

September 24, 2023

# Priesthood Sunday

We pray for all of our priests,  
that they may be a true and faithful  
witness of Christ in the world,  
loving and sacrificing themselves  
for the Church and Her people.

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**Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**





## Eucharistic Revival



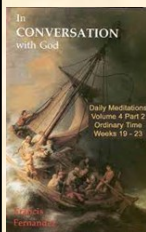
### EVERYDAY MEDITATIONS



Dr. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN  
DIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
Member, Society of the Holy Eucharist

"My great God, you know all that is in the universe, because you yourself have made it. It is the very work of your hands. You are omniscient, because you are omni-creative. You know each part, however minute, as perfectly as you know the whole. You know mind as perfectly as you know matter. You know the thoughts and purposes of every soul as perfectly as if there were no other soul in the whole of your creation. You know me through and through; all my present, past, and future are before you as one whole. You see all those delicate and evanescent motions of my thought which altogether escape myself. You can trace every act, whether deed or thought, to its origin and can follow it into its whole growth and consequences. You know how it will be with me at the end; you have before you that hour when I shall come to you to be judged. How awful is the prospect of finding myself in the presence of my judge! Yet, O Lord, I would not that you should not know me. It is my greatest stay to know that you read my heart. Oh, give me more of that openhearted sincerity which I have desired. Keep me ever from being afraid of your eye, from the inward consciousness that I am not honestly trying to please you. Teach me to love you more, and then I shall be at peace, without any fear of you at all."

- Bl. John Henry Newman, "Everyday Meditations," pp. 149- 150.



The sacrifice of Calvary was one of infinite merit, opening up a new and definitive relationship between God and Man.

"Do you wish to know ... the value of that blood?" asks Saint John Chrysostom. "See from where it springs and who is its source. It flowed from the Cross itself. Its source was the open side of the Lord. ... Blood is the symbol of the Eucharist. The

soldier who pierced his side opened up a breach in the wall of the holy temple. I have found a hidden treasure there and I rejoice at my newfound wealth."

We encounter this wealth every day at Holy Mass, where, before the astonished gaze of the angels themselves, heaven seems to come down to earth. In this sacrifice we are closely united with Christ. The chosen people could never have imagined anything so tremendous.

The words of a traditional prayer of thanksgiving after Mass are here appropriate: "I beg of you, Sweet Jesus, that your passion be my strength and deliverance, that your wounds be my food and drink, that the sprinkling of your blood be purification for my sins, that your death be my life eternal, that your Cross be my everlasting glory ..."

Francis Fernandez, "In Conversation with God," Vol 4, p.236.

### 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 are 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. Danton, 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

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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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

|                              |   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:30 p.m. | <b>Sept. 30</b><br>Lector:<br>EMHC:<br>Servers: | Dave Kristovich<br>Patty Bingaman<br>Tom Murray, Ethan Weldy                 |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00 a.m.   | <b>Oct. 1</b><br>Lector:<br>EMHC:<br>Servers:   | Justine Karduck<br>No Ministers<br>Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker             |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b>            | Lector:<br>EMHC:<br>Servers:                    | Joe Murphy<br>Dawn Friedman, Jessica McMahon<br>Jack McMahon, Brooke McMahon |
| <b>4:00 p.m.</b>             | Lector:<br>EMHC:<br>Servers:                    | Mary Linnenburger<br>Jim Linnenburger<br>Will Herges, James Linnenburger     |



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Veronica Malnar and Family

#### Tuesday, September 26

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday, September 27

6:00 p.m. Jack Burton

#### Thursday, September 28

7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court #1070

#### Friday, September 29

8:15 a.m. Louis Pisani

#### Saturday, September 30

5:30 p.m. Cathy Leahy

#### Sunday, October 1

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners  
10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Baby Mary Ann Igharo  
4:00 p.m. Cusano / Pera Families

### 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 to see 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.



**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.



### National Eucharistic Congress July 17—21, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana

The Diocese of Peoria has a limited number of discounted tickets for the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) at \$250/ticket and we are making them available to anyone who would like them. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please use the registration link below. Note that tickets do not include housing or transportation. The Diocese will not be planning an organized Diocesan trip, but rather will host an event at the Congress.

For more information on the National Eucharistic Congress, visit <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>.

To purchase tickets visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPrMkWiSKUX503XFJBOM7OiH1OVT8Oe7k51ELURUb8VR0Efg/viewform>.



### 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



## WELL PROJECT FOR FR. LEO'S VILLAGE UPDATE

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Leo and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, thank you for your support of the well project to bring clean and easy-to-access drinking water to Kiziramuyaga Primary school, its 850+ students and faculty, and the local community.

The response to our fundraising appeal was nothing short of amazing. We exceeded our \$25,000 goal by raising approximately \$40,000. Construction of the well begins in September and the project will be completed in November 2023. Excess funds will be used for well maintenance to ensure a sustainable supply of clean water for years to come.

Access to safe water improves the health of families and children, keeps girls in school, gives people back their time lost collecting water, and empowers the leaders of tomorrow. We are deeply grateful for your generous support and the impact you are making to improve life in this northwestern Tanzanian community.

Thank you and God Bless You!



## 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Once we receive a report from the Diocese, we will

update you on where we stand towards our goal of \$119,000. It will take a collective effort from our parish to reach our goal. No gift is too small. Your gift will support ministries that give food to the hungry, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our seminarians, Pre-Canas for engaged couples, adult faith formation, and support for parishes and leadership in our schools so that the next generation will carry on the Catholic Faith that we so lovingly cherish.

If you have not completed a pledge card, please do so. There are pledge cards & envelopes in the back of the church and at every exit. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will come right back to our parish! To those who have pledged, thank you!

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](http://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.**



## 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](mailto:elizabethkelley@holycrosscatholic.org)

## 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!

## BINGO IN OCTOBER! LAST BINGO OF 2023



Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, October 6th**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards and Daubers will be available to purchase at that time. Concessions open at 5:30 as well. Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for 15 games! \$20 for 9 cards per game. Or \$10 for 3 cards per game. Cash prizes will be \$25, \$50, & \$100. (based on a minimum number of 25 people). Daubers are \$1 or bring your own! Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$10. Additional cans of soda are available for \$1. Dinner: Baked pasta, salad and bread. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

**Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.**

This will be the last BINGO until after Advent and the Christmas season. Bingo will resume on January 5th.

## Collection

Offering for Sept. 16th/17th.....\$6,051.60

Thank you very much!



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
**217-352-7210**  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**Fall Open House:** Check us out! STM will host its Fall Open House at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 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? Email [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto:admissions@hs-stm.org) for more information.

**7th & 8th Grade Student Shadow Visits:** Do you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in attending the High School of St. Thomas More? Sign them up for a Shadow Visit Day! Generally, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, these visits give a prospective student a chance to see firsthand what STM is all about by following a current Saber for a day. To sign your son or daughter up, go to [hs-stm.org](http://hs-stm.org) and click the "Visit" button in the menu on the homepage. Questions? Email Rachael McMillan at [admissions@hs-stm.org](mailto: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 [stmbriidget@hs-stm.org](mailto:stmbriidget@hs-stm.org), Mr. Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org), and Jon Marston, Athletic Director, at [jmarston@hs-stm.org](mailto: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](mailto:leibach@gmail.com) with questions

**Bowl Making:** The Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase which benefits a local food pantry is Friday, Nov. 3rd! Three bowl-making nights 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](mailto:dpagel@hs-stm.org) so we can have enough supplies and help!



### HOLY CROSS STM INFO NIGHT

Come join us for STM Info Night on October 10th at Holy Cross in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Come hear about what STM has to offer! Open to all Middle School and Junior High parents and students.



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**  
**217-356-9521**  
[www.holycrosselem.org](http://www.holycrosselem.org)

Hawaiian Day at Holy Cross School raised **\$578** for the Sacred Hearts Catholic School in Lahaina, Hawaii.



Last Week Holy Cross celebrated our Feast Week. The school prayed a Living Rosary on Thursday and had Hot Dog Day on Friday. **WE ARE HOLY CROSS!**



## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Please join us **Saturday, October 7** for Mass at 7 AM at St. Matthew Church in Champaign. Following Mass, participate in our customary First Saturday Devotion. Process to the lovely new Marian Grotto for a Lady of the Rosary recitation of the Joyous Mysteries. Pope Leo XIII granted a Plenary indulgence for this prayer, commemorating the victorious Battle of Lepanto.

*(In case of rain, the Rosary will be recited in the church.)*



### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever.



## Pro-Life and Good Catholic Happenings!



### LIFE CHAIN 2023

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 1  
from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hessel Park,  
Champaign (on the public  
sidewalk along the south  
side of the park)

**WHAT:** Please join us, along with others across North America, in peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the Right to Life for All. We will be standing with pro-life signs along the south side of Hessel Park, on the public sidewalk along West Kirby Avenue. This is a silent, prayerful witness for voiceless children who are threatened by abortion and who need us to stand up for them. Pro-life signs will be provided and can be picked up at the southwest corner of Hessel Park at the intersection of West Kirby Avenue and Grandview Drive. Attendees are also welcome to make and bring their own signs (peaceful and encouraging messages please, no graphic images). Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. Rain or shine.



Join others, praying peacefully for an end to abortion.  
**Fall 2023 / Sept 27 - Nov 5**  
23,525 lives saved since 2007

**Where:** Planned Parenthood  
307 E. Stoughton St., Champaign, IL

Planned Parenthood is the largest single abortion supplier in the U.S. According to their 2021-22 annual report, they performed over 374,155 abortions in the U.S.

Free 2-hour parking directly next to the apartment building at 3rd and Stoughton ONLY

Sign-up at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

Leader Contact Info - Sandi Ostrowski (217) 781-2022  
[sostrow@mchsil.com](mailto:sostrow@mchsil.com)

At the Champaign site, they perform abortions by pills (to 10 weeks) and surgically (thru 21 weeks = 6 months of pregnancy). We know a child in the womb has a beating heart at 3 weeks, a beautiful ultra-sound starting at 6 weeks, and is growing and living as long as his or her environment is safe (no abortion).

Illinois is now a destination state for abortion. Our laws and Executive Orders encourage women to travel to Illinois to get their abortions to avoid their own state laws.

Won't you pray and stand for LIFE? Come and join us.  
Join your family and friends to defend the most vulnerable among us.



### THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Faith in the Eucharist is in crisis at this moment in history. In response, the bishops of the

United States have written a new document called "*The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*" to re-ignite our love for Jesus across every level of the Church. Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens as he explores the source and summit of the Catholic faith and explains the great gift of the Eucharist and what our response to the Eucharistic revival should look like. Participation in this course will help you and all the faithful remember the importance of the Eucharist: the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ himself.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to sign up.

## 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.

### Prospect Bank

## 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  
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.