



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

“Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 18:19

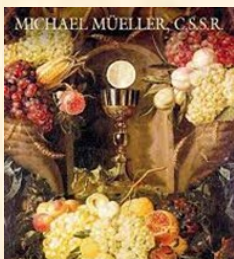
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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival

"If the angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." -St. Maximilian Kolbe



Excerpts from *The Blessed Eucharist*
by Michael Mueller, C.S.S.R.

There is a great difference between devotion and the feeling of devotion. One may have much devotion without feeling it at all. Sensible devotion is not always the best, for it is liable to many illusions. Besides this, it does not always depend upon us.

THE BLESSED EUCHARIST
OUR GREATEST TREASURE

God grants it to whom He pleases. If you feel no devotion, humble yourself before God, but do not stay away from him. The devotion which is necessary for receiving Holy Communion consists in approaching your Lord with humility, confidence and love; with a desire to honor Jesus Christ, to unite yourself to Him and to obey Him.

You say: "I am so cold," but tell me, will you become warm by staying away from the fire? Would it not be wiser to go to Communion in order to become devout? Do you not know that Holy Communion is a fire which enkindles love, devotion and spiritual joy in the heart?

Is it not true that the less frequently you receive, the less desire you have to receive, and that the oftener you receive, the more you will wish to receive?



Encounters With Jesus



On the **second Wednesday** of the month, now through December, we are gathering to view and discuss "*The Mass*" a series by Bishop Robert Barron that walks us through the Mass. The videos are around 25 minutes with a discussion following. We plan to meet for about one hour. Here are the remaining sessions:

- Sept. 13 - "God Speaks Our Story"
- Oct. 11 - "Responding to God"
- Nov. 8 - "Preparing for Sacrifice"
- Dec. 13 - "The Real Presence Creates Communion"

You are invited to our "Holy Hour with Jesus" on the 4th Wednesday of each month! Come and spend time with Him from 6:30—7:30 p.m. All you have to do is sit with Him and bask in His presence!

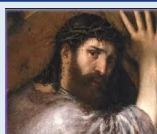
Your life will change - We promise you!

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.

The first two weeks in September we will be doing the Litany of the Holy Cross.



Litany of the
Holy Cross

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor
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MASS

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-Third 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.	Sept. 16 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Tim Spila No Ministers Garrett, Nick, Zora & Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 17 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Karduck No Ministers Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Dawn Friedman, Margie Hoss Abby, Chris, and Tim Friedman
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Jan Weber James Linnenburger, Isabella Contreras



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 11

7:00 a.m. In honor of Fr. Donton's Birthday

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 a.m. Jack Burton

Wednesday, September 13

6:00 p.m. Maurice Gordon

Thursday, September 14 (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

6:00 p.m. Blessings for Holy Cross Parish

Friday, September 15

8:15 a.m. James Langemak

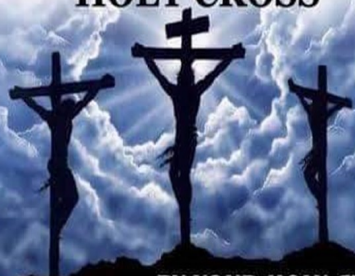
Saturday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Leo Dhom

Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Honor and Thanksgivings to the Burton Family
10:00 a.m. Hans Ostertag
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



BY YOUR HOLY CROSS

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR
HOLY CROSS, BE WITH ME
TO SHIELD ME.

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
BY THE MEMORY OF YOUR
BLESSED CROSS, BE WITHIN
TO STRENGTHEN ME.

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
FOR YOUR GLORIOUS CROSS,
GO BEFORE ME TO DIRECT
MY STEPS.

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
FOR YOUR NOBLE CROSS,
BE YOU IN ME TO LEAD ME
TO YOUR KINGDOM.
AMEN.

True Relic
of the
Cross from
our own

This Thursday, September 14th is our Feast Day.

Please join us for a celebration of our Feast Day, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday evening, September 14th.

-- Senior Potluck Luncheon at noon

-- Candle Lit Living Rosary in the Church at 5:30 p.m.

-- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass at 6:00 p.m.

-- Dinner and fellowship in the Great Hall hosted by the Mom's Group of Holy Cross



Bereaved Parents of the USA

The Champaign-Urbana chapter will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. this **Sunday, September 10th** at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We will meet in the community room. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more information, contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.

Senior Luncheon

If you are 55 or older, Join us for good food, good friends, and fun at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **September 14th 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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. DONTON!

Fr. Donton's birthday is September 11th. May our thoughts and prayers continue to be with him on his Birthday as we wish him many blessings and good health in the years to come.



Reminder: There is no 7 a.m. Mass on Thursday. We will have our Feast Day Mass at 6 p.m. only on that day.

Feast Week

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 & 10 Legacy Fair - Find out about the different ministries and see what Holy Cross Parish has to offer to aid you in your spiritual life. Legacy Fair will take place in the Parish Hall after each Mass.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Encounter- As part of our year-long Parish Eucharistic Revival, join us in the Great Hall for "Responding to God" of Bishop Robert Barron's series *The Mass*, followed by small group discussions. Snacks are provided. Child care will be available. Hosted by the Eucharistic Revival Committee

Celebrate our Feast Day

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross in our beautiful church.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Noon—Senior Potluck in Parish Center

5:15 p.m. Living Rosary with candles in the church

6:00 p.m. Feast Day Mass.

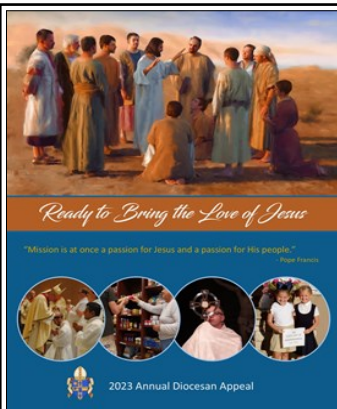
7:00 p.m. Dinner - Homemade Chicken & Noodles, sides, kid options, desserts in the Parish Hall

Parish Homecoming Friday, Sept. 15

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner, Live Music, Inflatables, Dunk Tank, and more...

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:

WWW.FEASTWEEK.WEBLY.COM



2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Today, the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Peoria. It is time for us to do what we can to support not only our Diocese but the programs and ministries that benefit our parish and our community. If you have not made your pledge by mail, please

fill out the pledge card in your pew. The goal for our parish is \$119,274 and we can reach it only with your help.

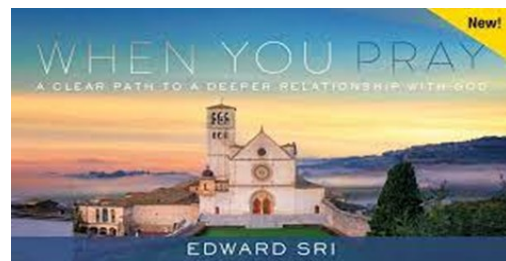
Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account, or online at www.cdop.org/ada.

Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's ADA appeal.

Adult Formation



ADULT FORMATION / BIBLE STUDY 2023

Join us for the latest study by Dr. Edward Sri and Ascension Press

WHEN YOU PRAY -

A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Mondays, 6:30—8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
September 18, 25 and October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
or

Tuesdays, 9:00—11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center
September 19, 26 and October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Cost is \$27 and includes the book, workbook, and digital video access.

Contact Elizabeth Kelley at 217-352-8748
or elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org
to register or for more information!



SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 1ST

Help those with special needs! The Knights of Columbus will hold their Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of September 29th through October 1st. They will be selling tootsie rolls outside of **County Market on Kirby and Duncan on Friday, Sept. 29th**, and at **Holy Cross after each Mass on Sept 30th and Oct. 1st**. 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!

Questions? Call Andrew Zasada at (217) 305-9681.

Special Olympics
Illinois



Camp Hope



*Lord Jesus, You are a shield around me.
Strong in love, heavy with power,
shaped with hope, and glided with
truth. I will fear no evil, for you watch
over me. You defend and deliver me. In
this day, this hour, this moment I put
my trust in you. Amen.*



High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Head Boys Swimming Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at stmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org, and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at jmarston@hs-stm.org.

Save the Date. Mother Son Superhero Dance, Friday, **Sept. 29th** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at STM. \$30 per Mom. Boys up to 8th grade, free. Event Sponsor: STM Parent Association. Contact: Becky Leibach 217.202.0998 or leibach@gmail.com for questions

Homecoming in October. Join us at STM for Homecoming on **Saturday, Oct. 7th** at 1:00 p.m. as we take on Metro East Lutheran. Bring your families and enjoy the game. We'll have an alumni tent set up through halftime for check-in and for a meeting place. And we will recognize the class of 2003 on their 20th anniversary. Questions? Email alumni@hs-stm.org.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH WITH CHILDREN?

We are interviewing for catechist and assistant catechist positions within our Family Formation Religious Education K-8 program and Children's Liturgy of the Word 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



We are still in need of
LECTORS and
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of one of these ministries. Call 217-352-8748 or Email office@holycrosscatholic.org. Thank you!



There **will not** be Coffee and Donut shop today, Sept. 10th, during the Legacy Fair, but there will be breakfast hosted by the Scouts.

We will be back on Sept. 17th. See you then!



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Pick Up 9/14
Holy Cross School (2:30 pm - 5:30 pm)
410 W. White Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Contact stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org with questions

This weekend is the last chance to place an order!

Save the Date!

Friday, November 3rd
7:00pm to 9pm



Our 6th Annual Cabaret Night at
Holy Cross Parish Center! All
proceeds will benefit Holy Cross
School. More details to come soon!



**Check out the new
bookcase in the back of church!**
**Books are free – read, return or pass
along to someone else.**

Donations accepted but not necessary.
Place any money in an envelope marked
'bookcase' and drop it in the collection
basket or drop it off at the parish office.



**Pilgrimage to the
National Shrine & Museum of St. Therese
of Lisieux, Society of the Little Flower
Monday, September 25th, 2023
(805 Bailey Rd. Darien, IL)**

Hosted by the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

You will see the largest collection of Little Flower relics and memorabilia outside of Lisieux, France.

As part of this pilgrimage, we would like to ask everyone to join us in praying a novena to St. Therese for increase in vocations and thanksgivings for vocations.

We will offer two departure points. One from Champaign and one from Peoria, both leaving at 7:00 a.m. and arriving back at 5:00 p.m.

The day will include a talk with a member of the staff, a walk through the statues and stations of the cross, a short video on the life of St. Therese, and visiting relics and artifacts. Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. in the National Shrine. After Mass we will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant, and then return to the Shrine and Museum, where you will be able to enjoy free prayer time in the Meditation Garden and shopping in the Carmelite Gift Shop. There will be a special program lasting approximately 45 minutes beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will board the bus at 3:00 and leave at 3:30 p.m. and return to the return destination you have chosen.

Reservation includes bus transportation by Peoria Charter Coach, breakfast snack on the bus, all Shrine exhibits, Mass and amenities on the campus. The cost of your lunch, which you will order at the restaurant, is not included. Everyone is invited to join us on the pilgrimage.

Cost per person \$90. Please **make checks payable to the PDCCW and mail to Spalding Pastoral Center**, 419 NE Madison Ave., Peoria, IL 61603 and call MaryAnn Hughes 217-597-1021. Deadline to sign up is now September 15th. **Limited seating, sign up now!**

Include name, Phone #, Email, and Emergency contact
Please indicate which departure point you will leave and return to:

1. Peoria Pastoral Center, 419 NE Madison Ave., Peoria IL 61603
2. Home Depot, 820 Bloomington Rd., Champaign, IL 61820 --> off I-74

Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!

A Word from Joy

NEW: We will be receiving 3 new twin mattresses that are being donated! We also delivered much needed toilet paper and dish washing soap.

A **BIG Thank You** to our wonderful moving and delivery team! They rock!

We need: 3 twin box springs, a couch and/or sofa for an Urbana family

NEW: For August we delivered nearly 1,500 diapers to 8 families with 14 children needing diapers or pullups. We spent \$592.84 on diapers/pullups, clothes washing detergent, toilet paper and wipes.

NEW: Supporting Fr. Leo's Tanzanian diocese effort We will be making a \$500 donation to Fr. Leo's Tanzanian diocese to support seminarian training and clean water initiatives in that region – all life-affirming efforts for mind, body and soul!

Helping Families in their Faith Walk: We will be helping one family in their faith walk! Please Pray for Elissa and her 4 boys as they make this journey. We are so grateful for such a supportive spiritual family. Thank you for your Time, Talent, and Treasure! God bless you all!

If you would like to help, or have any questions, contact Joy at joypace@msn.com or call 217 359-8406

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.

Westgate Apartments

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 & 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
Zellenga 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

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.