

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience
your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding,
and strength they need to follow
in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need
to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience
joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments
of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

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.

In August we will be praying the Rosary
for Fr. Donton and Fr. Leo

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
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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. (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.

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OUR PARISH

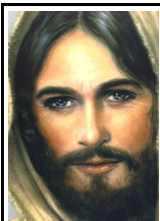
HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

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. 27 Lector: Dave Kristovich EMHC: John Bingaman Servers: Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Aug. 28 Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: No ministers Servers: Grace Riley, Isabella Contreras
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: Bonita Higgerson, Dawn Friedman Servers: Abby, Chris, and Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Stephanie Farney EMHC: John Farney, Jan Weber Servers: Nate Farney, Will Herges

There will be a Funeral Mass for Tom Costello on Friday, August 26th at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JESUS IS CALLING YOU!

School is in session again, so we will resume Adoration!

All Are Invited. Each Friday when school is in session, Jesus holds a special open house in our beautiful church. He invites us to spend quiet time with Him to give thanks for blessings received and to tell Him about our pressing concerns.

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the All-School Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Jesus would love your company! There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule. And by signing up, the Parish Office Staff will know when someone is spending time with Jesus.

There will be **NO ADORATION** on Friday, August 26th.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 22 7:00 a.m.	For Ethan Young and Family
Tuesday, August 23 7:00 a.m.	Deacon Bob Ulbrich
Wednesday, August 24 6:00 p.m.	Salvador Federizon
Thursday, August 25 7:00 a.m.	Teresa Kim Nguyen
Friday, August 26 8:15 a.m.	Jack Burton
Saturday, August 27 5:30 p.m.	Dominic Giam Nguyen
Sunday, August 28 8:00 a.m.	Laura Fischer
10:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m.	For Halle and John Daley

Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2022, please notify the Parish Office **by Sept. 1st**. Each couple will receive a personal invitation from the Bishop to attend a Mass on Sept. 25th at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception in Peoria..



OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES

go with Nicholas Schneider & Kaitlyn Schuricht, who were married here on August 13th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!





SENIOR LUNCHEON RETURNS!

All parishioners, 55 and over, are invited to a Pot Luck luncheon at Holy Cross Parish Center, beginning at noon on Thursday, September 8th.

This will be the first of monthly luncheons, which will be held on the second Thursday of each month. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Come and enjoy old friends, and make some new ones, sharing good food and good stories!

Please RSVP to Penny or Dave Devall at 217-398-2878 for this first luncheon, so that we will have an idea of how many will be attending, and what side dishes will be provided. Please feel free to call with any other questions or concerns. See you there!



If you have any questions regarding Family Formation, please contact Elizabeth Kelley at (217) 352-8748.

You can also check out the website at familyformation.net for more information!

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you curious about the Catholic faith? Do you want to know more about the Church? I would love to meet you and talk! No strings attached. Please give me a call, 217-352-8748. I look forward to hearing from you!

Elizabeth Kelley, Director of Religious Education

SEPTEMBER 16TH—18TH

Help those with special needs! The Knights of Columbus will hold their Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of Sept. 16th–18th. They will be selling tootsie rolls outside of



County Market on Kirby and Duncan on Friday, Sept. 16th, and at Holy Cross after each Mass on the 17th and 18th. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs for those with developmental disabilities. Proceeds will go to help organizations such as Special Olympics, SWANN Center, and Camp Hope. Please consider making a donation to benefit people with special learning and life needs!

If you have any questions, call Jerry Arie (217) 305-9681.



Camp Hope



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH WITH CHILDREN?

We are interviewing for assistant catechist positions within our Family Formation Religious Education K-8 program. Requirements:

- Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must fulfill all Safe Environment requirements
- Must Love Our Lord!
- Must have a desire to share joy and minister to our youth

Please contact Elizabeth Kelley at 217-352-8748 or elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org

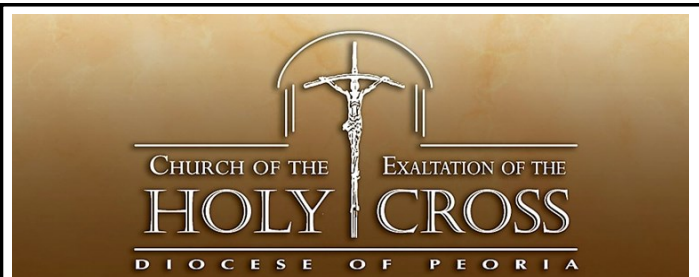
Total Collections for July 2022

Sunday & Holy Days.....	\$28,002.87
Automatic Contributions.....	\$9,655.00
Online Giving.....	\$8,480.40
	\$46,138.27
HC Tuition Assistance.....	\$2,061.50
STM Tuition Assistance.....	\$602.00
Development Fund.....	\$2,389.00

Last Week's Collection

Offering for August 13th/14th.....	\$5,151.22
Developmental Fund.....	\$902.00

Thank you very much!



Holy Cross FEAST WEEK 2022



Saturday, September 10th – Friday, September 16th

Always Home, Always Family

Scan the QR code or visit this website for more details: www.feastweek.weebly.com



SCHOOL KIT PROJECT
We are still in great
need of supplies!



This is a project that Holy Cross has worked on for several years. **We still need to fill 100 bags** 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:

black or blue ballpoint pens - no more needed

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. **Please drop off items by September 5th.**

Thank you, parishioners!



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From Principal Koerner:

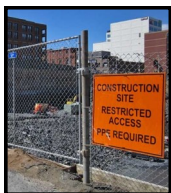
Together with our teachers, staff and Fr. Donton, I want to welcome our students and school community back to Holy Cross. I hope all of our families had a fun summer where great experiences were had and lasting memories made.

Holy Cross is ready to welcome our students back to engage in meaningful learning experiences. Our enthusiastic and committed teachers have been working during the summer in planning sessions, attending professional development, and getting our classrooms ready. I am confident that together we will have a productive and enriching 2022 – 2023 school year!

It is evident that the culture of Holy Cross school is centered around our students' well-being. Our work will continue to focus on the development of a new ELA curriculum, aquaponics curriculum, technology, cultural awareness and school security. Certainly, a safe and supportive school environment, as well as providing social-emotional support, is at the core of our work.

Our school will be stronger with the support of its community. We invite you to take advantage of the opportunities to support our students' learning and experiences. I look forward to working with you this academic year.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS



ATTENTION:
PARKING LOT CHANGES

Upgrades to the school playground have begun. A security fence has been installed surrounding the construction area.

This will temporarily eliminate the Prairie St. exit and restrict access to the sidewalks on that corner of the block.

As a result, the remainder of the **playground parking lot** will be reserved for those needing access to the handicap ramp. Since White St. will be the only access to this lot, we ask that you follow the instructions of the parking lot attendants upon entering.

This construction project will also affect use of the **parish center parking lot**. During the weekdays, this lot will be closed to the public with parking available for staff only. On school days, this lot will be needed for drop-off and pick-up as well as activity space for our students. This lot will be available to parishioners on the weekends. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the construction process.



High School of St. Thomas More
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STM Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Cafeteria Worker, a Theology Teacher, 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.

Tuesday, September 20th, Legacy Night: Come hear about financial or insurance opportunities to support the high school long-term, while at the same time taking care of your families and what is important to you. Brief presentations by reps from Prudential, Thrivent, Farmers Insurance, and Nepsis Wealth Management will take place and highlight their services and products. Individual meetings may be scheduled after the event with the individual reps. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the STM Library. Click here to make your reservation:

<https://hs-stm.salsalabs.org/LegacyNight2022>



Grandparent's Day – All School Mass: STM will be celebrating Saber Grandparent's Day with an All-School Mass and reception on Tuesday, September 6th, beginning at 8:45 a.m. Click here for details, and to RSVP go to: <https://hs-stm.salsalabs.org/grandsabersday2022>



RESTLESS HEART: THE CONFESSIONS OF AUGUSTINE

This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain intense scenes indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

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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 & Fotzler 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
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

Birdie & Edward Cronau
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Watch for mailing to arrive soon!

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal will begin in a few weeks. **New This Year:** Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church. By the end of August, each household will receive a mailing from Bishop Tylka inviting them to participate in the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus with others. The mailing will include a newsletter, a prayer request, a personalized pledge card and a return envelope. Fill out the pledge card and a prayer request if you wish and mail it directly to the Diocese of Peoria.

Please prayerfully consider supporting various diocesan ministries with your financial gift. Our parish depends on your generosity to reach our assigned goal.

To learn more about the appeal and to watch appeal videos please visit cdop.org/ada



WATCH WEEKEND

The next WATCH Weekend will be Sept 23rd to 25th. The theme will be "*Do Whatever He Tells You*" (John 2:5b). To register, call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 or fill out a WATCH 28 registration form. The forms are in the Parish Office and the Church exits. If you wish to support the team, call Kathy Hussey at 309-212-4707 and leave a message. This is the last WATCH weekend; all alumni are encouraged to attend.

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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