

RESPECT ALL LIFE

October 2, 2022



Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY

God of all life,
Help us to appreciate the great gift that is
human life formed in your image,
a reflection of your holiness.

Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created:
children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war,
people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all
who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom
you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth,
or ability, or color, or creed, for every person
is fully equal in your loving eyes.

Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your
children, each bestowed with inherent dignity.
May your justice reign forever!
Amen.

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 October we will be saying the
Rosary for Respect of Life

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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 2:30 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-Seventh 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.	Oct. 8 Lector: David Kristovich EMHC: Patty Bingaman Servers: Mary Beth Franey, John Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 9 Lector: Barry Dickerson EMHC: Sue Berndt Servers: Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Joe Mefford EMHC: John Dixon, Dawn Friedman Servers: Ben Summers, Ursula Tembo
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Beth Frasca EMHC: Elaine Hershberger, John Farney Servers: Kristina Maloney, James Linnenburger



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 3

7:00 a.m. Dominic Hieu Nguyen

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 a.m. Teresa Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, October 5

6:00 p.m. Honor of Halle & John Daley

Thursday, October 6

7:00 a.m. Honor of Tony & Gerrie Rein's Anniversary

Friday, October 7

8:15 a.m. First Friday Memorial

Saturday, October 8

5:30 p.m. Elisha Swanson

Sunday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Sylvia Nicklas
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Chuck Schweighart



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.

NEEDED: "COFFEE SHOP" HOSTS

Join us for 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? Parents, High School students (for service hours). Organizations at our parish and school could have a couple of members sign up for a shift or two.

Sign up at sign up genius online, emailing 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.

Bereaved Parents of the USA

Champaign-Urbana chapter will meet **Oct. 9th** at 3:30 p.m. at Stephen Family YMCA, 2501 Fields Dr. South. We'll meet in the community room and continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month. For more info contact Jerry or Jane Pica at 217-373-1321.



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.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Robert Earl Wilson. May his soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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.



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!



THIS WEEKEND: 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 **this weekend, 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.



VOCATIONS: ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call Father Chase Hilgenbrinck (309) 671-1550, or email Fr_Hilgenbrinck@cdop.org



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.

HOLY CROSS MOMS' GROUP

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, **Oct. 5th.** Guest Speaker will be Christine Leeb from Real Life Families. We will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Join us for an inspirational session.



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 to be added to our email list!



Collection

Offering for Sept. 24th/25th\$6,110.17
Thank you very much!

HEAVENLY DUSTERS for October are
Angie Deptula & Cheri Rakers.





High School of St. Thomas More

217-352-7210

www.hs-stm.org

STM Informational Night: 7th and 8th grade students and families: 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. Faculty, administrators, teachers, coaches and, most important, our students will be represented in this Q&A-style event. 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 short presentation in the STM library at 6:00 p.m. followed by 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.

Student Shadow Program is back! Details and registration info can be found on our website 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 or call 217-352-7210 ext. 304. We look forward to welcoming your child to campus soon!

Saber Wrestling: The Saber Wrestling Club will be holding a Registration and Information meeting on **Thursday, October 6th @ 6:30 p.m.** Wrestling teaches kids about fitness, good sportsmanship, friendship and fun. Our first practice will be Monday, November 7th at STM. No experience necessary. No one is cut, no one sits the bench. You can wrestle as much or as little as families want. Practice 3 days a week, competition is on weekends. Kids wrestle others their age and weight. There is a place for everyone on the Saber Wrestling Club.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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From Principal Greg Koerner:

We have had a fantastic start to the 2022-23 school year! Thank you all so much for entrusting your children to us. We take great pride in teaching them and partnering with you so they will have the best educational experience as possible while at Holy Cross!

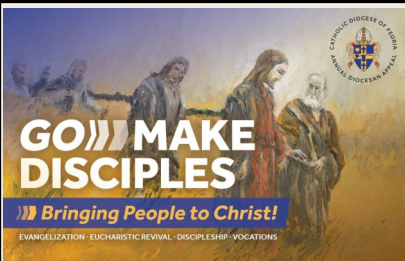
All of the students are getting acclimated to their new classrooms, teachers, friends, and schedules very quickly. Even our youngest students already know their way around the building, have learned rules for their classroom, hallways, playground, fine arts times, etc. It's truly exciting to see their eyes light up during lessons as they explore, create, and demonstrate all they can do!

I would like to thank the PTC for a wonderful Hot Dog Day. Our PTC works behind the scenes to make students, staff, and parents experiences enjoyable for all. Thank you, PTC.

This October our Holy Cross students will be celebrating culture awareness. This event will kick off on Tuesday October 11th with a Parade of Nations in the school gymnasium. This event is open to the Holy Cross community. The remainder of the week will be celebrated with cultural activities in the classrooms, performing songs and dance at the Senior Lunch, and conclude with a Traditional Dress Day.

The new playground is coming along. It looks like it will be completed by mid-October. Please continue to pray for good weather.

Thank you, Holy Cross community, for all of your support. We could not do this with you!



Annual Diocesan Appeal — ADA Corner

Annual Diocesan Appeal supports **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. The Eucharistic Revival is an invitation to grow in our love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist and to allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.

Activities will include Eucharistic Congress for youth, Holy Hours with the traveling diocesan monstrance, explanatory Masses for children and adults, and more. Through ADA,

the Office of Divine Worship is able to give ongoing support to all our parishes. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival and other ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

"It is incredibly important to me that the kids know Jesus in the Eucharist, Jesus in His Word, and Jesus in our Faith. For me, having faith has been the unchanging peace when the world around me is collapsing. I want them to have that because I know the storms will come for them as well. Today is the first time I have ever been a part of a Corpus Christi procession and it was awesome to witness and be a part of. It just elevates the entire Mass and experience with the Eucharist as we are all on a journey walking toward heaven."

-Amanda Lauritsen, math teacher St. Mary Catholic School, Pontiac



VENERABLE JEROME LEJEUNE: TO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS & SISTERS

Venerable Jerome Lejeune, *To the Least of These my Brothers & Sisters*, documents the importance of French geneticist Jerome Lejeune's discovery of Trisomy 21, the chromosomal anomaly that results in Down Syndrome, and his lifelong defense of the dignity of the human person.

UNPLANNED: BEHIND THE SCENES

Go behind the scenes of *Unplanned*, the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All that Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she fought to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

This feature includes behind the scene interviews with Abby Johnson, Ashley Bratcher (who plays the role of Abby in the film), the screenplay writers, and more!



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PRO-LIFE



40 Days for Life, Fall 2022

Wednesday, Sept. 28th to
Sunday, Nov. 6th

Where: Planned Parenthood, 302 E. Stoughton St., Ch.

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 (today) Oct. 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.

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
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 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
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.