

A photograph of a sunset over a vast field of tall grass. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds, creating a warm and serene atmosphere. The grass in the foreground is illuminated by the low sun, showing a mix of green and golden-brown tones.

*"The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried
in a field."*

July 26, 2020

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer but the Mother of the redeemed as well.

We come to you today as your loving children.
Watch over us and take care of us.

As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms,
so take us in your arms.

Be a mother ready at every moment to help us.
For God who is mighty has done great things
for you, and His mercy is from age to age
to those who love Him.

Our greatest fear is that in time of temptation
we may fail to call out to you, and become lost
children. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining
pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final
perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Amen.

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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. Monday thru Friday
Holy Days: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

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ADORATION

Adoration is available on the patio in the
courtyard anytime.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday, 6:30-6:45 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.

Seventeenth 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.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

13:44-50

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad, they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 27

7:00 a.m.

The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 a.m.

Evelyn Jarboe

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 a.m.

Terry O'Neill

Thursday, July 30

7:00 a.m.

Thelma Sparks

Friday, July 31

7:00 a.m.

Rita McMahon

Saturday, August 1

5:30 p.m.

William Pankau

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m.

Tom Fellers

10:00 a.m.

John B. Bowen

4:00 p.m.

For the Parishioners

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered, "O Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."



Newest member of the Church, and of Holy Cross, through the Sacrament of Baptism, is Emma Odette Miller, daughter of Mark and Maria Miller. Let us support little Emma on her faith journey.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and Sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

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**Extraordinary Stories
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HOLY CROSS STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me.
It will pray fervently, if I am a humble disciple.
It will worship joyfully, if I am an engaged follower.
It will teach the truth, if I am a faithful believer.
It will give generously, if I am an active steward.
It will accomplish great works,
if I am a dedicated servant.
It will be a community of faith, hope and love,
if I practice those virtues.
O God, grant me the grace I need to be
a devoted member of Holy Cross Parish. Amen

THANK YOU AND...

Thank You to all who have continued with your regular Sunday offerings, and to the many people who have signed up for Online Giving! Our church and school rely on the donations of our parishioners to continue operating, and we are so appreciative of your support.



Over the last few months our Sunday collection has been down about 30%. If you would like to sign up for automatic giving, or make a one-time donation online, look for the icon (see above), or make a one-time donation online. Set up your account by searching for Holy Cross using our zip code, 61820.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 1

5:30 p.m. Peg Swanson

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman

4:00 p.m. Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, John Farney

WEEKEND MASSES

Now that we have returned to our regular weekend Mass schedule, it is wonderful to see everyone who can join us. We have more than enough room and can accommodate at least twice as many as we've had at each Mass.

The faithful who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses on our Facebook page at both the 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday Masses. We continue to offer outdoor reception of Holy Communion in the school parking lot on Sundays from 11:30 to noon for those who are not comfortable returning to Mass in person.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Although we have been asked to keep the doors of the church locked to observe social distancing and prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we have created an opportunity for you to spend time with Jesus "face to face." A tabernacle has been set up in the Parish Center Library near the double doors leading out onto the patio.



The patio has 4 chairs placed 6 feet apart for those who would like to come and spend time in a quiet outdoor setting with the Lord. The patio is accessible by entering the gates at either end of the parish garden. Out of respect for one another, we ask that you wear a mask if others are present with you.



Holy Cross School
 356-9521
www.holycrosselem.org

Job Openings: We are seeking a 4th grade Teacher, an After-School Director; After-School Aides; a part-time Art Teacher; and a part-time Evening Janitor. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at hcs@holycrosselem.org

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please communicate as much as possible by email hcs@holycrosselem.org

ploftus@holycrosselem.org
myersm@holycrosselem.org

Or call the school office at 356-9521

If you must come to the school building you will be required to: Sign in and Sign out, and Wear a face mask. If you wish to wear gloves, the school office has some available.



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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. We're seeking applicants for a Social Studies Teacher, a Biology Teacher, a Baseball Coach, a Wrestling Coach, and a Girls Soccer Coach. If interested, email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org

JOIN THE SABER FAMILY! We want you here. Become a Saber! For questions, leave a message at 217-352-7210. To apply: <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>



“And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ... Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.”

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord God,
 We pray that you will call many fine young men to the Priesthood.
 May they have the grace to hear your call and to respond wholeheartedly, giving of themselves generously in the service of your Church, that we may be greatly strengthened and may grow.

May these fine priests have the grace of perseverance and not burn out.
 And may they be supported and encouraged and appreciated.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP
 “Everything is a gift from God”

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written, “*He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.*”

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Last Week's Collection
 Offering for July 18th/19th.....\$5,407.18
 Thank you very much!



OSMM UPCOMING RETREATS

August 7-8: Fr. Joseph Esper: Preparing for the Coming Persecution

Sept. 18-19: Msgr. Eugene Morris, Rector of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, St. Louis, MO: Depression, Anxiety, Trauma and Addiction as a Result of Woundedness within ourselves or in our families (Mass will be in the Extraordinary Form)

October 9-11: Fr. Anthony Mary from the Transalpine Redemptorists from Papa Stronsay, Orkney, Scotland. (Mass will be in the Extraordinary Form)

Note: This retreat is tentatively scheduled as we are waiting for confirmation that Fr. can travel from Scotland.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1: 23rd Annual Conference: The Trials and Tribulations Throughout the Bible and How They Can be Overcome in Our Lives. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Diocese of Springfield, IL; Fr. Dwight Longenecker; Fr. Ignatius Manfredonia; Sr. Susan Pieper, Founder of the Apostles of the Interior Life

All retreats are held at the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, 318 N. 8th St., Vandalia, IL 62471 (tel. 618-283-7297). Registration fees include admission to the retreat. Parking is available at the corner of 8th St and West St Clair St. No one under 18 is allowed at retreats. Children are welcome at our Annual Conference in October. Local hotels and meals are listed on our Meals & Lodging page.

A WORD FROM JOY

Needs: We need diapers/pull-ups: size 2t-3t pull-ups (girls), size 4 (not luvs), and size 5 and 6.

Gift cards to Sam's Club and Walgreens so we can purchase diapers, pull-ups, and toiletries for our families. We do give out Aldi gift cards to help with food security for our families.

Prayers: We appreciate so much that people are praying for our ministry and for all the families we currently assist. Please keep everyone associated with this ministry in your prayers. We cannot do this work without God's grace, guidance, and YOU! Thank You!

How to help: Online giving via Holy Cross Church, there is a separate category to direct any donation to Pro-Life. It gives us flexibility to help families in need. We also accept checks made out to Holy Cross Church; please put "Pro-Life" in the memo line. Any donations can be mailed to or dropped off at Holy Cross Church, 405 W. Clark St, Champaign, IL 61820.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: joypace@msn.com or 217 359-8406 (home). Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and support.

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