

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

The Kingdom
of Heaven is
like a mustard
seed

It is the smallest
of all the seeds
yet when fully
grown it is the
Largest of plants

MT 13:24-43

July 23, 2023

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Friends,

I often notice in my own life an expectation that encountering Jesus must also include a felt experience of the right emotion. It seems most people share this sentiment. The truth is, we will not always feel "right" or even feel Jesus' presence. But, that doesn't mean he is not there.

While I have understood this in my head for a while, I am still on the journey in my own heart. It is tempting to judge the quality of my prayer life based on the presence or absence of the "correct" emotion. At Mass or in Eucharistic Adoration, I can be tempted to think that if I simply have the "right" feeling it will indicate I'm "really praying."

Our encounter with Jesus is not about a feeling—it is about a relationship.

Whether I feel anxious, joyful, distracted, peaceful, sad, excited, angry, or nothing at all does not reveal if I am praying "right" or "wrong." But those emotions and inner experiences are exactly what Jesus wants me to invite him into. It takes courage and grace, but as I slowly open my heart and trust Jesus with what is going on deep within me, I gain confidence in his presence—whether I can feel it or not—and our friendship grows. I realize I am not alone in the ups and downs of life, and no matter how I feel, I can still make a gift of myself—to Jesus and to others.

As we continue this journey my prayer is that each of us can take a next step in allowing Jesus to encounter us, even as we seek to encounter him, in the Eucharist. I am confident that the content in this newsletter will help you do just that! God bless you!

*-Sr. Alicia Torres, F.E.
Managing Editor,
Eucharistic Revival*

Come and encounter Jesus!

Adoration is on Fridays after 8:15 a.m. Mass. Chaplet is sung or said at 2:00 p.m. Adoration ends with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Adoration is also on the 4th Wednesday of the month after the 6:00 p.m. Mass, ending with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.



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.

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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.

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 29 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley Sharon Kristovich Nora Kelley
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	July 30 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Justine Karduck No Ministers Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Ben Laws, Dawn Friedman Abby, Chris, Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Penny Devall Juliann Seebauer Wil Herges, Mark Elliott Woolwine



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!



COFFEE AND DONUTS CONTINUING IN SUMMER!



Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee, juice, or milk, and a delicious donut. Join us for stimulating conversation. Join old friends, make new friends!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 24

7:00 a.m.

In honor of Virna Federizon

Tuesday, July 25

7:00 a.m.

Lourdes Federizon

Wednesday, July 26

6:00 p.m.

Tony Rein

Thursday, July 27

7:00 a.m.

Evelyn Jarboe

Friday, July 28

8:15 a.m.

Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court #1070

Saturday, July 29

5:30 p.m.

Robert Benitez

Sunday, July 30

8:00 a.m.

Glenda Fallon

10:00 a.m.

Remy Mowendo

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

PRAY FOR AN UNBORN CHILD

A priest of this diocese, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged people to spiritually adopt an unborn child, and thereby combat the abortion mentality and general anti-life sentiment in our world today. It is said that although the identity of the child you pray for will be unknown to you during your earthly life, there is every hope that you will be united with that child forever in Heaven.

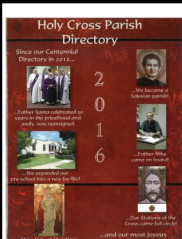
Archbishop Sheen wrote the following daily prayer to spiritually adopt an unborn child: "*Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.*"



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.





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.



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.

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 be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.



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

Madrigal's Summer Retreat will be held August 2nd through 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Any age from 8th graders to high school seniors can join. Questions? Contact Dr. Lee at cleee@hs-stm.org or Mr. Kreps atckreps@hs-stm.org. If you're interested, sign up at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hKkQvaYBjz7t7O1UVpmGHDGgv2HiNZncxKEbdph3wbk/edit?usp=sharing>

Attention 3rd to 5th graders! Mini-Madrigals: The annual Madrigals' dinner will be held Dec. 8th & 9th at STM and we're adding Mini-Madrigals, 3rd to 5th graders for the performances. Summer auditions and rehearsals will be on August 3rd and 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Music Room. If you are interested, contact Dr. Lee at cleee@hs-stm.org or Mr. Kreps at ckreps@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 and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

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: 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 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.

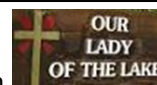
Hello Holy Cross Parents!

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)

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

Curious about the Catholic Faith?

Or, do you know someone who is?
I would love to talk to you!

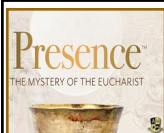
Please give me a call, 217-352-8748,
so we can visit. I look forward to it!

Elizabeth Kelley
Director of Religious Education
Holy Cross Church

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Thank you very much!



PRESENCE:

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

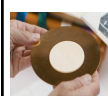
Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.



Episode 1: God Is with Us - When is the last time you sat down to enjoy a meal with your family or close friends—not just to eat food in close proximity to each other, but to bask in each other's presence and grow in love for one another? This is the kind of meal God wants to share with us. This is the kind of meal He has prepared for us and invites us to participate in through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist God is the Master Storyteller. He authors His great love story not only with words, but with deeds. All of God's mighty deeds throughout history make up one beautiful narrative of salvation, which culminates in the Paschal Mystery.



Episode 3: Bread for the Journey - Food is one of our most basic needs. We can't live for long without it, and when we are in need of it. As indispensable as material food is to our physical life, the Eucharist is even more vital to our spiritual life.



For Parents: Preparing Your Child for First Holy Communion - The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "*The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute*" (CCC 2221). Although the parish helps to form our children in the faith, no one can take the place of the parents' role in forming holy individuals.



For Children: The Miracle at Every Mass - Every Sunday we get to witness a miracle. It can be difficult to wrap our minds and hearts around this fact. Fr. Riley will give us a special close-up look at the Eucharistic miracle at every Mass.

PRO-LIFE HAPPENINGS



Furniture:

NEW: We are arranging a donated power chair to a woman who has MS. Thank you to the donating family and that family is doing the delivery also! This woman has 6+ children and we have helped this family in the past. Thank you

Financial assistance to families:

NEW: We have paid for 1 ½ month's rent for a woman and her children. Please pray as this mom and her children move to their rental home and they make a new life for themselves. This is a big change for this family and we hope that this will be the start of wholeness and healing for this family. Please keep them in your prayers.

This past month, our Pro-Life committee: made arrangements to pay the July/Aug rent to help a hard-working mother and her family, jointly paid rent with St. Vincent de Paul for a single mom of 3, paid \$500 toward rent for a single mother of 4, helped a family without electricity receive aid through the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, received a \$100 donation to help with a water bill and hope to help a family expecting a new baby in August. **THANK YOU!**

We are praying for all of our benefactors, those who do pro-life work, and every person and family we have helped. We are so grateful for such a supportive spiritual family. Thank you for your Time, Talent, and Treasure! God bless you all!

You can contact Joy for more information or any questions at joypace@msn.com or 217-359-8406.

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.