



In celebrating 150 years of the Peoria Diocese, Holy Cross will also be celebrating the history of Catholic Education here at Holy Cross. We will be featuring Graduating classes from our past.

Holy Cross School Class of 1929

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

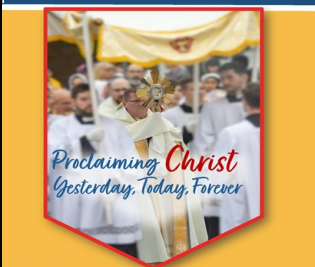
Proclaiming Christ yesterday, today, forever.

HOLY CROSS ADA - The 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. Your gift supports ministries, like the Genesis Marriage retreat, that helps form marriages which are the bedrock for the Domestic Church. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, please consider filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese or drop it in the collection basket. Addition pledge cards are in the narthex/pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with our Parish Needs.

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.

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal



Catholic Diocese of Peoria
Give online at www.cdop.org/ada or scan the QR Code

As the diocese celebrates its 150th anniversary, we are reminded of our mission as Christians. We are called to proclaim the Gospel yesterday, today, and forever. The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond by sharing our gifts which will enable and equip the Church for today's opportunities and challenges in witnessing to our faith. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Recruitment and training of priests, vocation discernment program

for young men, marriage preparation, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, Catholic Charities programs... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, makes it possible to provide these services. **Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's appeal ~** cdop.org/ada



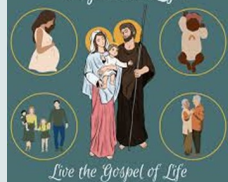
ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

Please consider signing up for a half-hour or more to visit Our Lord on Fridays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Jesus would so love your company!



Respect Life



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 are praying the Rosary for the Respect of Life

PASTORAL STAFF SERVING HOLY CROSS

*Msgr. Brian Brownsey
Father Joseph Baker
Deacon Ed Mohrbacher
Deacon Michael Smith*

TRUSTEES

John Powers John Kelley

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

405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL, 61820
Phone: 217-352-8748 Fax: 217-366-2929
e-mail address: office@holycrosscatholic.org
website: www.holycrosscatholic.org

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Greg Koerner, Principal
410 W. White, Champaign, Illinois, 61820
Phone: 217-356-9521 Fax: 217-356-1745

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, Thurs 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-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. 11 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	David Kristovich Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson, Terry Sturdyvin Emma Lwao
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 12 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Jay Geistlinger Barry Dickerson, Ray Tucker Nicolette Burton, Violet Grace
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andrew Zasada John Dixon, Pat Dixon, Margie Hoss Tim Friedman, Camille Christhlf
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Ed Seebauer Juliann Seebauer Lucy Rank, Sophie Rank



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 6

7:00 am Karen Santarelli

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Deacon Bob Ulbrich

Wednesday, October 8

6:00 p.m. Ron Davis

Thursday, October 9

7:00 a.m. Bernie Hammel

Friday, October 10

8:15 a.m. Thomas Menke

Saturday, October 11

5:30 p.m. Mary Margaret O'Brien Wallin

Sunday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Sylvia Nicklas
10:00 a.m. David Atchley
4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners



REMEMBRANCE MASS CANDLES - Last chance to pick up the candle of your loved one whose name was called at the Remembrance Mass, (in 2024), if you haven't already. We need to make room for the new candles for this year's Mass. The candles can be picked up in the Parish Office Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:00. You If you cannot make it during these times, you can call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 and we can arrange for you to pick it up another way. Thank you and God Bless.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Margaret O'Brien Wallin. May her soul and those of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Thank You!



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

sincerely thank our Holy Cross parish family for your generous support this year of our Tootsie Roll Drive. Together, you contributed \$1,126.95 that will be used to assist local charities that provide vital services to children with intellectual disabilities. Your kindness and gracious giving make a real difference in the lives of these children and their families. God Bless you for your continued support!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, October 9th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street, Champaign. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships, and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or crakers@comcast.net.



Senior Luncheon

- If you are 55 or older, Join us at the Senior Luncheon Thursday, **October 9th at noon**, and every second Thursday of the month. Come and enjoy old friends, and make some new ones, sharing good food and good stories! We look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to bring a side dish to share! Any questions, call Penny at (217) 398-2878.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

- There's a nip in the air. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee or tea, a glass of milk or orange juice, and a delicious donut after the Sunday morning Masses.

Join friends or meet new ones at the parish center.

Collections

Offering for September 27th/28th.....\$6,770.25
Thank You Very Much!

HOLY CROSS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - as of August 31, 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Income			
Parish Ordinary Revenue Totals:	105,261.39	108,586.55	108,586.55
Parish Extraordinary Revenue Totals:	5,197.95	4,115.75	4,115.75
Tuition And Fees Totals:	1,285.00	210,545.38	210,545.38
Contributions And Development Totals:	1,115.75	3,001.98	3,001.98
Other Income Totals:	(1,222.91)	22,619.50	22,359.50
Income Totals:	111,637.18	348,869.16	348,609.16
Expense			
Salaries And Wages Totals:	288,283.75	217,811.94	217,811.94
Taxes & Benefits Totals:	92,500.42	63,761.13	63,761.13
Repairs & Maintenance Totals:	18,710.05	14,755.75	14,755.75
Other Expenses Totals:	33,131.59	20,274.58	19,308.48
Materials & Supplies Totals:	21,873.03	27,365.33	27,365.33
Insurance Totals:	16,533.69	14,050.90	14,050.90
Utilities Totals:	29,689.26	20,042.59	20,042.59
Instructional Expenses & Student Se Totals:	27,900.61	34,161.71	34,161.71
Education & Other Assessments Totals:	22,002.80	14,921.00	14,921.00
Capital Expenditures Totals:	5,951.04	953.32	953.32
Expense Totals:	556,576.24	428,098.25	427,132.15
Income - Expense:	(444,939.06)	(79,229.09)	(78,522.99)

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By: Kevin Hunt

Statement of Activities



St. Nicholas Charity Thanks You!

A special thanks to all who donated items to the St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels collection. A generous amount of useful items was received. Your donations are very much appreciated by the over 600 families helped monthly in the Peoria Diocese, by Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank You
Holy Cross for
your wonderful
support!



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. John's Catholic Newman Center is seeking part time Night Administrators to help maintain a safe, supportive, and community-oriented environment after hours for Newman Hall residents and the Catholic Illini community.

To apply & for more information: <https://sjcnc.org/career-openings-at-sjcnc>

Geoff Poor & Dave Thies Live with Bobby Poynton

Friday, October 17th 7-9:00pm
Doors Open at 6:15pm
Holy Cross Parish Center

CABARET

Tickets sold in Holy Cross Parish Office
\$40 a person.
All proceeds support Holy Cross School.

CABARET 8!

The Holy Cross Cabaret Committee is hosting the 8th annual Cabaret Night on Friday evening, October 17th 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 Holy Cross School.

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!

2025 St Patrick's International Festival

Sunday October 12 following the 10 AM Mass

"The Communion of Saints - One Body in Christ"



20 countries exhibiting, Games for Children, Free Will offering
Ethnic Food, Dancing, Singing, Cultural Displays, and loads of Fun!

Join Us!

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 708 W. Main Street, Urbana



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Opening at St. Patrick: St. Patrick Church is looking to hire a coordinator of OCIA. The applicant needs to be a joyful Christian who loves all the truths of the Catholic Faith. For more information, contact: 217-367-2665



High School of St. Thomas More
217-352-7210
www.hs-stm.org

STM Fall Preview Night

Interested in finding out more about the High School of Saint Thomas More? Please join us for our Fall Preview Night on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. All are invited to hear about what great things STM has to offer. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow visit or have questions, please visit our website at hs-stm.org or email us at admissions@hs-stm.org.

Empty Bowl Bowl Making

The Empty Bowls Supper and Saber Showcase will be held November 7th starting at 5:30 pm benefiting the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Your donation includes a ceramic 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. 24, Oct. 8 and Oct. 29 (glazing only), from 4:00 to 7:30 pm.** We can also accommodate bowl makers on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 pm.

Contact Mrs. Pagel RSVP for bowl making at dpagel@hs-stm.org.

STM Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Spanish Teacher, and an Athletic Bus Driver.

If interested email:

Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.



Holy Cross School
217-356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

This September/October our Holy Cross students will be celebrating culture awareness. This event kicked off on September 15 with Hispanic Heritage month. Students will be doing different activities during this time to learn more and celebrate our Hispanic cultures. Our Parade of Nations in the school gymnasium will take place on October 14th. This event is open to the Holy Cross community. November we will be celebrating Native American month.

Thank you for all of your support.

WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

VETERANS DAY HONORS

The Holy Cross School community invites all veterans and active military members to a special event on

Tuesday, November 11, to show our appreciation for your service to our country. The morning begins with Mass at 8:15 a.m. Refreshments will follow in the parish center, and a student program will begin in the gymnasium at 10:00 a.m.

To reserve special seating for your veteran during the school program, contact Judy Crull at jcrull@holycrosselem.org by October 31, 2025.

If a service member does not yet have a star on our school "Wall of Stars," forms are available at the school or parish office.

A 3" x 3" or 3" x 5" picture of the military family member is needed and cannot be returned.

STM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CRUCIFIX,
YOU UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH
JESUS LOVED YOU THEN.

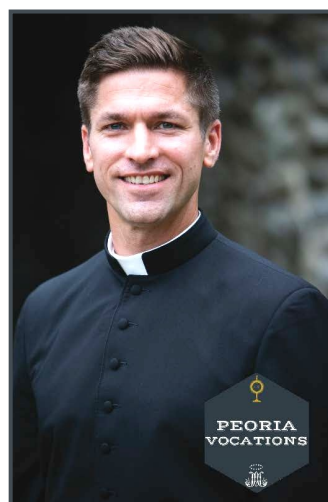
WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SACRED
HOST, YOU UNDERSTAND HOW
MUCH JESUS LOVES YOU NOW.

- ST. MOTHER TERESA

SIGN UP FOR A 30-MINUTE TIME SLOT TODAY!

THURSDAYS
10:30AM-3:15PM

tinyurl.com/STM-Adoration



EMMAUS KNIGHTS

FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12

AUG 31 / SEPT. 28 / OCT 12 / NOV 9

FROM 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity, and formation at the Emmaus House
 2327 W. Heading Ave., West Peoria

EMMAUS KNIGHTS IS AN EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG MEN WHO DESIRE TO GROW IN FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH WITH SOME FOOD AND SOME FUN. IF YOU LOVED EMMAUS DAYS, COME AND CHECK OUT EMMAUS KNIGHTS.

FATHERS, DROP YOUR SONS OFF AND STAY FOR A TIME OF FRATERNITY

Scan the code to let us know you are coming and to have your parent fill out a digital permission form!



NEW: KNIGHTS CORNER



Knights of Columbus **KNIGHTS CORNER**

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the new "Knights Corner" of your Holy Cross bulletin. We hope to make this semi-regular feature. Inside we'd like to highlight our mission which is: to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, and their parish, at work, and in their community. Our organization is founded on four basic principles, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Inside, we'll be highlighting some of our activities and events.

First up: coinciding with Columbus Day, the October 12th 10AM Mass will feature a "Knights of Columbus" theme. All of duties of laypersons at Mass will be handled by the knights in full Regalia. And there's much more coming up in future issues.

Our hope is that after seeing all good things we do, you'll come and take a closer look at us. I will close with our official motto... "In service to one, in service to all".

.... Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. ~Isaiah 49:1

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Recovery Retreat



WHEN: October 10 to 12 / **WHERE:** Peoria
WHAT: Rachel's Vineyard, named after Rachel and references to the vine in the Bible, is a world-wide abortion recovery program.

CONTACT: Colleen at 309-264-1489 or rvrpeoria@gmail.com

WEB SITE: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

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.

Baytowne Apt

Pro-Life News



LIFE CHAIN



WHEN: Sunday, October 5 from 2 to 3:30 pm

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.

CONTACT: Renée at reneemullen1@comcast.net

WEB SITE: <https://www.lifechain.org/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/events/759131280195221>

Deeper Still Abortion Recovery Retreat



WHEN: October 10-12 / **WHERE:** Central Illinois

WHAT: Deeper Still is a free and confidential retreat for those who have been directly impacted by an abortion.

CONTACT: Tori Moore at 217-828-2081 or ori@hopeforafuture.com

WEB SITE: GoDeeperStill.org

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/deeperstillci>

Pro-Life News from Joy



~We received the most lovely thank you note from one of our moms who we gave money to for her children's shoes:

Dear Holy Cross:

I want to sincerely thank you for blessing my family with a check to purchase shoes for my boys, Keigan and Kobie. Keigan is going through a big growth spurt right now, and this gift came at the perfect time. With everything going on, I have not been able to afford new shoes for them, so your generosity truly means the world to us.

Your kindness is such a reminder of God's love and provision.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for caring for my family. May God continue to bless each of you for the way you bless others.

*With love,
Heather Rahming*

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
Ed & Jean Bown
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
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 & Mary 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
Hagglin Family
Rakers-Wade Families
Hershberger & Kick Families
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families
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
Perodin Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
Leonard & Loretto Doyle
Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
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