

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me."

Mk 9:37

September 22, 2024



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Eucharistic Revival



DRAWN TO ADORE

Adoration becomes seen as precisely the “gravitational pull” of the soul, as that activity which puts a man in his humanity face-to-face with his God. This stance of the creature before his Creator is the one that I think more than ever is needed today by the people of our world who so often have focused their attention on man and have forgotten God who is their goal. It is absolutely necessary that many of us devote ourselves to adoration; we might say it is something needed by the Mystical Body.

At this time when the Holy Spirit is nudging so many people into vocations that involve searching for those who are lost; when so many Christians, driven by the love of Christ, are looking desperately toward those who have gone astray so that they may do everything in their power – save sin – to befriend them wherever they have been led in their estrangement – there is a great need for others to turn to God. Deep inside the human dough there is a need for people who adore, people so convinced of the need for what they are doing that they deprive themselves of all activity on behalf of their human kin. They know that they are answering the essential part of their call by saying again and again to God in the contemporary equivalent of the desert, in the subways, on the highways, in their homes, on their farms: “You are he who is; we are those who not.”

Our time has need of these sacrifices offered amongst people who know nothing of them. There is a need for voices crying in the desert... “We give you thanks for your great glory, in the total oblation of ourselves.”

- Venerable Madeleine Delbrel

Venerable Madeleine Delbrel (+1964) was a French laywoman and writer, devoted to caring for the poor and to evangelizing culture.



ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Join us **September 25** after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the church to spend an Hour of Adoration with Our Lord.

Every 4th Wednesday after 6:00 p.m. Mass in the church. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Come and spend time with Him!

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 September, we are praying the Litany to Our Lady of Sorrows



PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

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Deacon Ed Mohrbacher

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-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. 28 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Dave Kristovich John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman, Kathy Murray Tom Murray, Mark Woolwine
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 29 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	John Karduck Mary Shelden, Sue Berndt Henry Karduck, Wil Karduck
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Mefford Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman, Jessica McMahon, Brooke McMahon Tim Friedman, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Stephanie Rank Kristina Maloney, Brody Oliveira



CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer. If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.



SEPTEMBER 20TH -- SEPTEMBER 22ND

Help those with special needs! The Knights of Columbus will hold their Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of September 20th through September 22nd. They will be selling tootsie rolls outside of **County Market on Kirby and Duncan on Friday, Sept. 20th**, and at **Holy Cross after each Mass on Sept. 21st and Sept. 22nd**. 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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 25

6:00 p.m. Ray Drebes

Thursday, September 26

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Thi Nguyen

Friday, September 27

8:15 a.m. Paul Kelley

Saturday, September 28

5:30 p.m. Cathy Leahy

Sunday, September 29

8:00 a.m. William Lynch
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Ed Gordon



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH,

and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Evalynn Ann Galvan, daughter of Ricardo and Jane Galvan. Let us support little Evelyn on her faith journey!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Tempel. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



COFFEE AND DONUT SHOP

Fall is here and that means coffee and donuts are resuming. Coffee, orange juice, milk and donuts are served in the Great Hall after Sunday morning Masses. It's the perfect chance to reconnect with friends and to make new ones. We need 2 volunteers to serve after each Mass. To sign up, please go to Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACAE2FA0FDC52-51401947-holy> or send an email to crakers@comcast.net or text or call 217- 417-6041.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. ~ Matthew 19:14

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program to help our littlest parishioners experience Jesus' love in the most simple manner. During their time, children gather in the Atrium, a room prepared for them, which contains simple, yet beautiful materials that they use to learn and grow in their faith. This time and place allows children to work with materials that aid their focus to be directed toward scripture, the liturgy of the church, and practical life skills. This program will be available to our children (ages 3-9) on Mondays during the school year beginning on Sept. 23rd. You can sign your child up for 3:30-5 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. If your family is interested in your child participating or if you have questions, please call the parish office. There are limited spaces available because of the small space. If your child is in Aftercare at Holy Cross School, your child can have permission to attend during the 3:30-5 p.m. session. Joslyn Unger is the catechist for CGS.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads us to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Holy Cross/St. Matthew Conference is blessed by your generosity in making this outreach possible. The number of people in need, including families with children, increases often. Any non-perishable food item is appreciated. Gifts can be dropped off at the back of the church or at the Parish Office. **Monetary gifts are also welcome.** Please make checks out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Please continue your support and keep the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society and those they help in your prayers. Our donation 'poor box' is in the vestibule (main entrance) of the Church. Please help us feed the hungry.

If you have special needs that the St. Vincent de Paul Society can assist you with, please contact the parish office.

***For I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
~ Matthew 25: 34-46***

Collection

Offering for September 14th/15th.....\$13,136.06

Thank you very much!



ADA WEEKEND IS HERE!

Appeal Sunday: Today, the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Peoria. Through the ADA we are able to advance the mission entrusted to us by the Lord. In our parishes, our schools, our Newman Centers on college campuses, in our social service ministries in Catholic Charities we create places of encounter with Jesus. And we know that when we encounter Jesus, lives are changed.

If you have not made your pledge by mail, please fill out the pledge card in your pew. **This year the goal for our parish is \$116,004.00** and we can reach it only with your help. We were short of our 2023 goal by over \$10,000.

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.

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

Geoff Poor & Dave Thies Live

Holy Cross Parish Center

Friday, October 25th 7-9:00pm

Doors Open at 6:15pm

CABARET

Special guest to be announced

Tickets sold in Holy Cross Parish Office

\$40 a person

All funds support Holy Cross School

SAVE THE DATE FOR CABARET 7!

Friday, October 25th, doors open at 6:15pm

Tickets \$40 sold in the parish office and they include:

Piano Music-Wine-Beer-
Martinis Soda-Coffee- Hors
D'Ouevres- Desserts

The Holy Cross Cabaret Committee is hosting the 7th annual Cabaret Night on Friday evening, October 25th in the Parish Center. Entertainers Geoff Poor and David Thies will again perform popular music for every generation with some special guest performers. Tickets are \$40 each and include martinis, wine, beer, soft drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets can be purchased in the Holy Cross Parish Office. All proceeds will benefit the Holy Cross School Tuition Assistance Fund. Sponsorships are also available in the amounts of \$250 (bronze), \$500 (silver), and \$1,000 (gold), or in donations of silent auction items, and include an ad in the program and tickets to the event. Please email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org for more information!



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 srmbridget@hs-stm.org, Mr. Corapi at acorapi@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

The Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase will be November 8th starting at 5:30 p.m. to benefit the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Your donation includes a bowl of your choice, soup, bread and desserts and entertainment. You may take the bowl home to be reminded that there are always empty bowls in the world. There will be three bowl making nights for those who would like to create their own ceramic bowl (no clay experience is required!) Bowl making will be Sept. 25th, Oct. 8th, and Oct. 23rd, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We can also accommodate bowl makers on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Mrs. Pagel RSVP for bowl making at dpagel@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!

Out of Uniform Day - Thank you for your generosity!

Together we raised \$781 to give to the Beyers/Franey family to support them in their time of loss of their beloved son, husband, father - Bailey Beyers.

Please obey traffic laws while in school zones

Please remember to slow down and be aware of school zones in our town and around Holy Cross.

Also remember that is illegal to be using your cell phone while driving.



OSF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We have a variety of opportunities that help serve our patients and their families.

Available opportunities: visiting with patients, crocheting prayer shawls, sewing fidget blankets, office help, etc. Training is provided.

For more information on requirements or to obtain an Application, please call 217-355-4120 Ext 7 or email Mary.Cox@osfhealthcare.org.

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!



BINGO IN OCTOBER!

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, October 4th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games of Bingo! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (Prizes based on a minimum number of 25 people.) Daubers are \$1 or bring your own!

Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. as well. Cans of Soda are available for \$1. Lemonade, Tea, Water is provided at no charge.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.



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.

Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.



Holy Cross Men's Prayer Group

The Holy Cross Men's Prayer Group, AKA the Holy Cross Brotherhood of Prayer, meets every Monday to attend the 7 a.m. Mass and pray publicly together afterwards.

Men, if you are interested in trying to become more holy, please join us. For more information, contact:

John Deponai, jmd3@hotmail.com.

Blessings to all. Give God a heart!



SYMBOLON FOR TEENS

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. *Symbolon* brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.



BE NOT AFRAID FAMILY HOUR

Learn the Catholic faith, pray together, and grow as a family with this 8-part video series. Each episode includes educational content from top Catholic speakers, inspirational stories from real Catholic families, a meditative Rosary, and practical challenges to help you apply the faith at home.



DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS BY DENNIS GIRARD

Enter more deeply into these popular Catholic devotions with visual aids, beautiful music, and heartfelt prayer.

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.

Starcrest Cleaners

Pro-Life News



40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL KICK-OFF
Sunday, September 22
7:00-8:00pm

Our Lady of the Lake Church Parish Center
501 W State St. Mahomet

Join our Respect Life Committee for a brief, impactful discussion on the human rights issue of our time.

How should we respond to claims about "reproductive rights" and "my body, my choice"? And what are the crucial questions we should ask to get to the heart of the matter? Information about 40 Days for Life will be available.

Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome.
 Contact: Mandy Alman 217-766-4384



RESPECT LIFE CROSS DISPLAY

When: Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Church (OLOL), 501 W. State St., Mahomet; meet directly across the street from OLOL; there is plenty of parking in the church parking lot

What: For nearly 20 years, OLOL has set up about 1,500 crosses representing the roughly 3,000 pre-born babies who are aborted every day in the United States. Volunteers are needed to help set up this display; no special skills necessary. Children are welcome. The cross display will remain up thru October, as it is considered Respect Life month, and taken down sometime in early November.

Contact: Mandy Alman at a-alman@hotmail.com or 217-766-4384



Pro-Life Billboard Project is an ongoing project located on private land in central Illinois. With the help of generous donors, landowners and volunteer laborers, we have now installed 23 of these Pro-Life Billboards across greater, central Illinois. These 4' tall x 8' wide signs are intended to help foster a stronger Culture of Life, and for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy to know where to find help.

Please contact Renée for how to make a tax-deductible donation. Contact Renée at 217-607-0811 (landline, no texting) or reneemullen1@comcast.net
 FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Pro-Life-Billboard-Project-117883802931580/>

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, Fotzler & LoGrasso 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