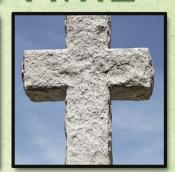
Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINAR







YOU
have the
WORDS
of
ETERNAL
LIFE.





August 23, 2015

HEALTHY, WEALTHY, AND WISE

God is the author of marriage. One reason God didn't want man to be alone was because marriage is meant to change the individual partners for the better. Marriage is meant to improve couples' lives and transform them into something they could never have become alone.

One of the ways marriage changes people is by making them live longer. Repeated studies have found that compared to married people: Those who had been divorced or separated were 27% more likely to have shorter lives. Those who had never been married were 58% more likely to die than married folks. And the "penalty" for not getting married was greater for men than women. Marriage promises to make you HEALTHY.

Another study found that being married makes one better off financially. Some years back, researchers did a 15-year study of 9,000 individuals. They found respondents who remained single had a slow but steady growth of wealth. But those who married and stayed married showed a sharp increase in wealth. The author of the study summed up his findings saying, "If you really want to increase your wealth, get married and stay married. On the other hand, divorce can devastate your wealth." Marriage promises to make you WEALTHY (at least wealthier!).

How about WISE? Marriage does promise to make you WISE, if you do it God's way. After all, you can learn more about loyalty, forbearance, meekness, self-restraint, forgiveness, and sacrifice if you are married than you can if you remained single.

Many preachers avoid saying anything about our second reading this weekend (Ephesians 5:21-32) for fear of incurring the wrath of the wives. In case you missed it, St. Paul said: "Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the Church." Don't gang up on me! This Scripture is often taken out of context! It is often misunderstood!

Listen to what Pope Pius XI back in 1930 taught regarding submission of wives to their husbands (and what is still taught today). Here is the proper and authentic interpretation on St. Paul's teaching: 1) it does not mean violation of her rights according to her dignity as a human person; 2) it does not mean for her to submit to her husband's desires blindly, totally, and completely, because his desires may be unreasonable and not compatible to his wife's dignity; 3) it does not mean she is to be treated like minors who are not able to make mature judgment. In a nutshell, submission of wives to their husbands does not mean violating her dignity as a human person!

The role of husband and wife is not about competing with one another at an authoritarian level—but it is about complementing one another. If the man is the head, then the woman is the heart. Both possess the dignity of being human persons and children of God. The head and the heart must work together. There must be harmony between the two for the sake of keeping the body united—and of keeping the family united!

Just a word of warning to all you husbands: You may be the head, but if you really want to be healthy, wealthy, and wise in your marriage, listen to your heart—meaning your wives!

Fr. Dave

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.
Daily: 7:00 a.m. Mon--Fri, 6:30 p.m. Wed, and 8:15 a.m. Sat.

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ADORATION

Fridays all day, with Benediction at 4:45 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday: 6:45 to 6:55 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 three months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should call the Pastor at least eight 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.

Twenty-First 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.	August 29 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	David Kristovich Ron Davis, Gloria Fellers, John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Sharon Kristovich Micki Walker, Megan Walker, Joey Walker	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	August 30 Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Vince Kistner Greg Koerner, John Sullivan, John Deponai III, Candy Rollins, Barry Dickerson Sofia Cadena, Sarah Gibas, Jon Gibas	
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	John Southwood Mary Shelden, John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Carol Bergeson, Peg Swanson, Donna Carter, Margie Hoss Adam Zasada, Sean Coffey, Stephen Jerkovitz	
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Euch Min: Servers:	Laura Mohrbacher Rob MacKichan, Mary Grace, David Grace, Elaine Hershbarger, Beth Frasca, Anthony Frasca Anthony Frasca, Jr., Maci Walters, Jerrica Gallegos	

7:00 a.m. WEEKDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
24	25	26	27	28
Marshall	John Paul	Sydney	Joseph	Laura
Gudauskas,	Hoffman,	McMahon,	Kisting,	Wolter-Krupp,
Donavan	Tony	Bailey	Annelise	Alexander
Gudauskas	Hoffman	McMahon	Kisting	Luna-Ow

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

WANT TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If you, or someone you know, want to become Catholic, now's the time to make that call! Classes are for: Non-Catholics who know they want to join or who may be interested but need more information first, 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. Please contact Cindy Howie at 352-8748 for more details.



NEWLYWEDS. Our prayers and best wishes go with Matthew Joseph Mehon and Nicole Marie Weisiger, who were married here on Saturday, August 15th. May God's grace support them throughout their married life!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Eileen Dickerson—and also for the repose of the soul of Peggy Billhymer. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the

mercy of God, rest in peace.



SIGN UP FOR 'COFFEE & DONUTS'. Coffee and donuts are served after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. We really need 'host' volunteers starting in September. You can host after one Mass or both. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Questions? Call Cheri at

352-4918.

Moms' Group. Our first Moms' Group gathering will be **Wednesday**, **September 2**nd. Join us in the Parish Center Library from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month during the school year. Our meeting topics range from Bible Study, to everyday family life, to issues of society.

For more information contact Lori and Heather at HCmomsgroup@gmail.com or join our Facebook group at Holy Cross Mom's Group.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 24

7:00 a.m.

Rita Rentfrow

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m.

Marie Seeber

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Jozef Vamos Memorial Mass

Thursday, August 27

7:00 a.m.

In honor of Breg Sinclair family

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m.

Poor Souls

8:15 a.m.

Steve Montez (All School Mass)

Saturday, August 29

8:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Evan Johnson Tom Cosgrove

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Dwyer Murphy 10:00 a.m. Patty Jinks

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

Scott Montgomery is Celebrating His 20th Year with Holy Cross!

To honor his great music ministry, Scott is giving mini-concerts on the Sundays of August at 3:00 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Congratulations Scott! And thank you!



JESUS HEARS YOU SINGING DURING MASS AND SAYS... "JOIN THE HOLY CHOIR!"

The Youth and Parish Choirs are beginning for the Fall Season and we'd like you to join us! Share your

gifts of music with Holy Cross and be part of a great community of folks at the same time.

Choir rehearsals will start Thursday, August 27th, with our first Mass on Sunday, September 13th, to begin our church's Feast Week. Youth will rehearse on Thursdays after school until 3:15 p.m., and the Parish Choir will rehearse at 7:15 p.m. New members are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Scott at 390-0158 or scottmontgomery8@gmail.com. Let's fill the loft and our church with beautiful music!

Last Week's Collection

Offering for August 15th-16th.....\$10,083.96 St, Vincent de Paul.....\$1,185.01

Thank you for your generous contributions.



God Is Calling You to a Deeper Relationship With Him

Join us for *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* in the Parish Center Great Hall for Monday night sessions at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday morning sessions at 9:30 a.m. **beginning August 24**th **and 25**st and continuing through November 16th and 17th. Workbook fee is \$25. For more info or to register for the study, call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

FAMILY FORMATION BEGINS SOON



The Family Formation Program at Holy Cross serves families with children in Grades K-6. It is a faith formation opportunity for the entire family. For families whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school, *Family Formation fulfills the need for religious education and sacramental preparation*. However, all families with children in grades K-6 are invited to come and be part of the Family Formation community.

For more information about Family Formation or if you would like to register for this year, please contact Cindy Howie at 352-8748 or visit www.holycrosscatholic.org.

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation preparation classes for students attending public schools begin soon. Confirmation preparation is a 3-year cycle that typically begins with monthly classes in 6th grade and continues with weekly classes for 7th and 8th grades. The classes will start in September.

Registration forms can be sent to you, or pick one up at the Parish Office. Please return registration forms to the Parish Office. For more information, call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is available at Holy Cross. It is an approach to the religious formation of children that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The children come to an 'atrium' where they are given the opportunity to independently discover the beauty of the Catholic faith and their role as a part of the body of Christ.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered for pre-school age children. If you are interested in having your preschooler participate in this exceptional program, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, September 13th through Saturday, September 19th

Watch upcoming bulletins for a listing of all the new and exciting Feast Week events.

OUR SCHOOLS





Holy Cross School 356-9521 www.holycrosselem.org

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!
HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!

POSITION AVAILABLE. AFTERCARE VOLUNTEER.

The hours are every weekday after school, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. High school and college age students are welcome. This position is a paid position or can be considered a service hours opportunity. If interested, please contact Aftercare Director, Anthony Thomas at 355-4723, or after 2:30 p.m. at 359-2631.



High School of St. Thomas More 352-7210 www.hs-stm.org

STM HEAD COACHES NEEDED. STM is looking for a Head Varsity Softball Coach and a Head Wrestling Coach. If interested, please call 217-352-7210, or email Dan Hennessey at dhennessey@hs-stm.org,

ALUMNI NEWS. Homecoming Football game and celebration, Friday, October 9th. More details to follow.

STM BUS DRIVERS NEEDED. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver for STM athletics and field trips, please call Mrs. Teri Easton at 352-7210, ext. 130.

STM ADMISSIONS. The High School of St. Thomas More is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. For an applications, or questions, call 819-5706.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the Parish Office at 352-8748 to add the name and need to our prayer chain.

OUR DIOCESE

Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, September 13th, at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Jenky will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria for couples who are celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend this event with Bishop Jenky.



FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. A marriage is only as strong as its foundation. What is the foundation for your marriage? www.foryourmarriage.org.

VOCATIONS

"A call from God to live in a particular way"

"Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Patrick Henehan at 309-671-1550.

Please pray for all vocations: Marriage, Priestly, Religious Life, Consecrated Single Life. Pray also for all Salesian seminarians and Diocese of Peoria seminarians.

STEWARDSHIP

"Everything is a gift from God"

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts. (See Joshua 24:18)

SCHOOL KIT PROJECT CONTINUES

Thanks to all of you who are donating supplies to the school kit project! Supplies for one kit are:

- 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

Please leave your donations at the back of the church or drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT REAL MEN AND REAL WOMEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EACH OTHER:

40 Years of Scientific Research and Catholic Faith

A retreat/seminar for all clergy and religious, married, parenting, engaged, dating, and single men and women.

Presented by Dr. Philip Mango Hosted by St. Matthew Catholic Church, Champaign Saturday, October 17th, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$45 per couple; \$25 per individual. Includes lunch and all materials. Scholarships available. Registration forms can be found online at http://church.stmatt.net/.

Dr. Mango, a practicing psychotherapist for over 40 years, specializes in the psychological and theological differences of men and women. A devout Catholic, he is also Director of St. Michael's Institute for the Psychological Sciences, and a visiting professor at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS IN PHILO

Join us for our annual Ice Cream Social **Today**, **August 23**rd, serving from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Schumacher Gym at St. Thomas School, 311 E. Madison in Philo. We will be serving BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and delicious ice cream (made the old-fashioned way) with many toppings, for a minimal price.

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.

Slumberland Furniture

JOB SEARCH HELP

If you feel isolated, rejected, or hopeless due to the effects of unemployment, you don't have to struggle alone! On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Holy Cross Parish Center library there are:

- One on one discussions with Deacon Cliff Maduzia from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Confidential support group meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

To set up a different meeting time contact Deacon Cliff at 217-791-1264, or cmaduzia1@sbcglobal.net.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

The American Cancer Society will host a Making Strides Against Breast Cancer kickoff rally at 7:30 a.m. **Tuesday, August 25**th, at Piato Café in Lincoln Square Mall to share details about its upcoming community walk.

Last year 500 walkers in Champaign-Urbana helped raise over \$65,000. The kickoff rally will explain how to get involved in the C-U walk, slated for October 17th. For more information or to RSVP to the kickoff, please email:

ChampaignILStrides@cancer.org or call Amanda, 356-9076.

PRO-LIFE ISSUES

A Word from Joy

This past week we delivered diapers, a baby item, a slow cooker, and provided school supplies for two children. Our Moms are overjoyed that so many people care about them and their families. Thank you to the Holy Cross parishioners who provided school supplies! Thank you also to another generous soul who donated money for a family with six children to buy new school shoes! God bless you all!

HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke Family
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, & Edward Knoke
Dec. Mem. of Henry, Butler, Reynolds Families
Dec. Mem of Donato, Pace, Follis Families

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Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families
Robert F. Reiser Family

Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families Nichols, Parod, Fotzler Families

Bruns Family

Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families William Pellum & Kevin Pellum

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

ALL SOULS, Living and Deceased Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo 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 Evelyn Bell Wm. Zeilenga Jr. Eleanor Zeilenga Ellen Zeilenga Arlin Rentfrow Rita Rentfrow

Ron Murphy

Harold Kremer

Fred Porter

Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families

Rakers-Wade Families Dec. Mem. of Slykas Family Hershbarger & Kick Families Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Gilbert & Betty Graham Family John E. Sullivan Family Birdie & Edward Cronau Margaret Hettinger Raymond Timpone Maxine TImpone Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family Bill Gilles Loretto B. Doyle Perrodin Family Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family Christie & Hoss Families Liv.& Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family John Michael Cabutti