

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025



© Diocesan

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 1954

Back Row: Robert Schmidt, Leo Quirk, Richard Madden, John Kamerer, James Barger, Jim Skelton, Richard Wavering, Richard Acklin, Gerald Schwenk

3rd Row: Frank Schooley, Edward Mulcahye, Gerald Schweighart, Charles Furry, Patrick Hanafée, Gerald Hettinger, Jack Butler, Thomas Schroeder

2nd Row: Pat Farruggia, Jean Hemstreet, Joy Lauterborn, Brenda Braun, Anna Louise Drenckhahn, Carolyn Daily, Anne Kearns, Beverlae Swihart, Doris Miller.

1st Row: Judy Nogle, Donna Walsh, Gail Brown, Pat Zindars, Jane Feldkamp, Nancy Herges, Virginia Hynds, Karen Barlage, Donna Jean Kink, Msgr. C.J. Higgins

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

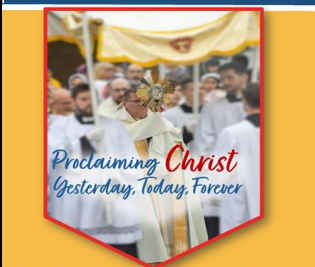
Proclaiming Christ yesterday, today, forever.

HOLY CROSS ADA - The 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal to date. Your generosity helps give food to the hungry, training to our seminarians, and give support to parishes. The ADA helps parishes support programs for forming children like Catechesis of the Good Shepard. If you have not completed a pledge card, please do so. There are envelopes in the vestibule / pews. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us with our Parish needs. 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.

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



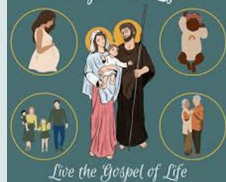
ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

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*

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John Powers John Kelley

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elizabeth Kelley

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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-Eighth 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. 18 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley Kathy Murray, John Kelley Nick, Zora, Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 19 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Duncan Oliveira Ray Tucker, Lynette Barham Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Michael Roedelbronn Dawn Friedman, Bonita Higgerson, Jessica McMahon, Tim Friedman, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Mary Linnenburger Jim Linnenburger James Linnenburger, Ithuriel Randall

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 13

7:00 am Ron Davis

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Joseph Buyno, Sr.

Wednesday, October 15

6:00 p.m. Karen Santarelli

Thursday, October 16

7:00 a.m. For the Intentions of
Fr. Dennis Spohrer and Family

Friday, October 17

8:15 a.m. Dr. Don Arnold

Saturday, October 18

5:30 p.m. Robert Rosner

Sunday, October 19

8:00 a.m. Murriel Vasey
10:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Warner
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.

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!



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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.



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.

Collections

Offering for October 4th/5th.....\$6,405.00
Tuition Assistance.....\$435.00

Thank You Very Much!



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

October 2025

Dear friends in Christ,

Each October we celebrate the World Mission Month. We do this to prompt our reflection on the central mission of the Church: sharing Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. I therefore write you in the name of the missionaries who are proclaiming the Gospel around the world.

This year, under the theme chosen by the late Pope Francis, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," we are invited to appreciate more the meaning of hope in the Christian life. St. Paul reminds us, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

Christian hope is the fruit of divine love – alive in us and active through us! That is why our missionary efforts, our sacrifices, and above all, our proclamation of Christ crucified and risen are powerful acts of hope, especially for communities suffering from poverty, violence or religious persecution.

By our baptism we are invited to be "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples." Let us join our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and all missionaries in showing our care for and commitment to proclaiming the Gospel all across the globe.

Peace and Prayers,

+ Louis Tylka

+ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

World Mission Sunday Collection on October 18th/19th (next weekend)



The theme of World Mission Sunday this year — Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples — was chosen by Pope Francis before his death and is obviously tied to the Jubilee of Hope. That hope is the lived reality of priests, sisters, and lay faithful who are bringing the light of Christ into places darkened by suffering, war, poverty, and other existential difficulties. That hope is also a call addressed to us as shepherds, to renew in our people the fire of missionary love as together we seek to bring Christ, our Hope, to the ends of the earth.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among the Peoples

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025
OCTOBER 19TH**

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:	82,498 Baptisms	8,749 Stations and Chaplains	11,992 Health Centers	843,785 Catechists	258,540 Religious leaders
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SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 15 | 7-10 PM

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FIRE FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

FIRE was founded in 1996 by a group of parents who shared a common dream; for their children with special needs to attend their parish schools with siblings and friends. Since that time, through the efforts of parents, a dedicated board of directors, many talented volunteers and community members who embrace inclusive Catholic education, more than \$7 million has been granted to partner schools located in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph (MO) to support inclusive Catholic education.

The FIRE Foundation, an independent 501(c)3 organization, makes it possible for partner Catholic schools to hire special educators and paraprofessionals and to acquire learning materials and technology that create successful learning experiences for all children.

SAVE THE DATE

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TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOV 15 & 16
8AM-1PM**

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HOPE AND FAITH**

Education for Orphans. Hope for Communities.



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.

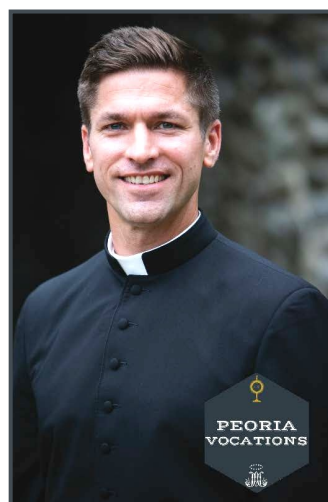
WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SACRED
HOST, YOU UNDERSTAND HOW
MUCH JESUS LOVES YOU NOW.

- 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!





Welcome back to another edition of the "Knights Corner" where we keep you informed of what we're all about.

~~Late last month we helped clean up Holy Cross Rectory grounds.

~~The Knights continue to make great improvements to St Mary Cemetery, Both functional and esthetic. Take a drive through the cemetery and see all the improvements for yourself; By the way, another Saturday morning cemetery clean-up is coming. Call Dennis Santarelli at the parish office if you can help.

~~This weekend at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Monsignor Brownsey Celebrated a special Mass in honor of Columbus Day. The knights provided an honor guard and were responsible for all the ancillary duties performed by laypeople.

~~Coming up soon: The knights will once again be holding our annual "Turkey Gobbler" with proceeds going to a variety of charities we support and also our annual "vocation raffle" which supports local seminarians. First prize is \$10,000. For tickets, contact any knight, or Larry Swinyer through St Matthews Parish Office.

~~This is just a list of the things we've done recently. There's more to that we hope to share in future editions. If This sounds like something you'd like to be part of; contact either Andrew Ehrlich or Andy Zasada through the Parish office. A special exemplification (a formal ceremony) inducting new members is coming up at the end of this month. Call The parish office soon.

**Thanks for your attention and continued interest,
and until next time...**
"In service to one, in service to all".

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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
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Perodin Family
Menacher & Sizer Families
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Alan & Patricia Berndt
Thomas McCarthy
Costello Family
Ron Murphy
Dec. Mem. of Murphy & Sullivan Families
Living & Dec. Mem. of Williams, Lykins, Barham Fam.
Dan Crawmer



Pro-Life Discussion Group for October

Special drop-in time at Panera's on Kirby
11am-12:30 pm October 20th.

Come and grab a cup of coffee, snack or lunch, and join in a drop-in discussion!

Last meeting we had participants from Holy Cross, St. Matthew, St. Patrick Urbana, St. Patrick Tolono and Our Lady of the Lake, Mahomet!

This is an Ecumenical Group - and we discuss Pro-Life items - from current items in the news, to specific topics and we answer questions and discuss.

Join us for any amount of time for friendship and fellowship!

For more information, contact Joy Pace 217 840-0322

If you would like to help families in need, consider making a donation to the Holy Cross Pro-Life committee.

You can donate by:

- on-line giving (see special area for Pro-Life with TJ's picture),
- in the collection basket (*please put you're your name and contact info, and that the \$ is for Pro-Life, or
- check (** please be sure to put Pro-Life in the memo line **)

For more info - please call Joy at 217 840-0322.

Thank you and God bless you!

Please keep everyone in your prayers!



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

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HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL