

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and who walk in his ways.
What your hands provide you will enjoy;
you will be blessed and prosper.
Psalms 128:1-2

September 1, 2024

Enjoy

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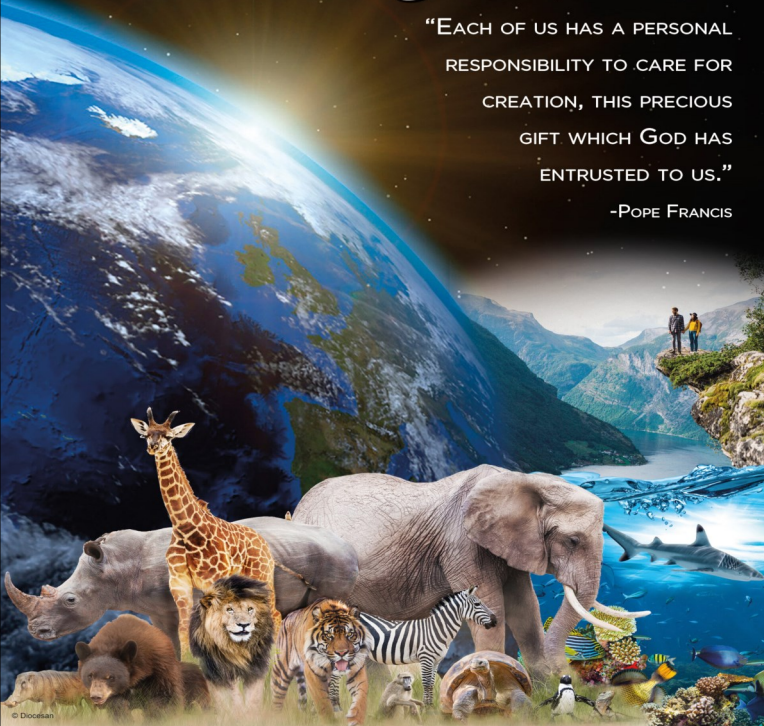
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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE *Care of Creation*

"EACH OF US HAS A PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR
CREATION, THIS PRECIOUS
GIFT WHICH GOD HAS
ENTRUSTED TO US."

-POPE FRANCIS



Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024, with the theme "Hope and Act with Creation," was released on June 27.

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is celebrated every September 1. On this occasion, the Holy Father writes a message addressed to the Catholic Church and to all people of good will.

I invite you to "Hope and Act with Creation". May our lives become an opportunity to sing our love for God and care for our common home. ~ Pope Francis



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.

**On September 4th we are praying the
Litany of The Holy Cross**

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.
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-Second 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. | Sept. 7 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Dave Kristovich Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson, Joslyn Unger Nick, Zora and Samantha Unger |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | Sept. 8 Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Justine Karduck Ray Tucker, Barry Dickerson Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Joe Murphy Terry Sturdyvin, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon, Ben Laws Philip Christhilf, Camille Christhilf |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: EMHC: Servers: | Rob Shanahan Juliann Seebauer Kristina Maloney, Matthew Woodward |



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, September 2**
7:00 a.m. Joseph Ngo Huynh
- Tuesday, September 3**
7:00 a.m. John & Patricia Forrester and Family
- Wednesday, September 4**
6:00 p.m. Rosemary Coffey
- Thursday, September 5**
7:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Mai-Chi-Thanh
- Friday, September 6**
8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial
- Saturday, September 7**
5:30 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner
- Sunday, September 8**
8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Mary Sue Shay
4:00 p.m. LaRita Amacher

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!



FEAST WEEK HOMECOMING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed for Holy Cross Parish Homecoming!

On Friday, September 6th volunteers are needed to help with event set up, running carnival games, making cotton candy, monitoring the food table, and tearing down at the end of the night. Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CAEA62FA3F85-50716469-holy>



Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **September 12th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share!



COFFEE AND DONUTS - There will be **NO** coffee shop on 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.



LABOR DAY

Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way; people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.

Pope Francis

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **Sept. 2nd**, in observance of Labor Day.



ADA WEEKEND

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

"You will be receiving the 2024 ADA information in your mailbox this week, however, our pledge weekend will be **September 21st -22nd.**"



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

August 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Do Everything for the Glory of God!" This is the theme for this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. As disciples of Jesus, we are to live out our mission to "Go Make Disciples" – and we do so not for our own sake, but for the sake of God's kingdom and for the "Glory of God!"

In the coming year, the Church will be blessed with her first millennial saint when Blessed Carlo Acutis is canonized. In his brief life, he showed a heroic witness of faith. He is quoted as saying, "Everything fades, anyway. ... What will make us truly beautiful in the eyes of God is only the way in which we loved him and how we loved our neighbors." To love as Jesus loved is to "do everything for the glory of God!"

To ensure that we as a diocese can carry on our mission, it is vital that we receive the generous support of the faithful across the twenty-six counties that we call home. Our efforts to reach out to others and invite them to encounter Jesus through our parishes, our schools, our Newman Centers on college campuses, and through Catholic Charities are all examples of sharing the Gospel. Our efforts to defend and support human life, from conception until natural death, demonstrate our deeply held belief in the dignity of the human person. Our encouragement and support for those in formation to become priests demonstrates our deep desire that the Church's Sacraments will continue to be available to feed and enrich the life of the faithful. All of these endeavors give glory to God.

I ask you to join with me in supporting the ADA through your prayer and through your financial support. Together, we can make a significant impact spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, we can show that we truly desire to "Do Everything for the Glory of God!"

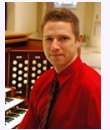
Know that I daily pray with and for you. I am grateful for the many ways in which you show the love of Jesus right here in the Heart of Illinois – it is what makes our Church so beautiful in the eyes of God!

God love you and God bless you!

Peace and Prayers,

✦ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

🎵 NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:



We are invited in scripture to "sing to the Lord a new song" (Psalm 96) and "clap your hands, shout to God with cries of joy" (Psalm 47), to "blow the trumpet" (Joel 2) at feasts and solemnities and to "come before [God] with joyful songs" (Psalm 100).

Music has been integral to the expression of faith in this parish since its founding—and continues to this day. If able, you can and are encouraged to be an active participant in that expression! We have many opportunities beyond congregational singing for those who wish to engage more fully in the musical life of Holy Cross.

- The traditional choir rehearses Thursday nights 7-8 p.m. in the choir loft, and sings at the 10 a.m. Mass during the school year. This choir sings sacred music spanning more than 1,000 years, from Gregorian chant to modern choral repertoire.
- The contemporary choir rehearses Tuesday nights 7-8 p.m. in the choir loft, and sings at the 4 p.m. Mass during the school year. This choir focuses on newer hymns and praise songs.
- Cantors lead the congregational singing at all Masses and proclaim the psalm and Gospel verse. Cantors are an integral part of the music program at Holy Cross.
- Guest instrumentalists contribute their skills at special Masses throughout the year. While these are often members of the Champaign-Urbana community, parishioners who play a musical instrument may contribute their talents as well.

Participation in the music program at Holy Cross is more than a stewardship opportunity; we are a friendly group with lots of camaraderie. We welcome all who wish to participate with friendship and grace, Holy Cross members or not! Additionally, if you want to join us for a particular season, such as Advent/Christmas or Easter, you are most welcome.

If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities at Holy Cross, please contact Music Director Jonathan Young at jonathanyoung455@gmail.com or speak with a current choir member or cantor. No experience is necessary—only a desire to "praise [the Lord] with the harp and lyre...with the timbral and dancing...with the strings and pipe..." (Psalm 150).

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**SEPTEMBER 2024
FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

www.apostleshipofprayer.org



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 and a Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbriidget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@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
www.holycrosselem.org

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

As we begin a new school year. I have three things that I have been praying for: Faith, Hope and Love.

I have Faith that each and every one of our students, staff, parents, and community members have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. I have Faith that you will entrust our school to educate your student in a faith-based manner.

I Hope that all of us can show compassion, understanding, and treat each other with respect and kindness.

I pray that each and every member of our Holy Cross family can Love one another like Jesus Loved us.

I pledge to keep Jesus at the center of my words, actions, and my life and I pray that you will as well.

Welcome back and have a great school year!

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

On a different note, I am saddened that we had to say goodbye to 20 of our students who could not afford to continue at Holy Cross. With the Invest in Kids Act gone and not enough money in our scholarship fund, these students could no longer receive a Catholic education. Please consider giving what you can to our scholarship fund so we do not have to say goodbye to any more of our students. To break it down in real terms, 20 students at \$8,200 per student for tuition is a \$164,000 loss of income for our school and for student engagement, growth and spirituality.

Job Opportunities: Pre-K Aide and After Care Aides. Please contact the school if interested (217) 356-9521



HOLY FAMILY RADIO FAREWELL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Holy Family Catholic Radio 95.7 FM will be going off the air in the near future. Catholic Spirit Radio 88.3 out

of Normal, Illinois will continue the Catholic message in Champaign - Urbana.

Thank you for listening and your financial support over the years. God Bless you all! In April of 2025 Holy Catholic Radio would have had a blessed 10 years of support and service. We will keep you in our prayers for your kind and thoughtful service.

Blessings,

Holy Family Catholic Radio Directors, Trinity Educational Association, Judy Weber -Jones: Founder/Board Member/Secretary, Allen Drake: Founder/Board Member/Engineer, Peggy Price: Founder/President/Board Member, Mary Joan Colwell: Founder/Board Member, Helen Haynes: Treasurer, Nick Haggin: Engineer, Shirley Slittstoesser: Board Member.

Fall Schedule

Division of the Diocese of the Holy Cross
Moms' Group
facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms
hcmomsgroup@gmail.com

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

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



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.**

Collection

Offering for August 24th/25th.....\$7,441.00

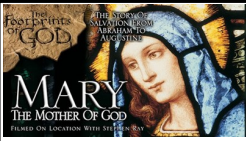
Thank you very much!



**MOTHER TERESA:
NO GREATER LOVE**

September 5 — St. Teresa of Calcutta

Filed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.



MARY: THE MOTHER OF GOD

Footprints of God with Stephen Ray

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.



MARY: THE CHURCH'S FIRST & MOST PERFECT MEMBER

In the Gospel of John, we see the powerful scene in which Jesus gives to the Church his final gift: "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:27). Here we see Jesus inaugurating Mary's role as mother of the Church. Therefore, it should be no surprise that from the very earliest time of the Church, Christians have turned to Mary as their spiritual mother for her prayers and her motherly help. This session will explore why Mary is not only the Church's first and most perfect member, but how she is also the mother of the Church and each and every Christian's spiritual mother.

ECHO with Bishop Donald Hying

Financial Assistance (and more) to Families:

We were able to deliver two donated mattress and box spring sets (twin and double sizes). Thank you to the donor family and to Dennis who picked up and delivered them!

We are 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.

Please continue to pray for Kay, Sherrise, Elissa and Alexis, who are battling health issues. Kay will be having breast surgery sometime soon.

Prayerful Support: We are praying for all pro-life supporters and benefactors, those who do pro-life work, and every person and family helped by pro-life efforts.

Of course, we are still creating billboards (thank you Renee and her crew), and serving the poor with many diapers and household goods for families. We have a new family for diapers – this woman is young, has an 8-month-old and is expecting a new baby. We are also trying to store up our families with food, so they can use their hard-earned salaries for other items...

Want to help? Contact Joy 217 840-0322.

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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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 & 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
- Hershberger & 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