



# Priesthood Sunday

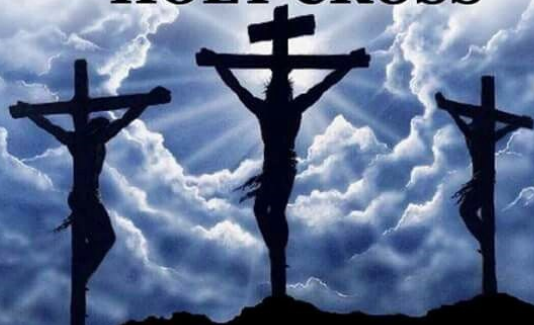
September 25, 2022

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**

## HOLY CROSS



How precious the gift of the cross,  
how splendid to contemplate!

In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil,  
as in the tree of paradise:  
it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste.

The fruit of this tree is not death but life,  
not darkness but light.

This tree does not cast us out of paradise  
but opens the way for our return.

This was the tree on which Christ,  
like a king on a chariot,  
destroyed the devil, the Lord of death,  
and freed the human race from his tyranny.

This was the tree upon which the Lord,  
like a brave warrior wounded  
in his hands, feet, and side,  
healed the wounds of sin that  
the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature.

A tree once caused our death,  
but now a tree brings life.  
Once deceived by a tree, we have now  
repelled the cunning serpent by a tree.

What an astonishing transformation!  
That death should become life,  
that decay should become immortality,  
that shame should become glory!

### 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 our Devotion is the  
Litany of the Cross

### PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Fr. Joseph P. Donton, Pastor*  
*Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, Parochial Vicar*  
*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*

### 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

### HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

*Greg Koerner, Principal*  
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Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

### ADORATION

Fridays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction  
at 2:30 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.



# Twenty-Sixth 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> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 1</b> Lector: Tim Spila EMHC: Joslyn Unger Servers: Garrett, Nick, and Zora Unger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 2</b> Lector: Jay Geistlinger EMHC: No ministers Servers: Nicolette Burton, Avery Natschke
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Lector: Michael Roedelbronn EMHC: Ben Laws, Margie Hoss Servers: August and Philip Christhlf
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lector: John Farney EMHC: Ed Seebauer, Juliann Seebauer Servers: Nate Farney, Sam Easton



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 26

7:00 a.m. Paul Kelley

#### Tuesday, September 27

7:00 a.m. Matthew Chouinard

#### Wednesday, September 28

6:00 p.m. Scott Javorski

#### Thursday, September 29

7:00 a.m. For Dominik and Lilian Mukus and Family

#### Friday, September 30

8:15 a.m. In honor of Bernie Hammel's 90th Birthday

#### Saturday, October 1

5:30 p.m. Edward Kubaitis

#### Sunday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Laura Fischer  
10:00 a.m. Cathy Leahy  
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



### LAST CHANCE! WATCH WEEKEND

Our **last** WATCH weekend will be **Sept 23rd to 25th**. The theme is "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5b). What is WATCH? WATCH stands for "We Are the Church." It is a weekend (from Friday evening, Saturday, to Sunday afternoon) that focuses on the sacraments, our Christian family and our relationship with God. It gives us a chance to relax and focus on prayer and reflection.

Meals are provided and participants go home at the end of each day. It is co-ed and couples are encouraged to attend. During the weekend a series of talks are given by lay people and clergy focusing on renewal of the individual. For more information and to register, please call Holy Cross Parish at 217-352-8748.



### FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**All Are Invited.** Each Friday when school is in session, beginning after the All-School Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. And by signing up, the Parish Office Staff will know when someone is spending time with Jesus.



### NEEDED: "COFFEE SHOP" HOSTS

Our parish extends Sunday morning worship by having a coffee shop after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. It's a chance to meet parishioners you may not know, and to visit with old friends.

Parishioners volunteer to host which means those signing up for after the 8:00 Mass will make coffee, set out donuts, milk & juice before Mass, and then serve. Those who sign up for after 10:00 Mass will serve, put away supplies, and clean up.

Who can help? High School students can use this for service hours. Parents can teach their children about giving "time" to our church and do coffee shop as a family. Several organizations at our parish and school could have a couple of members sign up for a shift or two.

Sign up at [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) online, emailing [crakers@comcast.net](mailto:crakers@comcast.net), or by calling Harry or Cheri Rakers at 217-352-4918.

Please give an hour of your time to keep this 50+ year tradition going at Holy Cross.



The Holy Cross Cabaret Committee is hosting the 5th annual *Cabaret Night* on Friday, **Oct. 21st from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Parish Center. It has been a long 3 years since we

held our last Cabaret and we are excited to bring this event back to our parish and to the C-U community!

Entertainers Geoff Poor and David Thies will again perform popular music for every generation, featuring the Great American Songbook, with Holy Cross/NYU grad Caitlin Caruso-Dobbs returning to add her voice to the evening. Tickets are \$30 each and include martinis, wine, beer, soft drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Tickets are available in the Parish Office and all proceeds benefit Holy Cross School.



## Senior Luncheon (55 and older)

Our first post Covid luncheon was a great success! Thank you to all who joined in. Our next luncheon will be **Thursday, October 13th**. Join us for good food, good friends, and fun. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share.



## ST. NICHOLAS CHARITY ON WHEELS

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving families in need across the Peoria Diocese. To aid this mission, Catholic Women are organizing a Diocesan collection of supplies a second year which will be held in the Champaign Vicariate in October.

Holy Cross Parish will collect supplies at Masses the weekend of **October 1st/2nd**.

Items needed: Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tooth Paste, Razors, and Garbage Bags. Visa, Walmart, and Gas gift cards in any amount are also needed.

This project will help families in need throughout the Peoria Diocese to make ends meet, care for their families, and experience the Catholic faith in action. Matt 25:40: *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Matt 25:40). Let us take this Bible verse to heart in giving to the St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels.

Families needing assistance may meet the St. Nicholas van on Tuesday, October 4th at 10:30 a.m. at the Rantoul Community Center; 12 noon at St. Patrick's in Tolono; or at 2:45 p.m. at St. Mary's in Champaign. This is a Promotion Project of the Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in cooperation with Catholic Charities.



CHAMPAIGN-URBANA  
VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN GUILD  
A CHARTERED GUILD of the Catholic Medical Association

Presents:

## Annual White Mass

Mass traditionally celebrated for, and in honor of, all those in the healthcare profession (including, but not limited to: physicians, NP/ PAs, nurses, counselors, physical/occupational therapists, etc).

**All are welcome to join us  
on October 15th at 9 a.m.**

St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Champaign  
Light refreshments and social time will be held  
after Mass in Feeney Hall.  
Look forward to seeing you there!



## BINGO in October!

Join us for BINGO and fun at Holy Cross Parish Center on **Friday, October 7th!** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase Bingo cards. 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. If you have questions, call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner & dessert for a donation of \$10. Soda for \$1. Dinner is Italian Beef, salad, and potato wedges. Proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

## Collection

Offering for Sept. 17th/18th .....\$6,957.00  
Thank you very much!



## WANT TO SHARE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH WITH CHILDREN?

We are interviewing for assistant catechist positions within our Family Formation Religious Education K-8 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)



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

**STM Informational Night:** 7th and 8th grade students and families: you're invited to be a part of something MORE! Join us **Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Feeney Hall** at St Matthew's for an informational night to help you get to know STM and learn more about the great things happening on North Mattis. Faculty, administrators, teachers, coaches and, most important, our students will be represented in this Q&A-style event to share all the details about the Saber experience and to answer your questions. Additional meetings will be held at Holy Cross, St. Malachy, and St. Thomas Parishes. Mark your calendars!

**Fall Preview:** Junior high students and families, join us on campus for Fall Preview Night 2022 on **Wednesday, Oct. 19** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will begin with a brief introduction of the administration and a short presentation from our Enrollment Director in the STM library at 6:00 p.m. and move to concurrent tours of the school given by our Student Leaders. We will end in the cafeteria with an info fair where you will be able to talk with some of our teachers, coaches, club advisors, and representatives from our parent organizations. See you there!

**2023-24 Early Application Period.** Our FREE admissions application for academic year 2023-24 is now live on our website and via social media. The Early Application Discount Period will also begin then and run through **Monday, Nov. 7th** at 11:59 p.m. All applications fully completed and properly submitted will be eligible for a 5% tuition discount. More info about our overall enrollment process and a step-by-step guide to complete the admissions application can be found on our website [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) under the "Enrollment" tab. We look forward to receiving your child's application soon!

**Student Shadow Program** is back! Full details and registration info can be found on our website [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) by clicking on "Enrollment" and then "Shadow Program." Questions about enrollment and admissions should be directed to Mrs. Erica Sherman, Director of Enrollment, at [esherman@hs-stm.org](mailto:esherman@hs-stm.org) or call 217-352-7210 ext. 304. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**  
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From Principal Greg Koerner:

Remember when we were younger and people used to ask us what we wanted to be when we grew up?

It may seem silly to ask an eight-year-old what they hope to do with their life. But maybe this small talk was also a way to get us to think about what we wanted from life. And most of us answered this question with confidence, revealing our hopes and dreams.

However, as we grew older and learned how to manage the curveballs life threw at us, we might have lost sight of what we once hoped to become and achieve.

If you catch yourself daydreaming about how your life could be different or maybe just need a better outlook for the future, look no further than what Jesus can offer you.

Going back a couple of weeks to Fr. Donton's homily "Do you have a plan?" Here at the Holy Cross, we have a plan: A plan to educate children in Academics, Faith, Hope, Love, and most of all Jesus. What is your plan?

**WE ARE HOLY CROSS**



#### **VOCATIONS: ARE YOU BEING CALLED?**

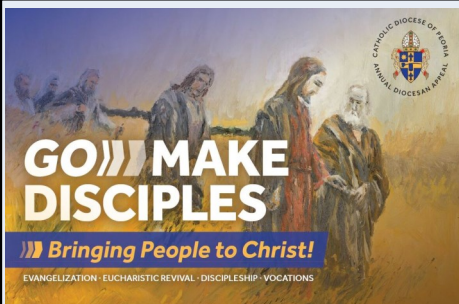
"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call Father Chase Hilgenbrink (309) 671-1550, or email [Fr\\_Hilgenbrinck@cdop.org](mailto:Fr_Hilgenbrinck@cdop.org)

## **Annual Diocesan Appeal — ADA Corner**

### **Annual Diocesan Appeal supports DISCIPLESHIP**

As disciples of Christ, we have a lifelong calling to learn from and seek a deeper relationship with Jesus. This equips us with wisdom and truth to accompany others in their faith journey. Ministries and programs include: annual Men's March, Spanish Father-Son Encounter, Marriage Mass, Abide in Me - High School Youth Retreat, and more. Go to [www.cdop.org/ada](http://www.cdop.org/ada) to learn more about the ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.



*"Through FOCUS missionaries — in their desire to draw me near to them and grow in fellowship with me and in a relationship with me — I got to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ. I realized that these men care where I end up after my time passes on this earth. Watching my dad accept the high call to become a deacon gave me the strength and desire to accept Jesus' high call for me to be a FOCUS missionary."*

— Evan Burge, son of deacon candidate Mike Burge and his wife Marie



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## PADRE PIO: BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow

friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over 50 years. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave. Music by legendary music composer Ennio Morricone.



## 40 Days for Life, Fall 2022

**When:** Wednesday. September 28 to Sunday Nov. 6

**Where:** Planned Parenthood, 302 E. Stoughton St., Champaign

**What:** An international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 days, but especially welcome when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray.

## Life Chain

**When:** Sunday, October 2nd, 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 Ave. 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 Ave. 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.



## WHO ARE THE ARCHANGELS?

Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## HOLY CROSS EMAIL LIST

Do you receive our Sunday morning emails? Each week we send out an email about parish & school happenings, links to Mass, readings, reflections, and so much more! Email [stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org) to be added to our email list!



## 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 & Foltzer 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  
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 Timponne  
Maxine Timponne  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family  
Glen & Helen Jones  
Betty Madrey  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family  
Leta & Kenny Porter  
Bill Mooney  
Ron Murphy  
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.