



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

“Go into the whole world and proclaim
the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15

October 19, 2025



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Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

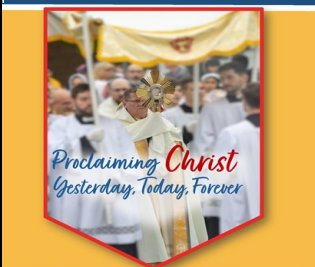
Proclaiming Christ yesterday, today, forever.

HOLY CROSS ADA - Have you made a pledge for the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months. 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 at Holy Cross. 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



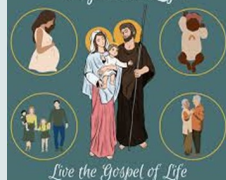
ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

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
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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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Phone: 217-352-8748 Fax: 217-366-2929
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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.

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-Ninth 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. 25 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	David Kristovich John Kelley, Sharon Kristovich, Peg Swanson John Haggin, Joey Haggin
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 26 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Judi Sherman Sue Berndt, Lynette Barham Emma Lwao, Landen Douglas
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Joe Murphy Jessica McMahon, Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Rob Shanahan Jan Weber James Linnenburger, Sam Easton



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 20

7:00 am For the Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of Illinois

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Don Johnson

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 p.m. Dean Schwenk

Thursday, October 23

7:00 a.m. Bernie Hammel

Friday, October 24

8:15 a.m. David Atchley

Saturday, October 25

5:30 p.m. Fred Hannon Family

Sunday, October 26

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Ricardo Galvan
4:00 p.m. Joe, Ruth, and Pat Doyle



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CHURCH,

and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Reese Catherine Rosenkrans, child of Daniel and Cathy Rosenkrans.

Let us support little Reese on their faith journey!

FAITHFUL DEPARTED



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



EUCCHARISTIC OUTREACH

If you would like to have an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion make home visits to you, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748, or email office@holycrosscatholic.org to be added to the list.

PRAYING THE ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS -

Please join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday.



CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Are you or someone you know in need of prayer support? Call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748 with your special needs and they will be forwarded to the Circle of Prayer, a group of Holy Cross parishioners who pass prayer requests to each other through a phone chain or email. If you would like to be a part of this circle, please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.

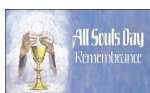


Do you see someone at Mass you don't recognize?

Go up and say hello. You may just be the one who welcomes this new member into our Parish Family.

BOOK OF THE DEAD. Be sure to enroll the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule of the church.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ENVELOPES for All Souls Day Remembrance are available on the shelves in the back of the church.



Collections

Collections for the weekend of October 11th/12th will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank You Very Much!

SAVE THE DATE

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOV 15 & 16
 8AM-1PM
ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL
 1307 Lincolnshire Dr | Champaign

Featuring handcrafted items including holiday décor, sewn creations, jewelry, crafts made from wood, original artwork, toys, religious items, sweet treats to go, and more!

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Education for Orphans. Hope for Communities.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO NETWORK

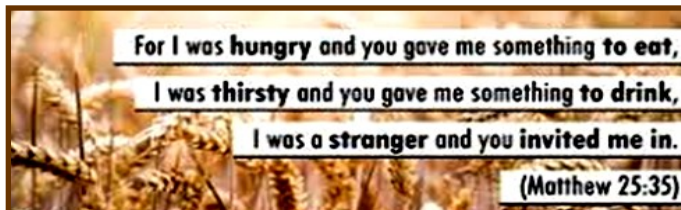
Catholic Spirit Radio (88.3 FM) is a very important resource for our community. They are a non-profit, listener-supported organization. Be the reason why this radio station can keep bringing people truth, joy, and inspiration daily! Please support them by listening and donating during their upcoming LIVE broadcast of their **Fall Appeal** on **October 29-31** from 7am -6pm. The theme is **"Miracles! With God, all things are possible"** so you can expect three days of stirring stories of miracles and interesting experts, plus a variety of national celebrities, priests and bishops, school children, and people from our community.

Additionally, there will be prayers, gifts, giveaways, and lots of fun! Listen on radio or by using the *Catholic Spirit Talk Radio* app, catholicspiritradio.com, Alexa, or Facebook livestream.

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! To be added to our list, Email stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org

 **JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST**



World Mission Sunday Collection on October 18th/19th (this 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 Benefactors	8,749 Priests and Ordained	11,992 Health Services	843,785 Catechists	258,540 Religious Sisters
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FIRE FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRESENTS

Christmas Spirits Fundraiser

COME SPREAD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND IGNITE SPECIAL EDUCATION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 15 | 7-10 PM

LINCOLNSHIRE FIELDS COUNTRY CLUB
CHAMPAIGN, IL

Tickets \$50

SMALL BITES | ALCOHOL TASTING | SILENT AUCTION | FESTIVE ATTIRE CONTEST



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.



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 **Oct. 29 for 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 to 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.



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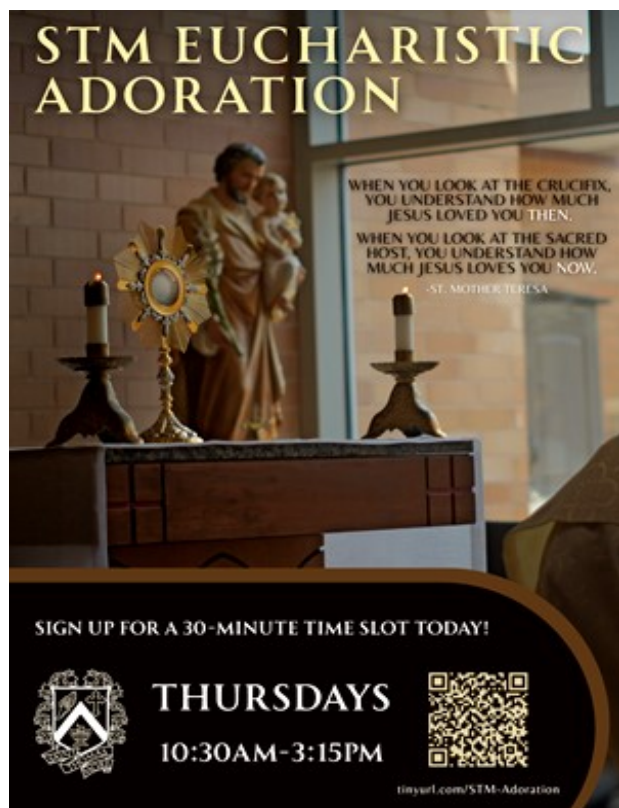
From the Desk of Principal Greg Koerner:

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 took 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!

SNAPSHOTS FROM HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

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.



HISTORY AND CHARITY WORK

In 1882 our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, established the Knights in response to anti-Catholic prejudice and dangerous factory working conditions that left many families fatherless. This has since flourished into the oldest and largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world with 2 million members worldwide. Because of his efforts, he has been Beatified and is one miracle away from Sainthood.

Since its inception, the Knights have been champions of diversity, inclusion, and social justice:

~~ Going into the 20th century we fought hard to help the families of immigrants preserve their faith and avoid financial disaster.

~~ In the 20th century we turned our attention to the growing threats of communism and fascism, which threatened communities and religious freedoms. We stood for racial equality and stopped the efforts of many hate groups. In the early 50s, we were instrumental in adding "One Nation under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

~~ In the 21st century our efforts expanded to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East and war-torn regions such as Ukraine.

We support priestly and religious vocations and have "adopted" seminarians and religious providing them financial support for years.

Besides our insurance and pro Catholic investing programs, the Knights of Columbus is a highly rated charity and has given to causes such as:

Disaster relief locally and globally; 400,000 Coats for Kids nationwide; supporters of Special Olympics; and over 1.5 million moms have seen their unborn babies through our ultrasound program in which we have funded over 1,800 ultrasound machines since 2009; including 2 ultrasound machines for our local Women's Care Center in order to rebuild and re-equip it after the arson attack.

WE are a Catholic Brotherhood changing the world. I charge you to join us and help in one of our many programs of Faith, Family, Community, and the protection of Life. BE a man of Charity... Unity... Fraternity... and Patriotism. BE a Knight today!



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!

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.

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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
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Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families
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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
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Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family
Perrodin 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.
Dan Crawmer