

August 11, 2024

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Jn 6:51



August 15

The Solemnity
of the Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



THE EUCHARIST AND THE BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

Part 3



When Jesus refers to Himself as a vine, or a door, or any other metaphor, no one is offended, has trouble understanding, or leaves Him. It is only when He says they must eat of His flesh that many are shocked and compelled to abandon Him. This tells us that the disciples understood Jesus to be speaking literally and not figuratively.

Further, we know that Jesus was speaking literally based on the vocabulary John uses in the discourse. In the original Greek, John first used the word *phago* which is a word to describe eating in a general sense. The second time, he changes the word to *tragon* which translates to "to chew" or "to gnaw." The change to a stronger verb indicates an emphasis on making the command unambiguous as to what Jesus intends to mean here. Again, many of Jesus' followers understood the intention of the words He was using and found it so difficult to accept that they chose to abandon Him.

He then turns to His twelve Apostles and asks if they will leave Him too. Peter answered Him, "*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God*" (John 6:69). The Apostles were able to accept the very hard teaching of the bread of life as the literal Body of Christ because they had faith in Jesus. We, too, are called to this level of faith, where we believe because He says it is so. He has the words of eternal life and we have nowhere else to go.



Part 4 next week...

by [Jen Arnold](#) December 26, 2022
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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**



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Now that summer is winding down, the Parish Office is now back to regular hours. Our hours are:

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

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Msgr. Brian Brownsey
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith*

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Elizabeth Kelley

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TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

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

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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.

Nineteenth 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.	Aug. 17 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Peg Swanson Emma Lwao, Brody Oliveira
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Aug. 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Barry Dickerson Sue Berndt, Lynette Barham Nicolette Burton, Violet Grace
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahon Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan No Ministers Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES go with Will Bodine and Hadley Murray, who were married here on August 3rd. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH,

and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Remington Bernadette Espy, daughter of Joseph and Linda Espy.

Let us support little Remington on her faith journey!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Duane Lybarger and LaRita Amacher. May their souls and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 12

7:00 a.m.

Louis A. & Rosemary Pisani

Tuesday, August 13

7:00 a.m.

Connor, Edgar, & Ingersoll Families

Wednesday, August 14 (Vigil)

6:00 p.m.

Angela Seaman

Thursday, August 15

8:15 a.m.

Mary Sue Shay

12:10 p.m.

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 16

8:15 a.m.

James Langemak

Saturday, August 17

5:30 p.m.

Alice McDuffee

Sunday, August 18

8:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m.

Mary Elizabeth Warner

4:00 p.m.

Stephen Primmer



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!

There will be **NO** coffee shop on Aug. 25th nor Sept. 1st. On Sept. 8th we will be treated by the Scouts to a pancake & sausage breakfast after the Sunday morning Masses, in celebration of Holy Cross Feast Week. Regular coffee shop will resume on Sept. 15th.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption.

Mass times: Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Vigil, Thursday at 8:15 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.



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.



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.

Register now for 2024/2025 Family Formation!
Contact Elizabeth Kelley, 217-352-8748, for more information

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 for more information!

Please contact Elizabeth Kelley as soon as possible..

Holy Cross

Feast Week 2024

Always Home, Always Family



Friday, September 6 Parish Homecoming	Join us 5pm - 8pm on the blacktop for live music, food, games, a dunk tank, inflatables and more! Last names beginning with A-L bring a salad or side, M-S bring dessert, T-Z bring drinks.
Sunday, September 8 Pancake Breakfast	Troop 9 Scout Pancake & Sausage breakfast after 8am & 10am Masses in the Great Hall.
Monday, September 9 Speaker & Refreshments	Speaker Barb Garvey presents "Growing Disciples for 112 years: History of Holy Cross Parish" in the Great Hall at 6pm. Refreshments hosted by Catholic Daughters.
Tuesday, September 10 Ice Cream Social & Game Night	Ice Cream Social and Family Game Night at 6pm in the Great Hall, hosted by the Holy Cross Mom's Group.
Wednesday, September 11 School Living Rosary Mass + Encounter Night	School Living Rosary on the blacktop at approximately 9am. Mass at 6pm followed by Encounter Night in the Great Hall with speaker Msgr Brownsey. Snacks will be provided.
Thursday, September 12 Senior Luncheon	Age 55 & up bring a side dish to share and join us at 12pm in the Great Hall.
Friday, September 13 Hotdog Day	Holy Cross School 11:00am-1:00pm
Saturday, September 14 Celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with fellow parishioners	Stations of the Cross inside the church at 11:30am followed by 12pm Feast Day Mass. Bring your crosses from home to be blessed! 1:00pm Lunch & Fellowship in the Great Hall.

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



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

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> 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, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and Jon Marston, Athletic Director at 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> for more info or to sign up. Questions? Contact Nathan Watson at nwatson@hs-stm.org



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR PEACE

St Joseph, teach us the ways of peace and wisdom. Protect us from the evil that breeds hatred in our hearts.

Heal the brokenness in our hearts. Release us from the bondage of fear and distrust of our neighbors, especially those who are strangers in our midst.

Help us be strong in defense of justice and care for the poor. Help our Church be a prophetic leader in the struggle for world peace. Help us to be generous and constant in praying for this peace. Amen.

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.

Collection

Offering for August 3rd/4th.....\$8,362.00
Tuition Assistance.....\$847.00

Thank you very much!



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

Welcome Back!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Drop OFF

Drop-off will remain the same. Drop-off will begin at 7:40 and end at 8:00. We are keeping it the same because it has cut down on the amount of tardiness, and teachers can start classes promptly at 8:05. We will be sending out an email on how this will look and what door you will be assigned to for drop-off.

Open House

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.

Testing

The test window for MAP opens on Monday August 29th. We have elected to do our testing the week of Labor Day, Tuesday, September 3rd-to Friday, September 6th. This fall testing will be the first of three. It will give us data to see where our students are at academically. We use this data to adjust curriculum, and to better identify where we need to put supports in place for students.

Living Rosary

The school will be doing a living rosary at 9 a.m. on September 11th to celebrate our Holy Cross feast week. This event will take place on the playground parking lot.

Hot Dog Day

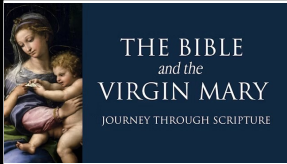
Hot Dog Day is scheduled for September 13th. This will be hosted by the PTC. Our PTC president will be sending out information looking for volunteers. This event is open to all parents/grandparents/parishioners and alumni to attend and celebrate with us.

Thank You

Thank you to all who have helped prepare for the new school year. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Together I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

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



THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. Dr. Hahn, an exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, has delivered hundreds of talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith and is the bestselling author of numerous books. He is a professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville and the founder and president of the Saint Paul Center.

Matthew Leonard, the presenter, is an internationally known speaker, and author. A convert to Catholicism and former missionary to Latin America, he is a frequent guest on radio and television programs, and hosts a podcast on iTunes titled *The Art of Catholic*. Matthew holds a Masters in Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.



THE ASSUMPTION

This session is packed with all kinds of great material. We're going to examine the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, as well as the many facets of the identity of the woman in the Apostle John's vision in Revelation 12. We'll also learn how John's vision in Revelation is the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden: the "first gospel."

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up

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.

Baytowne Apts

**Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!
A Word from Joy**

Pro-Life Support: Thank you to a volunteer for help with our correspondence!

Happy News: Lots of our children are graduating from Middle and High School! Please pray for them and their families! They are all doing a great job! Praise God!

Financial Assistance (and more) to Families:

- We paid \$500 toward rent for our woman suffering Domestic Violence. THANK YOU to the special donor who made that possible. We are seeing if we can help with some of her August rent, so she can afford to get security cameras at her apartment.
- We are in our July diaper ordering process and arranging furniture deliveries.
- We received a \$500 donation for a family having huge medical bills for their young son. THANK YOU and God bless you!
- We are continuing to get needed household goods to our families.
- We paid \$750 toward dental bills and rent for one family.

We plan to:

- Pay about \$1,600 toward Fall room and board for one of our first children saved from abortion. He is the first of his extended family to attend a 4-year college.
- We are also standing by to assist a family who has a supporting member seriously ill.
- And we are also standing by to help a separated mother of several special-needs children help when they need it.
- Send \$1,000 to help a family with a young son seriously ill with breathing difficulties. He is only 3, has been resuscitated twice, has had several surgeries and requires ongoing care, which his mother provides.

Want to help? Contact Joy 217 840-0322

Pro-Life Discussion Group NEW TIME: 3:30 p.m. every 3rd Monday of the month. We will be meeting in person at Holy Cross Parish Center and by zoom. The next meeting is August 19th. For more information on helping Pro-Life work or participating in meetings, contact Joy at: joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
 Menke & Leahy Families
 James, Marie, Paul, Joe, & Edward, Knoke
 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 & Foltzler Families
 Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
 Ed & Jean Bown
 Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
 Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
 Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin 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
 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