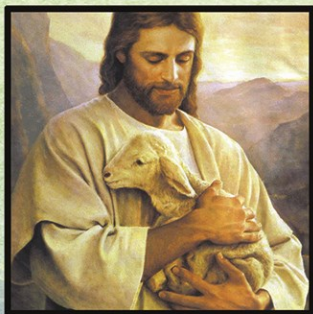


Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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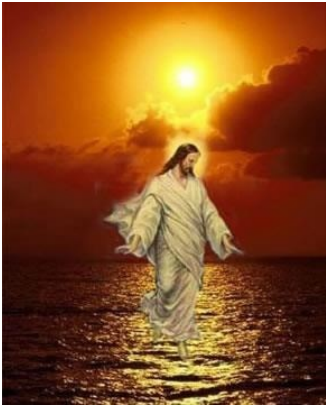


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July 19, 2015





JESUS, OUR LIFEGUARD

The image of Jesus as a shepherd is one that has been captured by artists and poets throughout the years. The picture of Jesus sitting in the midst of a flock of sheep with a lamb on His shoulder, either painted on a wall or captured in stained glass, has adorned many a church building. But what does that image of Jesus mean? For us the image of

shepherd probably does not create a powerful vivid image of the Lord's care for us as when Christians first pondered it.

Maybe picturing Jesus as a lifeguard would be a better image for us. I'm not talking of the youthful Hollywood set lifeguards we see on TV—with the well-built teenage guy fighting off a flock of least clad girls at poolside—but a lifeguard involved in the serious business of keeping young and old safe on an ocean seashore.

This type of lifeguard must be always vigilant to keep watch on swimmers and raft riders from drifting out too far in the ocean's waves. He blows his whistle at those who venture out too far. He may signal to a person with an unsafe raft to exit the water. He politely reminds patrons of the beach of the rules against having certain beverages or certain type of containers on the beach.

This lifeguard's job is to protect a vacationing community that gathers on the shore for fun and relaxation, and who are in need of his compassionate concern for their well-being. He is there to guard them and save them from the destructive forces of the ocean's current, and to teach them to responsibly live in community with nature and each other.

Jesus is like that for us.

So often, it is easy for us not to be aware of the dangers around us. It is easy for us to allow the waves of life to carry us away from the values of home and community, of living our life in relationship with God and others, which God has ordained for our benefit.

If we do not exercise our individual freedom with responsibility, if we venture too far from shore, or trust our life to an unsafe floating device, our lifeguard's vigilant concern calls out the danger. Our lifeguard's whistle and call to come back to shore is not an exercise of power on his part or a restriction of our freedom. It's really his concern for our well-being and safety.

And, if we begin to drown because of our recklessness or poor judgment, our lifeguard will dive into the water, swim out to us, and rescue us from death.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd, I'm sure, is still a powerful image of our Lord to many. However, maybe seeing Jesus as a lifeguard will create an even more vivid image of what He is to us.

Fr. Dave

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. David Sajdak, S.D.B., Pastor
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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.
Daily: 7:00 a.m. Mon–Fri, 6:30 p.m. Wed,
and 8:15 a.m. Sat.

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Christina Ellis, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

ADORATION

Fridays all day, with Benediction at 4:45 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday: 6:45 to 6:55 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 a baptismal preparation session, preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the Parish Office three months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should call the Pastor at least eight 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.

Sixteenth 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.	July 25 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	David Kristovich Dennis Menke, Sharon Kristovich, Charlie Parr, Kathleen Murray Spencer Burgin, Tom Murray, J.D. Sexton
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	July 26 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Vince Kistner Candy Rollins, John Sullivan, Judy Deverell, Greg Koerner, Barry Dickerson Josh Koerner, Sofia Cadena, Adam Walker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Heather Harris Bonita Higgerson, Donna Carter, Mary Shelden, Sherri Paris, Margie Hoss, John Shiels, Karen Ulbrich Sydney McMahon, Bailey McMahon, Jessica Duchinsky
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Audrey Plisch Rob MacKichan, Sally Feller, Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Mary Grace, David Grace Alondra Feliciano, Maci Walters, Anthony Frasca, Jr.

7:00 a.m. WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20 Amanda Hummel, Anthony Frasca, Jr.	21 John Paul Hoffman, Tony Hoffman	22 Joseph Kisting, Annelise Kisting	23 Marshall Gudauskas, Donavan Gudauskas	24 Sydney McMahon, Bailey McMahon



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 20

7:00 a.m.

Linda & Mike Wesolowski
and Bill McMahon

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 a.m.

Frederick Grace

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m.

John Hirschfeld
Memorial Mass

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

7:00 a.m.

Patrick Higgins

Friday, July 24

7:00 a.m.

Dave Benton

Saturday, July 25

8:15 a.m.

Mary Blohowiak
Tom Cosgrove

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

8:00 a.m.

John B. Bowen

10:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

4:00 p.m.

John Michael Cabutti

NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are:



Caleb Daniel, son of Anthony & Calista De Rose;
George Thomas, son of Eric & Aubren Weyhrich;
Calvin Robert, son of Chris & Lauren Kirkham.
Let us support these children on their faith journey!



PARISH NURSE NEWS The Parish Nurses will be taking blood pressure in the Parish Center **next Sunday** from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Undetected high blood pressure can lead to heart disease, stroke, and kidney disease. Take advantage of this free and convenient service. It could save your life!

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAMILY FORMATION

**A Whole Family Approach to
Learning and Living the Catholic Faith**



The Family Formation Program at Holy Cross serves families with children in Grades K-6. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire family. Families are supported and encouraged in their efforts to pray, worship, and grow in faith together as a Catholic family.

For families whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school, *Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation.* However, all families with children in grades K-6 are invited to come and be part of the Family Formation community.

For more information about Family Formation or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Cindy Howie at 352-8748. **Deadline for registration is Monday, August 17th.**

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation preparation classes for students attending public schools begin soon. Confirmation preparation is a 3-year cycle that typically begins with monthly classes in 6th grade and continues with weekly classes for 7th and 8th grades. The classes will start this September.

Registration forms can be sent to you, or pick one up at the Parish Office. Please return registration forms to the Parish Office by **Monday, August 17th**. For more information please call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is available at Holy Cross. This program is an approach to the religious formation of children that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The children come to an 'atrium' where they are given the opportunity to independently discover the beauty of the Catholic faith and their role as a part of the body of Christ.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered for **pre-school age children**. If you are interested in having your preschooler participate in this exceptional program, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Celebration is coming Sunday, September 13th through Saturday, September 19th.

Don't miss this awesome celebration!



Catholic Radio
95.7 FM; WLHF-LP
"Holy Family Radio"
Champaign/Urbana, Illinois

A Message From Fr. Ron Bengford

I wish to sincerely thank all of you who have been praying for my family and me during my father's illness and death 2 weeks ago. I am overwhelmed with all the cards, prayers, Masses, and kind thoughts you have sent to me. I always enjoyed my days in Champaign when I would visit Fr. Willard. I hope to stop by some time when I make a trip to Washington, Illinois, to see Father. God bless all of you!

For every purchase you make on Amazon, HOLY CROSS can get .5%!

Just click on Amazon Smile. Then log into Amazon. Pick *Holy Cross Roman Catholic Congregation Champaign* as your charity.

Last Week's Collection

Offering for July 11th-12th\$8,973.27

Development Fund\$2,191.96

Thank you for your generous contributions.

OUR SCHOOLS



Holy Cross School
356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL is accepting applications for Preschool to Grade 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. We would welcome the opportunity to share with you all that our school has to offer.

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL is proud to announce that our preschool program will include an extended-day option for this fall. Classes are available for children ages 3 and 4.

2ND ANNUAL CRUSADER 5K RUN/WALK Saturday, August 8th, 7:30 a.m. Start

The Crusader 5K will start and end on the well paved roads behind The High School of St. Thomas More. The course is measured as an official 5K and will be professionally chip timed. It will end at the STM Stadium. All proceeds go to technology equipment at Holy Cross School.

Advance registration **before July 24th**: \$20 for 5K race fee only; \$25 for 5K race fee + unisex cotton shirt; \$35 for 5K race fee + gender specific dri-fit shirt.

Day of registration (6 to 7 a.m.): \$25 for 5K race fee only.

Medals will be awarded to the top male and female finisher overall, as well as 3 finishers (male and female) in the following categories: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over. Post-race food and an entry into the door prize drawings for all runners. **Also a free kids' fun run** for children 9 and under at approx. 8:45 a.m.



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

STM BUS DRIVERS NEEDED. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver for STM athletics and field trips, please call Mrs. Teri Easton at 352-7210, ext. 130.

STM REGISTRATION DAY. School registration will be on Tuesday, August 11th, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and again from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Questions? Call the school office at 352-7210.

STM 2015-2106 ADMISSIONS. The High School of St. Thomas More is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. For an application, please call 819-5705.

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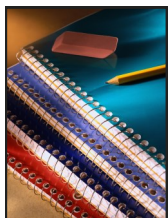
REJOICE WITH US AT THE WAKE UP THE WORLD CONFERENCE!

Friday, Sept. 18th—Saturday, Sept. 19th, 2015
The Cathedral and Spalding Pastoral Center, Peoria

In response to Pope Francis' intentions for the Year of Consecrated Life, you are invited to join the consecrated people of the Diocese of Peoria in celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life in Peoria.

Come learn about the lives of monks, nuns, friars, sisters, brothers, religious priests, and consecrated virgins. Come and celebrate this year with us. There will be talks and activities for all ages.

Visit: <http://wakeuptheworldpeoria.weebly.com/>



SCHOOL KIT PROJECT

A special Commodities Collection will begin this month in order to collect supplies for school kits to be made for children in need in the United States and in third-world countries. Supplies for one kit are:

- 4 70-count spiral notebooks
- 8 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 1 12-ct box of colored pencils (NO Crayons)
- 1 flexible plastic ruler
- 1 pink eraser

Please leave your donations at the back of the church or drop them off at the Parish Office.

Would you like to help? The School Kit Project only takes a couple days of work and is a fun event to be involved in. If you would like to be a part of the team, please call the Parish Office.

Those who sew are also needed to make the school kit bags. Call Ruth Branaman at 367-5898 to help.

VOCATIONS

"A call from God to live in a particular way"

"He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Will you respond to the hunger of Christ's sheep as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Patrick Henehan at (309) 671-1550.

Please pray for all vocations: Marriage, Priestly, Religious Life, Consecrated Single Life. Pray also for all Salesian seminarians and Diocese of Peoria seminarians.

OUR COMMUNITY



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inspired by Gospel values and leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Holy Cross/St. Matthew Conference is blessed by the generosity of our parishioners who make this outreach possible, and special thanks for your generosity with the second collection. Your collective food and financial contributions enabled us to assist 110 adults and 153 children in Champaign during June.

Please continue your support and keep the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society and those they help in your prayers. Our donation poor box is in the vestibule of the Church.

BAROQUE CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S ON CAMPUS

In celebration of the beginning of its 20th season, the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana (BACH) will perform sacred motets composed by Johann Sebastian Bach. Join the BACH chorus & orchestra for this special concert on **Sunday, July 26th**, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Chapel (6th & Armory, Ch.), with social time and refreshments at 6:45 p.m. Tickets (\$20/\$10) at the door by cash or check, or in advance at www.baroqueartists.org.

PRO-LIFE ISSUES



JOB SEARCH HELP

If you are feeling isolated, rejected, or hopeless due to the effects of unemployment, hunger, or threat of eviction, **you don't have to struggle alone!**

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Holy Cross Parish Center library there are:

- One on one discussions with Deacon Cliff Maduzia from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Confidential support group meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

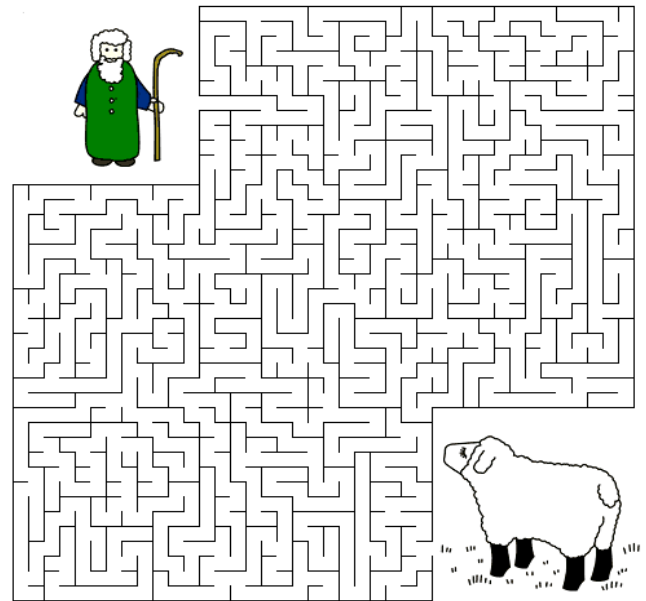
To set up a different meeting time contact Deacon Cliff at 217-791-1264, or cmaduzia1@sbcglobal.net.

Personal job search help provided by HR professionals Eric Ferguson (217-352-8051) and Donna Rinkenberger (217-220-0301).

Please check www.cucoalition.org for meeting updates and messages for the Employment Network & Support Group.

KIDS CORNER

**The Lord is My Shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want...**



HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke Family
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, & Edward Knoke
Dec. Mem. of Henry, Butler, Reynolds Families
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, Parod, Fotzler Families
Bruns Family
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
William Pellum & Kevin Pellum
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
ALL SOULS, Living and Deceased

Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families
Margaret & Eldon Tuft 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
Evelyn Bell
Wm. Zeilenga Jr.
Eleanor Zeilenga
Larry Zeilenga
Arlin Rentfrow
Rita Rentfrow
Ron Murphy

Fred Porter
Harold Kremer
Rakers-Wade Families
Dec. Mem. of Slykas Family
Hershbarger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Gilbert & Betty Graham Family
John E. Sullivan Family
Birdie & Edward Cronau
Margaret Hettinger
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Bill Gilles
Loretto B. Doyle
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Christie & Hoss Families
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family