

20TH

August 18, 2024

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

The Bread of Life Discourse

*“I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.”*

John 6:51



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



The Eucharist and the Bread of Life Discourse

Part 4



Moving from [Scripture to Tradition](#), we have further evidence that the very early Church believed in the real presence of Christ's flesh and blood in the Eucharist. St. John Damascene lived from 675-749 AD and he wrote: "You ask how the bread becomes the Body of Christ, and the wine... the Blood of Christ. I shall tell you: the Holy Spirit comes upon them and accomplishes what surpasses every word and thought... Let it be enough for you to understand that it is by the Holy Spirit, just as it was of the Holy Virgin and by the Holy Spirit that the Lord, through and in himself, took flesh" ([De Fide Orthodoxa](#)). We can see the faith St. John has in the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out great miracles. He reminds us of this power by pointing out the fact that the Holy Spirit made Jesus in the flesh within the Blessed Virgin's womb. In doubting the truth of the Eucharist, we are doubting the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit that brought about our Savior in the flesh.

Here are a few other excerpts from the writings of early Church fathers reflecting the belief in the Eucharist from the very beginning:

"For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus" ([First Apology](#) 66 [A.D. 151]). – St. Justin Martyr

"The bread and the wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity were simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ" ([Catechetical Lectures](#) 19:7 [A.D. 350]). – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Part 5 - Conclusion next week...

By [Jen Arnold](#) December 26, 2022
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 begin Encounter Nights again in September.

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



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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

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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.

Twentieth 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

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| Saturday 5:30 p.m. | Aug. 24 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Dave Kristovich John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Kathy Murray |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | Aug. 25 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Jay Geistlinger Mary Shelden, Ray Tucker Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker, Landen Douglas |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Michael Roedelbronn Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman, Ben Laws, Terry Sturdyvin Ursula Tembo, Tim Friedman |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Ed Seebauer Katrina Covello Lydia Durdan, Sam Easton |



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 19

7:00 a.m.

Living and Deceased Members
of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, August 20

7:00 a.m.

In honor of Erin Gallager and Family

Wednesday, August 21

6:00 p.m.

Special Intention

Thursday, August 22

7:00 a.m.

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 23

8:15 a.m.

Donald Tokarse

Saturday, August 24

5:30 p.m.

Angela Seaman

Sunday, August 25

8:00 a.m.

Mary Lou Salato

10:00 a.m.

Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are

requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Margaret Avelis. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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.



PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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



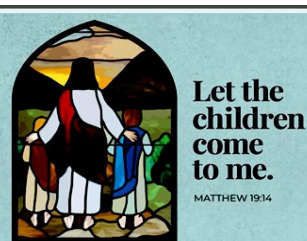
OCIA - The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes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



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



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| 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

From the Diocese of Peoria:
It has come to our attention that Prairie Fire Ministries is pausing their ministry. Because of this, we will not be able to host the healing event scheduled for August 24.
This event is CANCELLED.

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

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Boys 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.

Fall Sports Saber Showcase: Come join us for the Fall Sports Saber Showcase, August 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the STM gym for an evening of sports and community. We will be introducing our Fall 2024 Saber Student Athletes and honoring our Spring 2024 State Qualifiers.

Junior Class Fundraiser: The High School of Saint Thomas More is hosting a car wash at Prospect Bank, 1601 S Prospect Ave, Champaign, on Saturday, August 24th, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All proceeds will support the 2024 prom. Come out, get your car sparkling clean, and help make this year's prom a success!

Homecoming. Join us at the high school for Homecoming on Saturday, September 21st at 1 p.m. as STM takes on Milford. Bring your families with you and enjoy the game. We will have an alumni tent set up through halftime for check-in and for a meeting place, and alumni will be recognized at half-time. Questions? Email alumni@hs-stm.org.

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good

Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

Collection

Offering for August 10th/11th.....\$6,463.40

Development Fund.....\$705.00

Thank you very much!



Holy Cross School
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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 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



QUEENSHIP OF MARY - AUGUST 22, 2024

FORMED Daily Reflections

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MARY, QUEEN MOTHER

Dr. Edward Sri explains how the tradition of Mary's queenship and her intercessory role is rooted in the Old Testament office of the Queen Mother, as illustrated in the story of Bathsheba (see 1 Kings 1-2).



THE PROMISED MOTHER

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

In this session, we're going to examine the role played by the queen mothers of the Davidic Kingdom in the Old Testament and how they point forward to Mary's role as Queen Mother. As we're about to see, Mary's queenship is alluded to in Matthew's genealogy, which opens the entire New Testament.

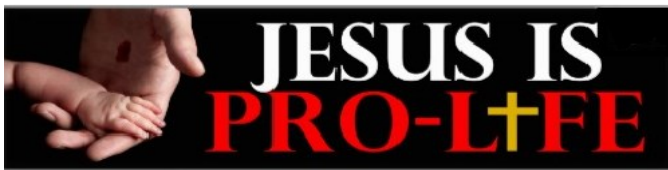


ST. HELENA:

THE FINDING OF THE CROSS

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how St. Helena discovered the True Cross of Christ.

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Pro-Life News

PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP

every 3rd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Aug 19, 3:30 p.m. We will be at Holy Cross for in-person meetings, with hopefully ZOOM access also. Please contact Joy at joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 for more information.



The Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

was live-streamed. Missed it, or want to see it again? View the program at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1MDZMXF4To&t=78s>

PRO-LIFE GROUP

-- We sent \$100 toward August rent for our family suffering from Domestic violence.

-- Paid \$1,600 toward Fall room and board for Dashaun, one of our first children saved from abortion. Please pray for this fine young man!

-- Paid \$1,000 to help a family with a young son seriously ill with breathing difficulties. He has had several surgeries and requires ongoing care, which his mother and father provide.

-- 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.

Want to help? Contact Joy 217 840-0322.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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