

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 19, 2021

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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Catechetical Sunday



"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19th, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

A Prayer for Catechists

O God our Heavenly Father,
you have given us the gift of these catechists
to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.
We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede
for them concerning their hopes and needs.
May we be attentive to the presence
of your Word in them,
a Word that lifts up and affirms,
calls forth and challenges,
is compassionate and consoles.
We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with
those who have responded to the call
to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.
May we too be open to the universal call to service that
Christ addresses to all of his disciples,
contributing our gifts to the communion of faith,
the Church.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday Devotion for September 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
will be the Litany of the Cross



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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 2:15 p.m. (when school is in session).

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 a baptismal preparation session,
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.

The Twenty-Fifth 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. 25 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley Gloria Fellers Nora Kelley, Mary Beth Franey
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 26 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger No Ministers Wil Karduck, Henry Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy Jessica McMahon, Ben Laws Philip Christhlf, Brooke McMahon
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Stephanie Farney John Farney, Elaine Hershberger Kristina Maloney, Nate Farney



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 20

7:00 a.m. Tim Crook

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 a.m. Tom Cosgrove

Wednesday, September 22

6:00 p.m. All Souls

Thursday, September 23

7:00 a.m. Bob Weber

Friday, September 24

8:15 a.m. Dr. Cesar Yu Co

Saturday, September 25

5:30 p.m. Regina Robinson

Sunday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Joe & Velma Jerkovitz

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

4:00 p.m. James Paras

Eucharistic Outreach

Eucharistic Outreach will begin again soon! If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email at office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.

Mass COVID Protocol Update

We received a letter from the Vicar General of our Diocese indicating that in order to slow the spread of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, we are to follow the governor's mask mandate.

Everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask at all indoor settings. Thank you for masking up when we gather together, whether that be in the church or the parish center. In addition, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass in person continues to be in effect.

"Thank You," Coffee Shop Hosts!

Thank you to the following who have hosted our parish Coffee Shop during the last 4 weeks: Monica Barham, Ray Tucker, Dave & Bob Kappes, the Unger family, the McMahon family, and Chuck & Veronica Morton. We have a few spots yet to fill, particularly after the 10 a.m. Mass. The sign-up sheet is for Sept.-Dec. We'll email or phone you a reminder as your slot gets closer. Thanks for your consideration. To help out, please call Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Patrick Joseph Ray, son of Derek and Amber Ray. Let us support little Patrick on his faith journey!

FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Amy Love. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



PRO-LIFE

Thank God for ongoing progress in the fight for the Right to Life for All! The Texas Heartbeat Act that just passed is a huge step forward. Although we had a short break over summer from sending out these emails, a lot has been happening behind the scenes. Below are details about upcoming pro-life activities and events -- numerous wonderful opportunities to help foster a stronger Culture of Life! Please schedule some time to get involved.



*40 Days for Life Jericho March & Kick-Off Event, Saturday, Sept. 25th.

*40 Days for Life Fall 2021, Sept 22nd to Oct. 31st

*Pro-Life Billboard Project, Ongoing

*Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Recovery Retreat, Sept. 24th to 26th

*Life Chain, October 3rd

*Deeper Still Abortion Recovery Retreat, Oct. 8th-10th

JERICHO MARCH at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton St., Champaign. We will gather together in celebration of the recent Texas Heartbeat Act, which will save countless lives, and kick off the fall 40 Days for Life. Free and open to all.

Join us for Faith, Pro-Life Witness, Some Exercise and Joyful Noise as we peacefully circle the Planned Parenthood building 7 times. A Jericho March mimics the biblical battle of Jericho. We will have a pastor lead us in prayer and then participants will march (walk) around the building while praying silently. Those who prefer to sit (portable chairs are welcome) or stand are welcome to do so. There will also be music and singing (lyrics provided), including the *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* song.

Contact Renee at 217-607-0811,
or reneemullen@comcast.net
or <https://40daysforlife.com/champaign>



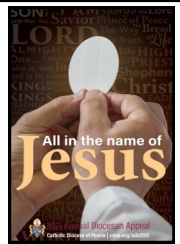
FAMILY NIGHT OUT

What's Family Night Out? It's the easiest fundraiser! Go out to eat with your family. Mention that you're fundraising for Holy Cross and show them the flyer on your phone. Our school gets back 20% of your bill. To participate, get digital flyers sent directly to your phone at 6 p.m. the night before an event. Text: @fno2021 to the number: 81010

Would you rather get an email? Go to the website <https://www.remind.com/join/fno2021> and follow their instructions.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

The 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Diocese of Peoria are continued and carried forward.



Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. The pledge cards and envelopes will be available at the end of the pews, or at the Parish Office.

Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services, and every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish to finance repairs and maintenance to our Church and School parking lots.

If you wish to make a donation on your pledge or to pay your contribution in full, please make your check payable to "Catholic Diocese of Peoria." Reminder statements are sent monthly from December to July. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit, or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA!



MOMS' GROUP

Holy Cross Moms' Group is meeting for a Moms' Night Out on Sept. 21st at Seven Saints in Downtown Champaign. Join us for food and fellowship starting at 7:00 p.m. Please e-mail hcmomsgroup@gmail.com if you can make it.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Sept. 29th from 9-11 a.m. in the Parish Center basement. We will listen to a Catholic motherhood podcast. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide babysitting services for older toddlers or babies at this time. Your young children are welcome to join us during meetings. Please wear a mask. Stay home if you or anyone in your family isn't feeling well.

If you'd like to view our entire fall schedule and meet some wonderful moms, please join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossmoms and/or e-mail us at hcmomsgroup@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting friends and growing in holiness together!

Last 2 Weeks' Collections

Offering for Sept. 4th/5th.....	\$7,968.01
School Tuition Assistance.....	\$715.00
Offering for Sept. 11th/12th.....	\$6,835.00
Development Fund.....	\$882.00

Thank you very much!



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Attention Future Sabers: STM Shadow Days are open to 7th and 8th graders. *To register, please go to <https://forms.gle/8NyCPGiRf3CZj5az9>*. We look forward to welcoming you to campus! You belong here; sign up today!

Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase! Join us for a night of fun and soup to help feed those who are hungry. On November 11th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for a donation of \$10 you can select a ceramic bowl, enjoy a meal and entertainment, then take the bowl home as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world. You are also invited to join us for a bowl-making night in October (dates TBA).

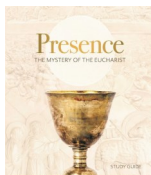
Employment Opportunities. We are seeking a Head Girls Soccer Coach, a Head Girls Basketball Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and Mr. Anthony Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org

ADULT FORMATION (formerly Bible Study)

is back! With all the recent controversy regarding the denial of Holy Communion to various politicians, it seems that a study on the Eucharist would be timely. Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us at the Holy Cross Parish Center on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning **Oct. 4th**, or Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning **Oct. 5th**. Register with the Parish Office by **Sept. 20th** to ensure a copy of the workbook. Holy Cross is covering the cost of books for this study!



PARKING: During school hours, please park in the row next to the parish center only. The other rows are coned off for school use during the day. Thank you!

SEEKING A FULL TIME CASE MANAGER FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN THE CHAMPAIGN AREA

Forward your Letter of Introduction with Resume to: Catholic Diocese of Peoria, Attn: HR – Social Work Case Manager, 419 NE Madison Ave., Peoria, IL 61603.

or email: humanresources@cdop.org - Subject: Social Work Case Manager



Holy Cross School

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Sitting in my office, this old but catchy song popped into my head:

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.

As I reflected on this song, it dawned on me that Jesus has been with me my whole life. He has walked beside me in good times and in bad. He has guided me and showed me what path to take. He has led me to Holy Cross and I am blessed to be here with all of you.

Greg Koerner

"Always Home - Always Family"
WE ARE HOLY CROSS



AFTER CARE HELP NEEDED

Job Opening: We still have a position to fill in After-Care. The hours are 2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at hcs@holycrosselem.org or call the school office at 217-356-9521.



Clean, gently used winter coats (new coats would be great also!) are needed for the 18th Annual "Coat the Community" drive. Donations will be accepted **Saturday, October 16th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Keller Williams Realty parking lot at Village at The Crossing, 2441 Village Green Place, Champaign.

When you donate, you will be eligible to enter our giveaway.

Children's coats are especially needed. The Salvation Army will assist in the free distribution of the coats to local families in need. Go to

www.CoatTheCommunity.com

for more information. Hosted by The Scott Bechtel Group, Keller Williams Realty.

18th Annual

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MOTHER TERESA

2h 55m

In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the challenges of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.



MOTHER TERESA

The film follows her through the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone, and also shows her stubbornness with the people who wanted to block her way.

Her faith and loving works transcended hardships and ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.



FORMED DAILY: "BECAUSE I LOVE YOU"

In this daily reflection, Saint Teresa of Calcutta gives us a modern model of loving thy neighbor. In today's segment, she narrates what it means to truly love and how we can strive to do so in our lives.

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families
Menke & Leahy Families
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano
Paul, Joe, Edward, & Marie 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 & Fotzler Families
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families
Pellum & Gillis Families
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
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers 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
Charlie & Evelyn Bell
Zeilenga Family
Rentfrow Family
Ron Murphy
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
Margaret Hettinger
Raymond Timpone
Maxine Timpone
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family
John Michael Cabutti
Glen & Helen Jones
Betty Madrey
Menacher & Sizer Families
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Thomas McCarthy
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