

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



# OUR LADY THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— PATRONESS OF AMERICA

Most Holy Trinity,

we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you.

Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary,
have mercy on the Catholic Church in America.
Grant us peace. Have mercy on our President
and on all the officers of our government.
Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity.
Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation.

Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations.

Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

Amen.

### **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.

The Devotion for July is Our Lady the Immaculate Conception—Patroness of America

### **PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS**

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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 2:15 p.m. (when school is in session).

### 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 a baptismal preparation session, 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.

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary 7ime

### **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 30 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	July 31 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No ministers Nicolette Burton, Grace Riley
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahon Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Stephanie Farney John Farney, Elaine Hershbarger Nate Farney

### **EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH**

If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home



visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.



### SUMMER COFFEE SHOP

Coffee shop is now available throughout the summer months. We invite you to join us in the



Parish Center for coffee, doughnuts and fellowship after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Free will offerings are greatly appreciated.

We want to thank Harry and Cheri Rakers for coordinating coffee shop throughout the year. Cathy Koerner is the summer coordinator. If you or your family would like to host, please contact Cathy at <a href="mailto:cathkern007@gmail.com">cathkern007@gmail.com</a>.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 25

7:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Mai-Chi-Thanh

Tuesday, July 26

7:00 a.m. For T.J. Fisk

Wednesday, July 27

6:00 p.m. Greg Burdette

Thursday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Evelyn Jarboe

Friday, July 29

8:15 a.m. Lourdes Federizon

Saturday, July 30

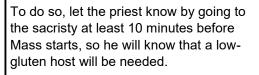
5:30 p.m. For Philip Fisk III

Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Jack Burton
10:00 a.m. Joyce Hipskind
4:00 p.m.. For the Parishioners

### **LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE**

For those who can tolerate a low-gluten host, **you can still receive the Eucharist!** 



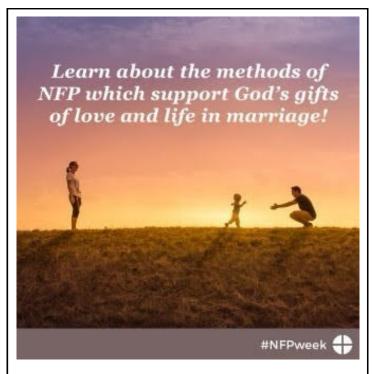




# PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS

We will return to praying the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Mon, Tue, & Thur.

Please join us.



### JULY IS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MONTH!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general title for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy.

NFP methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

Since the methods of NFP respect the love-giving (unitive) and life-giving (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, they support God's design for married love!

For more information and resources visit:

https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/nfp-basic-information

### **EMPOWER ILLINOIS UPDATE**

We still have 43 students on the waitlist for an Empower Illinois Scholarship. If you haven't given yet but would like to, you can still make a huge difference in these students' lives! When you give to Holy Cross School through Empower Illinois, you receive 75% of your donation back as a credit on your Illinois state taxes. If you have any questions, please email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

https://donations.empowerillinois.org/donations

# FAMILY FORMATION LEARNING AND LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH



The Family Formation program at Holy Cross serves families with children in grades K-8. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire

family. Families are encouraged and supported in their efforts to pray, worship, and grow in faith together as a Catholic family. All families with children K-8 are encouraged to join our Family Formation community! For those families whose children are not enrolled in Catholic school, Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation.

For more info or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at (217) 352-8748. You can also check out the website at familyformation.net for more information!

Deadline for registration is Monday, August 8th.

### **SCHOOL KIT PROJECT**



This is a project that Catholic

Daughters of the Americas have worked on for several years. Members of CDA sew the cutest little bags which are then filled with school supplies. We deliver the bags to a Mennonite Church and from there they are sent all over the world to children who need these basic school supplies.

Holy Cross parishioners fill these bags by buying individual supplies from the list below or cash donations that can be used to purchase supplies. A complete kit includes:

- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 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

All items or monetary donations (checks made out to Holy Cross) can be placed at the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office. If you'd like to help assemble all these school bags sometime in September, put a note on your items with your name and phone number. We'll call you.

Thank you parishioners!

**Collection:** Offering for July 16th/17th.......\$6,042.35

Thank you very much!

### **RCIA**

### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Rite of Christian Initiation the Eucharist. This process also



for Adults

involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church.

The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey" centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. This journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time to bring about community and commitment to liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

RCIA is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

#### RCIA is for:

- •Individuals who are not Catholic who know they want to join the Church or who may be interested but need more information
- Catholics who have never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- •Married couples of mixed religious faiths who wish to unite their religious practice in Catholicism

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at the Parish Office, (217) 352-8748.

### **BINGO is Here!**



Join us for BINGO and Fun at the Holv Cross Parish Center on Friday, August 5th! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase

cards. Bingo will begin at 6:30. Join us for 15 games: \$20 for 9 cards per game, or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes: \$25, \$50, & \$100 (based on 25 or more people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! Questions? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$7. Soda for \$1. Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

STM Community Email. Would you like to receive updated info re. The High School of Saint Thomas More? Sign up by contacting Dianna Oliveira at doliveira@hs-stm.org



### **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL** 217-356-9521 www.holycrosselem.org

JOB OPENINGS: We still have openings for a Religion Teacher and an After-Care Aide. Please call the school office at 217-356-9521 if you are interested, or email us at www.holycrosselem.org.



### **High School of St. Thomas More** 217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

Seventh and Eighth Graders: You're invited to Madrigal's Summer Retreat which will be held from July 25th-29th (Mon.-Fri.) at 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Music Room. If you're interested in joining, contact Dr. Lee (clee@hs-stm.org) and Mr. Kreps (ckreps@hs-stm.org).

**STM Job Opportunities:**: STM is seeking applications for a History Teacher, a Theology Teacher, a Head Girls Soccer Coach, a Head Softball Coach, an Assistant Softball Coach, and a Bus Driver. If you are interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org.

Summer Office Hours: Until July 29th the STM summer office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. During that time the Office can be reached at 217-352-7210, or email info@hs-stm.org.

Summer Sports Camps: Visit www.hs-stm.org and scroll down to view all the STM Summer Sports Camp details.

### St. Thomas Catholic School in Philo (PK-8th) has immediate openings for the following positions:

Principal Position Opening. Our Principal forms engaging relationships with students, parents, faculty, staff, and other benefactors with the ultimate goal of helping each child build the foundation for life to Live, Love, and Serve as Christ. Our Principal must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing and have an Administration Degree in Education in the State of Illinois.

Teaching Position Opening. Seeking a 1st grade classroom teacher starting the 2022-23 school year. Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in Education. The candidate must have a passion for working with young children in a nurturing and educational environment.

We offer full health insurance benefits and retirement as well. If interested in applying for either position, please contact the school office at 217.684.2309 or Fr. Keith Walder at fatherwalder@stthomasphilo.org for more information.



### The Truth to Inspire Series

# TRUTH TO INSPIRE: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Young Kateri suffered misunderstanding and ridicule due to her counter-cultural

choices as a Mohawk to remain an unwed virgin for the love of Jesus Christ. Experience our first Native American Saint's struggles to follow Our Lord within her tribe and through the teachings of some early Jesuit Missionaries. Guest appearance of Leonardo deFillipis.

The *Truth to Inspire* Series seeks to bring to life stories of the saints in audiobook format. These narrated stories with voices and sound effects bring to life the books of Mary Fabyan Windeatt. Learn how these normal people struggled and sought God's will in their choices.



### ME AND MY HOUSE

Me & My House is a practical game plan for Catholic parents who are struggling with all the

things that parents struggle with. We challenge you to do little things. To make little changes that will make a huge impact on your family.

In this Catholic Parenting Program, you will discover the foundations that can strengthen your motherhood and fatherhood. You will learn the habits that can make parenting easier, and the habits that you absolutely want to avoid. In fact, we will get so practical that we'll discuss discipline and how to set boundaries, so that by the end of the program you will have a very clear sense of how you want to build your unique family culture with the children God has given you.

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITY IN FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A CATHOLIC COMPANY:

"Working for your Faith and in your Faith"

The Knights of Columbus is seeking an intelligent, financially motivated, entrepreneurial, and professional Catholic man for a career opportunity representing their financial program in the area.

We offer a complete benefits package (health, dental and life insurance, retirement pension program), expense allowance and professional training with this full-time position.

In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, and/or an initial interview please contact, Jeff Niemeyer FICF, LUTCF, General Agent, at (618) 526-7991 ext. 301, or via email at Jeff.Niemeyer@kofc.org.

Website: www.NiemeyerAgency.org

Through giving we provide ourselves with an unfailing treasure in heaven, "where no thief comes near and no moth destroys" (Lk 12:33).

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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### **HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL**

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