

# 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Jn 6:32-33

August 4, 2024



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## Eucharistic Revival



### The Eucharist and the Bread of Life Discourse

#### Part 2

The first and most obvious clue is in His words at the Last Supper when He first instituted the Sacrament. All three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) record Jesus using the exact same words, "*This IS my body.*" and "*This IS my blood.*" in their account of the Last Supper. He did not say, "This is a symbol of my body." Therefore, it is not a far reach to take Jesus at his literal word.

You might agree that, while you accept that Jesus said what He meant and meant what He said, there were other times in Scripture when He was certainly speaking metaphorically. For example, He referred to Himself as a vine in John 15:5, and as a door in John 10:9. Are we to assume that Jesus was referring to Himself as a literal vine and a literal door? Well, we have another scriptural clue that shows us how His disciples knew when he was speaking literally versus when he was speaking figuratively. In John, Chapter 6, Jesus is explaining to his disciples how He is the bread of life which has come down from heaven and that they must eat of His flesh and drink of His blood if they are to have life.

Confused, the Jews ask how this can be and Jesus doubles down. He says, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day.*" (John 6:53-54). What immediately follows is crucial to the Church's understanding of Jesus' words. First, many disciples said aloud, "*This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?*" (John 6:60). Jesus asks them if what he has said has offended them and then tells them that there are those who will not believe in what he has just taught about the eating of his flesh (John 6:61-65). Finally, those who did not accept the "hard saying," those who were offended, and those who did not believe in what he just taught, "*drew back and no longer walked with him*" (John 6:66). Note that Jesus did not call them back to clarify a misunderstanding.

Part 3 next week...



*Catholic Heart Ablaze*

By Jen Arnold December 26, 2022  
[catholicheartablaze.com](http://catholicheartablaze.com)



Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Jesus would so love your company!



Friday Adoration after 8:15 a.m. Mass  
with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

**We will not have Encounter Nights during summer.**



### 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 August we are praying the Rosary for our Priests**

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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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

#### 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.

# Eighteenth 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>Aug. 10</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson, Joslyn Unger Nick, Zora, & Samantha Unger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 11</b> Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt Barry Dickerson, Ray Tucker Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada Terry Sturdyvin, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Ben Laws Philip, & Camille Christhif
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Kristina Maloney, Matthew Woodward



### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, August 5</b> 7:00 a.m.	Honor of Chuck Morton
<b>Tuesday, August 6</b> 7:00 a.m.	Rosemary Decker
<b>Wednesday, August 7</b> 6:00 p.m.	Carol Bergesen
<b>Thursday, August 8</b> 7:00 a.m.	Joseph Ngo Huynh
<b>Friday, August 9</b> 8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday, August 10</b> 5:30 p.m.	Ray Drebes
<b>Sunday, August 11</b> 8:00 a.m.	Eddie Palmisano
10:00 a.m.	Joe, Ruth & Pat Doyle
4:00 p.m.	Carol Breen



### DIOCESAN 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On September 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary for couples who are celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024.

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2024, please notify the Parish Office by August 5th by email at [office@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholic.org), or call (217) 352-8748.

### PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS -

Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday.



**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](mailto:sburton93@att.net)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Now that summer is winding down, the parish office will resume to regular hours. Our hours are:

**Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



### COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. Join old friends, make new friends. By the way, if YOU have not visited the Holy Cross coffee shop, please come over. Come once and you will come back!



### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Vicariate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is at St. Matthew Church: Available to everyone in our Vicariate and open 24 hrs/day. Keycard access required. For assistance, contact Joe Taylor at the St. Matthew parish office. To sign up for a Holy Hour, go to [stmatt.weadorehim.com](http://stmatt.weadorehim.com)



**OCIA - The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church.

The Order 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.

OCIA 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. OCIA 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.

Join us for an evening of adoration, reconciliation, & healing prayer

Prairie Fire Ministries Monthly

# Healing Service

Saturday August 24th 2024  
Mass at 4:30 PM  
Celebrant: Bishop Louis Tylka  
Healing Service at 6:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
607 NE MADISON AVE, PEORIA IL  
prairiefireministries.com



## Holy Cross Men’s Prayer Group

The Holy Cross Men’s Prayer Group, AKA the Holy Cross Brotherhood of Prayer, meets every Monday to attend the 7 a.m. Mass and pray publicly together afterwards. Men, if you are interested in trying to become more holy, please join us. For more information, contact: John Deponai, [jmd3@hotmail.com](mailto:jmd3@hotmail.com). Blessings to all. Give God a heart!

# APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**AUGUST 2024  
FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**

*We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.*

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

**FOR YOUR MARRIAGE.** A marriage is only as strong as its foundation. What is the foundation for your marriage?  
[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org).



**Let the children come to me.**  
MATTHEW 19:14

**FAMILY FORMATION**

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 a Catholic school, Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation. For more information, 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](http://familyformation.net) for more information!

Please contact Elizabeth Kelley as soon as possible..

Register now for 2024/2025 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)

**Registration is NOW LIVE for the Golf Outing at**  
<https://www.hs-stm.org/page/golf>. Lake of the Woods  
 Golf Course, 405 N Lake of The Woods Rd., Mahomet.  
 Rotary Hill Pavilion, 901 Geranium Dr., Mahomet. When?  
 Friday, August 2nd, 2024 (Rain Date Friday, August 9th).

**Catholic Schools Scholarship Bowling Tournament**  
 is being held at Old Orchard Lanes, Savoy, IL on Sunday,  
 August 25th. Squad Times: 10 a.m. 1:30 p.m. & 4 p.m..  
 Come out and support kids from **St. Matthew Catholic  
 School, The High School of St. Thomas More, Holy  
 Cross School, St. Thomas Catholic School Philo PTO,  
 and St. Malachy Catholic School.**

The winning team from each school will win at least a  
 \$500 scholarship for the kids on that team (no more than  
 2 adults per team of four individuals).

You can sign up for the tournament at [https://  
 CSbowling2024.givesmart.com](https://CSbowling2024.givesmart.com) or text CSbowling2024 to  
 76278. We will have sponsorship levels available shortly.  
 There will be 50/50 drawings, lottery boards, and silent  
 auction items as well.

**STM Job Opportunities:** STM is currently seeking  
 applications for a Boys Head Tennis Coach, a Girls Head  
 Tennis Coach, an Assistant Volleyball Coach and a Bus  
 Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget  
 at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org), 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).

**STM Flag Football Tournament.** Registration is now  
 live for Flag Football. We will have 8 teams of 10 players  
 and all games will be played at Henneman Field at STM.  
 Students entering Grades 5-8 in the Fall of 2024 are  
 eligible to participate. This is a co-ed tournament and t-  
 shirts are included. Sign up as an individual (\$20/player)  
 or as a team (\$200/team). Visit [https://www.hs-stm.org/  
 page/flag-football](https://www.hs-stm.org/page/flag-football) for more info or to sign up. Questions?  
 Contact Nathan Watson at [nwatson@hs-stm.org](mailto:nwatson@hs-stm.org)



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF  
 THE AMERICAS, Court #1070**

Monthly meeting, normally every second Thurs-  
 day of the month. This is open to all women in the area,  
 regardless where you attend church. The next meeting:  
 Aug 8 at 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross Parish center Contact  
 Cheri at [crakers@comcast.net](mailto:crakers@comcast.net) for more information.

**HOLY CROSS EMAIL LIST**

Do you receive our Sunday morning emails? Each week we  
 send out an email about parish & school happenings, links  
 to Mass, readings, reflections, and so much more! Email  
[stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org) to be added to our list!

**Collection**

Offering for July 27th/28th.....\$7,660.87  
 Thank you very much!



**Holy Cross School**  
 217-356-9521  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

As you may know, Empower Illinois has gone away. What  
 this means is that some of our students might not have  
 the opportunity to attend Holy Cross. These students  
 have relied on the scholarships they received from the  
 state to attend Holy Cross. Last year out of the generosity  
 of your hearts we were able to fund 40 students. Please  
 continue to support our tuition assistance program so we  
 can continue to grow our school.

We have one big ticket item that needs to be addressed.  
 The school roof needs to be replaced. The current roof is  
 24 years old and leaks. We have been patching it over the  
 years and we will patch it again this summer. The current  
 roof is out of warranty and needs to be taken off and re-  
 placed. We have received two quotes and the cost is  
 \$260,000. Please consider donating towards this much  
 needed project.

Our Back to School open house is scheduled for August  
 13th from 4-7 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 14th.

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**

**Job Opportunities:** PreK 4 Aide, 6th grade Language  
 Arts, Middle School Religion Teacher, After Care Aides.  
 Please contact the school if interested (217) 356-9521

**ST. PATRICK'S CELLAR TO GARRET**

**GARAGE SALE**

**708 W MAIN ST, URBANA**

<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 5:30PM - 9PM \$2 ENTRANCE FEE</b>	<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 8AM - 6PM FREE ENTRANCE</b>	<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 8 AM - 11 AM FILL A BAG FOR \$3</b>
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**THE VIOLINIST: STORIES OF SOLANUS CASEY**

The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of Blessed

Solanus Casey, a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew him, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others through his gentle presence and love for God, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.

Dive into the miraculous and healing stories attributed to Father Solanus and explore his challenges, including his journey to find his vocation and skepticism from others. Through his gift for listening and his deep spiritual insights, Father Solanus became a beacon of hope for many. Be inspired to find holiness in your everyday life in this powerful documentary.



**CHALK AND BLOCK: WHAT EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD**

"BIG BLOCKS TO DESCRIBE A BIG GOD!"

That's the credo of the Chalk & Block Children, a troupe of young believers who want to tell their peers "what every child needs to know about God"!

With chalk in hand and blocks at the ready, these fresh-faced youngsters illuminate minds with beloved Scriptures and winsome melodies. From the award-winning creators behind "The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello", "Chalk & Block Children" will fill your home with Biblical truth that extols the love of our Creator.

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**Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?**

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.

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P.O. Box 6241  
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Living & 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 & Foltzer Families  
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families  
Ed & Jean Bown  
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart  
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Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families  
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families  
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Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family  
Barham & Bosch Families

Tangora & Kovera Families  
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski  
McNamara & Mulcahey Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffre & Cacioppo Families  
Boudreau & Arseneau Family  
Aloysius J. Winka  
Charlie & Evelyn Bell  
Zeilenga Family  
Rentfrow Family  
Towner Family  
Haggin Family  
Rakers-Wade Families  
Hershbarger & 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  
Theresa Brya

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  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.  
Dan Crawmer