



All Saints - 4th Grade



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice by funding local organizations that empower low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors to work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

With CCHD funding, the Community Lighthouse program, developed by Together New Orleans, has transformed churches and other neighborhood institutions into solar-powered facilities where people can shelter when natural disasters cause power outages. In 2023, Together New Orleans expanded its project to nine facilities, and it garnered recognition and project funding to expand the program even further. In addition, the organization implemented solar power training programs at the Community Lighthouses while working with local government to reform regulations, making solar power more available to low- and middle-income residents.

This record of success shows how your support for CCHD makes a positive impact in vulnerable, under-resourced communities across the country. When you give to the CCHD collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because 25% of your contribution stays within our own diocese. This way you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✙ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

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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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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.

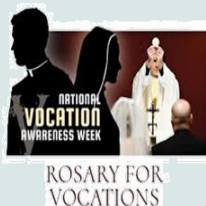
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.

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 November, we are praying the Rosary for Vocations.



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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.	Nov. 15 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Elizabeth Kelley John Kelley, Joslyn Unger Nick, Zora, and Samantha Unger
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 16 Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Judi Sherman Ray Tucker, Barry Dickerson Trevor Tucker, McKenna Tucker
10:00 a.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Andy Zasada Dawn Friedman, Margie Hoss Ben Summers, Lincoln Wood
4:00 p.m.	Lector: EMHC: Servers:	Mary Linnenburger Jim Linnenburger James Linnenburger, Sam Easton



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 10

7:00 am Carlos Galvan

Tuesday, November 11

7:00 a.m. The Pera Family

Wednesday, November 12

6:00 p.m. Karen Santarelli

Thursday, November 13

7:00 a.m. The Cusano Family

Friday, November 14

8:15 a.m. Bernie Hammel

Saturday, November 15

5:30 p.m. Stafford Perrodin

Sunday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Dean Schwenk
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Stephen Primmer



A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,

You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom.

May Your protection and grace surround them each day.

Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries.

May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence.

Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones.

Help us to honor and support them.

Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and friends.
Amen.



NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,

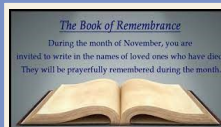
and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, are Henry Edward Bair, son of William and Alexa Bair and Theodore Jack Schwerman, son of Brad and Erica Schwerman.

Let us support little Henry and Theodore on their faith journey!

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.



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.

Collections

Offering for November 1st/2nd.....\$28,572.75

Tuition Assistance.....\$695.00

Thank You Very Much!

Tis the Season to Give, and Bring the Joy of Christmas to Those in Need



~Swann Special Care Center Gifts

This year we will again participate in the Christmas Wish List providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Swann. With each name is a wish list. Help bring the joy of Christmas to these residents. If you'd like to provide a gift for a resident, call the Parish Office at (217) 352-8748 for the list of names and ages. Or pick a name from the "tree" at the back of the church. Gifts must be in the office by **Wednesday, December 3rd**.

If you take a name strip from the "Tree" at the back of the church, please sign your name and phone number on the sheet provided next to the resident's name.



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE PROJECT

We will once again be collecting toys and gift items for those in need in the Peoria Diocese, to make their Christmas a little brighter.

We will have a "Giving Tree" set up in the vestibule of the church with ornaments that have an age range, and type of gift requested, printed on it. Please take one or more of these ornaments from the Catholic Charities Giving Tree located at the back of the church and purchase the gift(s).

You should drop the items off at the back of the church, or in the parish office, **by Wednesday, December 3rd**, so we can get the gifts to Catholic Charities, and they will pass them along to the families.

Everything we collect here at Holy Cross will be given to families in the local Champaign County area.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 217-352-8748.

Thank you so much for your support!



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!

CHILDREN OF
HOPE AND FAITH

Education for Orphans. Hope for Communities.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on **Thursday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish Center – **405 W. Clark St.**, 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.

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

The St. Matthew Thanksgiving Basket Ministry is back again! We have a need for **275 baskets** that will feed over **600 people** in the Champaign-Urbana area this holiday season.

We need your help.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS ARE DONATED BY PARISHIONERS AND GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA AREA FACING FOOD INSECURITY.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Donated Baskets can be dropped off at St. Matthew Parish on Sat. Nov. 22 at from 8 a.m. to 9a.m. Questions or basket recommendations? www.st.matt.net/thanksgiving2025



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
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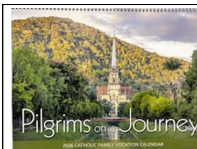
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Tickets
\$50



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The 2026 Calendars are here. Thank you to Owens Funeral Home for providing these calendars to Holy Cross! You can pick one up in the Parish Office or at one of the church doors.



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

Save The Date - STM Madrigal Dinner

Join the lords and ladies of STM for a night of medieval revelry celebrating the birth of Christ. A dessert only performance will be December 4th at 7 PM, purchase tickets at the door. The Dinner feasts will be on December 5th and 6th. To purchase tickets for the dinner performances visit <https://www.hs-stm.org/page/madrigals>.

Admissions Application Open for 2026-27

STM is accepting admissions applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. Please note that if you submit your completed application, including all forms, before December 1, 2025, you will be eligible for a 5% discount on your child's tuition. If you submit a completed application by February 1, 2026, you will be eligible to receive a 2% discount. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

SAVE THE DATE: Rooted in More Gala

Saturday, February 21, 2026 • Pear Tree Estate

Join *The High School of Saint Thomas More* for our **Rooted in More Gala!** This special evening celebrates the mission and impact of Catholic secondary education in Central Illinois. Your support helps us form students morally, intellectually, physically, and spiritually as lifelong disciples of Christ. Proceeds will benefit academic and classroom enhancements, facility upgrades, and enrollment growth initiatives.

Mark your calendars — more details coming soon!

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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Pictures from All Saints School Mass and Saints Wax Museum



WE ARE HOLY CROSS!

STM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

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.



**October has been a busy month for us,
and November appears to be equally so.**

October:

- We donated Winter coats to the Crisis Nursery, appx value of \$570.
- We donated \$1000 toward the Fire Foundations Christ-mas Spirits" fundraiser.
- We gifted three seminarians from our vicariate with a gift of \$500 each.
- The Monticello Council gifted Special Olympics and the Piatt County Mental Health Center with a total donation of \$860.
- St Philomena's Parish was gifted with a plaque of re-membrance for All Saints Day and a portrait of Pope Leo XIV. The Knights also lead a rosary prior to week-end masses.
- The U of I KC Student Council Is holding seminars to provide a moral compass for college men and help them prepare for advent.
- We had approximately 20 new members join our ranks during a knighting ceremony at St. John's Chapel on October 25th.

November so far:

- On November the 2nd, the Knights provided an honor guard at Holy Cross' 4:00 PM Mass. It was a special "Mass of Remembrance" on All Souls Day.
- November 8th, we cleaned up Saint Mary's cemetery in the morning, and that evening we hosted a special dinner at Holy Cross Hall Parish Hall to honor the priests and nuns in our community.
- November 9th, we are having a "Veterans Day" pan-cake breakfast after the 8:00 mass. This breakfast is to commemorate our veterans, but it is for everyone. Free will donations are encouraged.

If you have a desire to be part of a catholic organization serving our community, have some fun doing it, and make some new friends; stop any knight you run across or go to: "kofc/join." You won't regret it, I didn't

Until the next knight's corner...God bless you.

Look for "Knights Corner" news in future bulletins.



Pro-Life Discussion Group for October

Special drop-in time at Panera's on Kirby
11am-12:30 pm November 17th.

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

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

~~~~ note from Joy ~~~

I love it when our families keep us up-to-date with pictures of their growing children and sharing with us their precious family milestones and moments. It is a privilege to share life and memories together, and to have these children saved from abortion! Praise be to God!

No family ever said to us that they should have aborted that particular child that was saved....

However, we have heard from many of our families that they regret their abortion.

In both cases we help families cope the best we can.

Choosing life is indeed a life-giving reality - it grows love and expands the heart. We are so fortunate and privileged to be a part of that decision.

Hope is a beautiful thing.

**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.

**Westgate Apartments**

**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  
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