to the following:

**Trinity Educational Association  
1706 E. Amber Lane, Apt 22  
Urbana, IL 61802**

We have deeply appreciated your support these past 8 years. The radio station wouldn't be possible without your financial assistance. As a reminder, please make checks out to *Trinity Educational Association*. God Bless you all!



## Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2023, please notify the Parish Office **by July 31st**. Each couple will receive a personal invitation from the Bishop to attend a Mass on Sept. 10th at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception in Peoria.



**Let the  
children  
come  
to me.**

MATTHEW 19:14

**Register now for  
2023/2024 Family Formation!**

**Contact Elizabeth Kelley, 217-352-8748,  
for more information**



## High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

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

**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](mailto:cleee@hs-stm.org)) and Mr. Kreps ([ckreps@hs-stm.org](mailto:ckreps@hs-stm.org)) with any questions.

**Summer Sports Camps:** Visit [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) for all the details regarding STM Youth Summer Sports Camps.

**Summer School Office Hours:** The STM School Office is 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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 has been seeing some updates. The west wall of the school is being 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.

## 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.

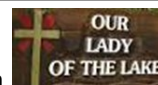


Looking for a fun, faith-filled adventure this summer?  
Look no further!

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](http://www.stmatt.net/totus-tuus)

## Director of Sacred Music Needed



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Mahomet, IL, is seeking a part-time Director of Sacred Music. The Director will be responsible for the administration, planning, and coordination of sacred music in the liturgy, providing music and musicians for weekend Masses, weddings and funerals. This position requires approx. 10 to 20 hours per week. For more details and an application, please send inquiries to [office@ololcatholic.org](mailto:office@ololcatholic.org)

## Hello Holy Cross Parents!

We are very much in need of parents to volunteer to be Parent Ambassadors at Holy Cross! This is a great VERY low time commitment way to be involved and help create a welcoming environment at Holy Cross.

What does being a Parent Ambassador involve? When we have new or prospective families, reaching out by phone or email to be a point of contact for new families, serve as a mentor family to a new family, give tours of the school, represent Holy Cross at publicity events such as farmers markets, etc. You can be involved as much or as little as your availability allows.

If you're interested in becoming a Parent Ambassador or have questions, please contact Jen Byard  
([jennifer.byard83@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.byard83@gmail.com))

## Collections

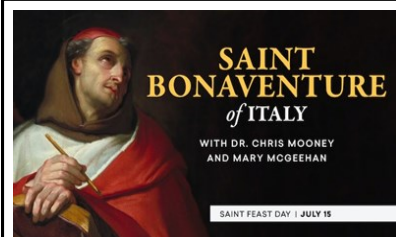
Offering for July 1st/2nd .....	\$6,896.35
Tuition Assistance.....	\$535.00
Offering for July 8th/9th.....	\$8,714.50
Development Fund.....	\$901.00

Thank you very much!



## MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - PARADISUS DEI

Travel with Mark Hartfiel and over twenty guest speakers to the Holy Land on a journey to enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights into the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. This first season is focused upon the Sorrowful Mysteries.



## ST. BONAVENTURE - CATHOLIC SAINTS

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of

saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. He is known for many works, including *The Life of Saint Francis* and *The Journey of the Mind to God*. His feast day is July 15.

**Discussion Question:** St. Bonaventure is known for his humility and love of God. Do you possess these virtues? Pray about this question and talk with God about what arises.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to sign up.



## Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings

A Word from Joy

**Furniture.** We delivered a Queen box spring. We are looking for clothes dressers and 2 twin mattresses!

**Newsletter Support:** I am looking for someone to fashion a monthly newsletter from my weekly bulletin emails. If you want to assist, please contact Joy at 217 840-0322!

**Financial Assistance to Families.** Big thanks to St. Vincent de Paul—we joined together to pay a rent payment for a single mom of 3. We plan to help a hard-working mother with a large family, and we hope to help a family expecting a new baby in August with housing to live on their own.

**Supporting the Clean-Water Well in Father Leo's Home Town** We are excited to help providing clean water and a good way of life for people in Father Leo's home town. Please join this effort with St. Vincent de Paul to have safe, available drinking water for everyone. This also helps women and girls to not have to travel daily to get water, and allows the girls to attend school.

**Prayerful Support.** We are praying for all our benefactors, those who do pro-life work, and every person and family we have helped. We will be arranging for Masses for these intentions. We are so grateful for such a supportive spiritual family. Thank you for your Time, Talent, and Treasure! God bless you all!

## 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  
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 & 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.