



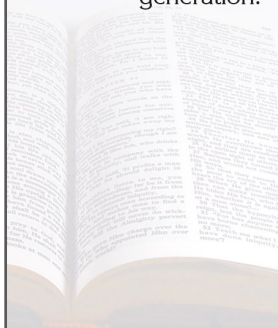
With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of



Faith Formation

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

REDEDICATE YOURSELF TO THE MISSION



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Eucharistic Revival



Dear Friends,

The latter weeks of Ordinary time tend to focus on the different requirements for belonging in the Kingdom of God. Whether Jesus gives us a direct teaching on the commandments, urges us to forgive, or tells us parables, He continually invites us to reflect on how our personal lives are measuring up to His demands of discipleship. These are demands personally delivered by the Son of God who died for you and me!

I often think about the people who come to me sharing their struggle to believe in God's love for them. Whether these doubts stem from personal sin, brokenness, or both, they become a barrier to the hope of sharing eternal joy with God forever in heaven. What makes it possible to believe in this unconditional love of God, regardless of our fear and failures?

The loving gaze of Jesus.

During Mass or in the quiet presence of the Blessed Sacrament, God is truly present, and I know His love is for you and me. The more time we spend in the presence of the Eucharist, the more that "knowing" moves from head to heart. The "longest journey" (head to heart) is expedited by something profound and totally free: the merciful love of Jesus! The only "cost" is a humble, contrite heart.

On August 15, we celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the mystery of the Assumption, we see Mary, the Mother of God, experience the fulfillment of the love she received from God by being united with Him — body and soul — forever in heaven. Her glory in heaven right now is a sign of hope for our future glory, if only we are open to the same love that filled her heart!

Won't you join me during these final weeks of Ordinary time and let the loving gaze of Jesus fall upon that part of your heart in most need of mercy or healing? **Make an act of contrition, go to confession — be set free!** Through His Paschal Mystery, Jesus has conquered sin and death. He is **thirsting** to give you and me the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven — which begins in this life through our communion with Christ and His Mystical Body. **Just say yes!**

Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.
Managing Editor,
National Eucharistic Revival

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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 last two weeks in September we will be praying the Litany of Our Lady of Sorrows.



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parish Administrator
Fr. Deogratias Mpewo, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor (leave of absence)
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith

TRUSTEES

Tom Murray John Powers

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elizabeth Kelley

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Young

TRIBUNAL AUDITOR

Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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-Fourth 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. 23 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Bingaman Nora Kelley, Brody Oliveira
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 24 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No Ministers Nicolette Burton, Emma Lwao
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Ben Laws, Jay Ehlman Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Penny Devall Will Herges, Sam Easton



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 18

7:00 a.m. In honor of Chris Pleasure & Family

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 a.m. Honor and Thanksgivings to Jola Swiech

Wednesday, September 20

6:00 p.m. Cusano/Pera Family

Thursday, September 21

7:00 a.m. James Mahoney

Friday, September 22

8:15 a.m. Noble and Harriette Morton

Saturday, September 23

5:30 p.m. Stafford Perrodin

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner

4:00 p.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle

WELCOME FR. DEOGRATIAS MPEWO



"I am Rev. Fr Deogratias Mpewo, from the Catholic Diocese of Jinja, Uganda, East Africa. I was born on 3rd/June/1965 to Boniface and Anastasia, both passed on same day August 02 1998; may their souls rest in eternal Glory. My father was an elementary school teacher and my mother a housewife.

We were born 11 children, 5 girls, 6 boys and I am 4th number.

I was ordained on 18/February/1995 by the first Bishop of the Diocese, Rt Rev Joseph Willigers, Mill Hill Missionary, MHSRIEP. The Diocese was erected in 1964 but received the first Bishop in 1967 and he handed over to the present Bishop in 2010. I started my priestly vocation in 1981 in Uganda Martyrs Minor Seminary which was opened in 1980 with 11 students; I became a priest, we joined 18 students and two of us were ordained priests.

I love working in Holy Cross Catholic Parish because of the warm welcome I am receiving every day from the parishioners ever since they received the news of my appointment as Parochial Vicar. God bless you all.



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 last approx. 25 minutes with a discussion following. We plan to meet for about one hour. Here are the remaining sessions:

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!



HOLY CROSS MOMS' GROUP

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, **Sept. 20th** at Holy Cross Parish Center for CPR Training with Jessica McMahon.

Email us at: hcmomsgroup@gmail.com

Join our Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms

COFFEE AND DONUTS

- Come over to the Parish Center after the Sunday morning Masses for a cup of coffee and a delicious donut. Join us for stimulating conversation. Join old friends, make new friends.





2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged

to the appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you received your pledge card in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you have not, there are pledge cards in the narthex/pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish.

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.

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Discipleship?

Do you worry about our young people losing their faith in college? Newman Centers are places where they can get to know Jesus on a deeper level and accept His invitation to become His disciples. Among our priests and religious are many who found their vocation while at



a Newman Center. Other students experience Catholic Faith for the first time in one of our five Newman Centers and decide to become Catholic. Your ADA gift has no small impact – it helps shape our future generations.

Give online at www.cdop.org/ada.

"Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people."

- Pope Francis



2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MOVIE PRESENTATION "UNPLANNED"

Sunday, September 24th at 5:15 p.m. (following 4:00 p.m. Mass), in the Great Hall at Holy Cross.



Please join us for the presentation of the film "Unplanned". This movie tells how Abby Johnson became Pro-Life's biggest advocate after she witnessed an abortion. A story full of compassion, redemption, and saving the lives of defenseless babies.

Light snacks and beverages will be available.



THANKS TO ALL FEAST WEEK VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you to all who were able to celebrate **The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** throughout last week! We hope you enjoyed coming together in fellowship as Holy Cross Parish!

Most important, we thank all the volunteers who helped to make our Feast Week special. A special Thank You to Holy Cross Parish Council for organizing and orchestrating the celebration!

Holy Cross truly is -

ALWAYS HOME, ALWAYS FAMILY!



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

Collections

Offering for Sept. 2nd/3rd.....	\$6,936.50
Tuition Assistance.....	\$535.00
Offering for Sept. 9th/10th.....	\$6,960.59
Development Fund.....	\$682.00



High School of St. Thomas More
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Bowl Making: The Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase which benefits a local food pantry is Friday, November 3rd! Three bowl-making nights that are open to anyone are Wednesday, Sept. 27th, Tuesday Oct. 10th and Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Come to STM anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. These handmade bowls will be sold at the event. Please reserve a spot with Mrs. Pagel at dpagel@hs-stm.org so we are sure to have enough supplies and help!

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. with questions

Alumni: Join us at the high school for Homecoming on Saturday, October 7th at 1 p.m. as STM takes on Metro East Lutheran. 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. We will especially recognize the Class of 2003 on their 20th anniversary. Questions? Email alumni@hs-stm.org.

Fall Open House: CHECK US OUT! STM will host its Fall Open House at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18th. Families of students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to meet our administration team, learn about our sports, clubs, and activities, and take a tour of the school. Questions? Please feel free to email admissions@hs-stm.org for more information.

Job Opportunities: STM is seeking applications for a Head Girls Soccer Coach, 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.



**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



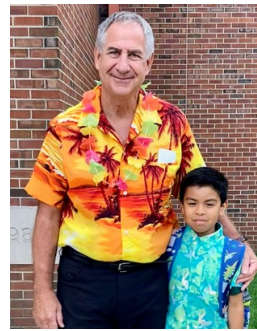
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HAWAIIAN DAY AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

The Diocese of Peoria and Holy Cross School offered a "Colorful **Shirt/Hawaii Shirt**" day in support of the Sacred Hearts Catholic School in Lahaina, Hawaii. Students were able to wear a "colorful shirt or a Hawaiian shirt" to school on Friday, September 8th, **with a \$1 donation**.

Homeroom teachers collected the \$1 donation in the morning as students came into school.

The funds will be donated to Sacred Hearts Catholic School in Lahaina, Hawaii. Their school was severely damaged during the wildfires that ravaged the island of Maui, Hawaii last month. Please keep the people of Maui in your prayers.



Save the Date!

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

CABARET

**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.



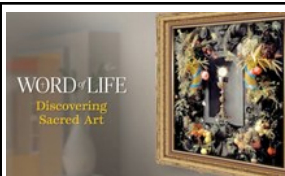
MOTHER OF SORROWS | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 6

The Christian belief in the miraculous birth of Jesus affirms that Mary did not experience physical labor or birth pangs. However, as she stands at the foot of the Cross, she experiences the pain foretold by Simeon—"a sword will pierce through your own soul"—when she becomes the Mother of the Church.



DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS by Kimberly Hahn

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



SACRED ART FOR KIDS

These videos are just a small portion of the *Word of Life* curriculum created by the trusted theologians and award-winning film studio at the Augustine Institute and at Ignatius Press. *Word of Life* is a comprehensive, multifaceted Pre-K-8 curriculum that calls children, parents, teachers, and catechists to conversion and transformation in Christ.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup to sign up

The life of the body is the soul, the life of the soul is Christ.
-- St. Anthony of Padua

A Word from Joy

"UNPLANNED" movie at Holy Cross on September 24th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days starts Sept 27 and runs through Nov 5. Please come out with your family or with a friend to pray peacefully at the side walk of Planned Parenthood, 307 E. Stoughton St. Champaign, IL. Free parking along Stoughton and 3rd street, right next to the Apartment building. DO NOT park in PP's or County Market's parking lots. Please encourage everyone to support women and families. Being prayerful and peaceful and encouraging to others in need helps every family and society. For more information and to sign up, contact: Sandy Ostrowski (217) 781-2022, sostrow@mchsi.com.

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

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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 & 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
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
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.