

21ST

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

August 25, 2024

The Words of Eternal Life

*“It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”*

John 6:63



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



The Eucharist and the Bread of Life Discourse

Part 5 - Conclusion

“Perhaps you may be saying, ‘I see something else; how can you assure me that I am receiving the body of Christ?’ It but remains for us to prove it. And how many are the examples we might use! ... Christ is in that sacrament, because it is the body of Christ” (*On The Mysteries* 9:50, 58 [A.D. 390]). – St. Ambrose of Milan. What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ”



(*Sermons* 272 [A.D. 411]). – St. Augustine

As you can see, our early Church Fathers understood that Jesus performed an actual miracle at every Mass and changed the bread and wine into His flesh and blood through the priests’ hands. As a matter of fact, many men and women died for that belief as we know through the stories of the martyrs. It wasn’t until much later in our Church’s development that the understanding became distorted and the idea that the Eucharist is a symbol was introduced.

This week, contemplate the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If you currently view the Eucharist as a mere symbol and you struggle to fully accept or believe in Jesus’ true presence, ask God to open your heart to a deeper understanding of this gift He is trying to give to you. He wants very much for you to have Him in His fullness and will grant you understanding if you allow Him to enter and give it to you.



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 begin Encounter Nights again on Sept. 11th.
Msgr. Brownsey will be the speaker on that day.



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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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

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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.

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.	Aug. 31 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, John Kelley John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 1 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Sue Berndt Mary Shelden, Lynette Barham Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker,
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Jay Ehlman Dawn Friedman Brooke McMahon, Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Katrina Covello (Need 1), Ithuriel Randall



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Coffey

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Thi Nguyen

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 p.m. John & Frances Pinjuv and Family

Thursday, August 29

7:00 a.m. Connor, Edgar, & Ingersoll Families

Friday, August 30

8:15 a.m. Eileen Joyce

Saturday, August 31

5:30 p.m. Charles Leahy

Sunday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Joe Hacker

10:00 a.m. Bob Weber

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

CURSILLO IS COMING!

Ladies, treat yourselves to a weekend off! You deserve it! Great food you don't have to prepare. Great fellowship and camaraderie with ladies of the faith. Great singing. Comfy beds.

There is a Women's Cursillo weekend coming September 20th-24th at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana. For more information about this special get-away weekend, please contact Celene Baxley at 217-778-7016. Hope to see you there!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED - Your prayers are

requested for the repose of the soul of William Lynch. May his soul 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

Senior Adult Luncheon

SENIOR LUNCHEON IS BACK!



If you are 55 years or older, consider joining us on the 2nd Thursday of each month for gathering of friends and food. We will come together at noon for dining and fellowship. Please bring a side dish or dessert when you come to share with everyone. The main course and drinks will be provided. Free will donation is accepted but not necessary.

We hope to see you there!



COFFEE AND DONUTS

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.



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.

Fall Schedule

Wednesday Morning Meetings

9-11 am in the parish center unless noted otherwise

August 21 - Pray Diving Mercy Chaplet in Song

September 4 - Speaker - Joy Pace

September 18 - Confession with Msgr Brownsey

October 2 - Walk and Pray the Rosary at Meadowbrook Park

October 16 - Halloween Cookie Decoratin

October 30 - All Souls' Day Prayer Service

November 13 - Moms' Panel - Ask questions about motherhood, parenting, marriage

December 4 - Christmas Craft

CHURCH OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Moms' Group
facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms
hcmomsgroup@gmail.com

Nights Out

7 pm unless noted otherwise

September 20 - Harvest Moon Drive-In Theater

October 9 - Encanto in Downtown Urbana

November 5 - Seven Saints in Champaign

December 6 - Christmas Party *6pm

Join the Holy Cross Moms' Group for morning meetings and/or a moms' night out for fellowship and fun! Mark your calendars and join our email list or Facebook Group for event reminders. Email - hcmomsgroup@gmail.com | Facebook Group - facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms



High School of St. Thomas More
 217-352-7210
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STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Boys Head Tennis 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.

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.



Holy Cross School
 217-356-9521
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From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

Welcome Back!

I hope you have enjoyed 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 begins at 7:40 and ends 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.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHAMPAIGN AND PIATT COUNTIES

is teaming up with the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Champaign to offer a Dine-to-Donate fundraiser on **Tuesday, Sept. 10th, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. to raise funds for those in need in Champaign and Piatt Counties.**



HAVE YOU HEARD? The Catholic Spirit Radio Network is broadcasting in and around the Champaign-Urbana Area on radio frequency 88.3 FM!. If you have not tuned-in yet, give it a try! You will hear news, talk shows, Q&A's, weather, and prayer opportunities, 24 hours a day. It's surprising how much a person can

learn while listening during a short drive across town, exercising, completing a household task, or at night when you can't sleep. You'll learn about your faith and find guidance for your daily life.

Listen on the radio at 88.3 FM, online at catholicspiritradio.com, or with the free listening app (Catholic Spirit Talk Radio). Plus, Catholic Spirit Radio has podcasts, a community calendar, a Spanish frequency, and resources on its website. There's a Facebook page too.

Collection

Offering for August 17th/18th.....\$10,460.00

Thank you very much!



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! To be added to our list, Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

Pro-Life News

PRO-LIFE THANK-YOU NOTES

We have two thank-you notes, with pictures included from two families we helped in August: Brandi, with her son TJ and Dashaun, the young man we are helping send to college! Praise God for all of our generous donors! God bless them all!



CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not say, "I came to make them boring." Instead, he wants us to live life to the fullest. Dive into the heart and soul of what it means to be Catholic with Chris Stefanick and his guests LIVE every Monday at 7 p.m. (ET).

The Chris Stefanick Show aims to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith. Tune in every Monday at 7 p.m. (ET) to The Chris Stefanick Show on FORMED.

Audience interaction is encouraged! Text in your questions to 720-650-0100 and Chris may answer them live on the show.



Thank you from Dashaun's family:

Thank you so much for all your help through the years! We are so excited for Dashaun, and so proud of him! This is an experience we want him to have, (and he is looking forward to it too)! It is stressful knowing I can't pay for things myself, but we are so grateful to you all at Holy Cross to help send Dashaun to college! God Bless you for your help and prayers! Gratefully, Elissa (and Dashaun)



A CONVERSATION WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ: COPING WITH SUCCESS | CHRIS STEFANICK SHOW

Today, Chris is sitting down with THE Fr. Mike Schmitz, at his father's cabin! Chris has known Father Mike for a long time, and is excited to share this conversation with you. It's raw, honest, and INSPIRING! We also get a glimpse at his daily routine, and Chris asks him about the source of his endless energy! All that and more in this amazing conversation.



Thank you from Brandi and her family:

We received the check - WOW - we were in tears. We thank you and ask God for double blessings for you for blessing us!!

Praying for you all, Brandi and family.

PS - TJ's life is important to me and my family, and the fact that someone took the time to make his life important to you all is God reminding us that he will always be there!

Thank you for helping in this fight with us! TJ STRONG!



HOW TO HAVE FAITH IN JESUS (EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD) WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ | SEEK23

What is faith, and what does it mean to have true faith in Jesus

Christ? In this engaging talk from SEEK23, Fr. Mike Schmitz answers these questions so that our faith in Jesus might increase and be shared with others. Learn more about SEEK and register to attend next year's conference by visiting seek.focus.org.

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- 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 & Foltzer 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