



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to provide a setting that ignites a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in collaboration with families, staff, and the parish in a personalized learning culture.

April 22, 2021

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. EVERY classroom or lunchroom volunteer or employee needs to have attended. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to www.virtus.org and select "First Time Registrant." Then choose "view list" of class sites, and choose "Detroit." Scroll through to find your session, then go back to the top of that page to create your login. The training is also available online: if you don't find it on the "Virtus" website, call school.

When attending a "PGC" workshop, be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow latecomers to enter.

All volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop. **Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day or camp, or to chaperone field trips.**

If you have recently attended a "PGC" workshop, please send a copy of your certificate to school ASAP so we have it on file--thank you!

got SCRIP?

**Mondays 7-9am and 5-6pm,
and Fridays 7-9am**

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--
Call or text your order ahead of time
to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

Quarterly SCRIP credits have been calculated. If you haven't seen your credit posted anywhere, please contact the office to let us know where you'd like us to apply it. Otherwise--it will just roll over and be included with the next quarter's credits.

TRACK

Disappointing news--the Blue Water Parochial League track season is a victim of COVID: it was decided by the league that the possibility of harm to the athletes and their families was greater than the benefits to be gained by them. So there will not be a 2021 track season. Thank you to AD Duncan and to Ms Kade for their efforts to make the season happen.

ALL SPORTS UNIFORMS still out need be returned to the office ASAP.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tu Apr 27: NO CHARTWELL'S lunch--everyone will need to bring a lunch and drink from home**
- **Monday, May 10: NO SCHOOL--just added to calendar!--teacher inservice**

Registration for 2021-2

To register, your registration paperwork must be completed and returned to the school office with the appropriate fees. Also, all prior years' tuition and other obligations must be satisfied in full before a family's registration is complete.

With the uncertainty still being caused by the pandemic, we must plan to have to continue distancing, so our class sizes will continue to be limited. **Registration HAS BEEN opened to the general public, and all spots are being offered now on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22

Grant applications are made through your FACTS account: look for the link on your FACTS info page. If you've been putting it off: totally complete grant applications (including all supporting documentation required) may be due April 30.

For general information about the grant program, go to

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Your application will require your pastor's signature: the pastor signature form is available at

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/2o7l8lwuacwdv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

DON'T MISS THIS CRITICAL STEP!

Download the pastor's signature form, fill it out, and deliver to your pastor to sign. After he signs it, the form needs to be delivered to your child's school.

Applying for the Archdiocesan grant is required to be eligible to apply for any other tuition assistance, so you are strongly encouraged to apply!

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MAY 10!

This is a brand-new addition to our calendar: it is another of those mandated inservices you have patiently "flexed" around this year!

Service Credits For 2020-21

Statements were mailed recently. Just a reminder that service credits (and payment for credits not worked) need to be completed by the end of April. Families on Plan A (paying for service credits) owed their final payment on April 1. **All obligations must have been met to re-register for the next year.**

Lunch Aides

Thank you to those who have been signing up and working as lunch aides!

Please sign up for all service credit shifts in advance to be sure you receive the credit: if you just show up and we have enough workers already, we can't offer the extra credits. The signup schedule is online at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUJTd9zNJXEHIFE/edit#gid=1>

--and runs through the end of the school year. You can take any open slot: just fill in your name. However, remember that everyone working at lunch must be an adult, must have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class (which you can do online!--see the first paragraph of this newsletter) and submit to a background check.

We are really grateful to all of our lunch supervisors--especially the wonderful people who have already completed their credits and return just because we need them. **We really need a little more help, though,** most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As a lunch supervisor, you can earn your service credits while seeing your kids! If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the office.

CHARTWELLS WILL NOT BE PROVIDING lunch next

Tuesday, April 27! Everyone will need to bring a lunch and drink from home that day.

Auction 2021

This year's first ever "virtual" Auction is taking shape! The baskets Holy Cross families donated will form the basis for a "Traveling Silent Auction and Raffle." Some of the items will serve as the prizes in a huge raffle. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Ticket sales have already begun!

Families can earn service credits by selling raffle tickets. A packet of tickets was sent home last week with the oldest "Crusader" student in most families (we were short a few tickets, so please call if you did not receive a packet from your child and you would like some tickets). Sell 20 (50-50) and 20 (raffle) tickets to earn one service credit; sell the whole packet to earn two credits. Also, the school family or staff member who sells the most tickets will win a \$50 SCRIP gift card!

To sign out more tickets to sell (or for more information), contact Tiffany at 810.335.2719. Please note that **ALL TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED--if you opt not to sell / purchase any, please return them ASAP to the school office.**

Winning bids and raffle winners will be announced after the 9:30am mass on Sunday, May 9.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're 2/3 of the way to our next reward.

Please keep saving the entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are already about a third of the way to our next reward, and will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school (or SCRIP) office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance at church.

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards

PTO still has a few Hungry Howie fundraiser cards available: for the \$10 cost, you get a free large one-item pizza, along with a number of pizza discounts. There are also a few "vintage" t-shirts (old logo) and caps available for \$5 each: all at the school office.

"Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City." <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

PTO Spring FlowerSale

The flyer and order form are attached again. Orders (and payment) need to be in the school office no later than Friday, April 30.

Things to Remember EVERY DAY...

.....your **mask**;
.....your **charged ChromeBook**;
.....your lunch and drinking water;
.....be in **complete school uniform** (shoes & socks, too!);
.....have your **homework done** and ready to turn in;
.....appropriate **clothes and shoes** for recess./ church / gym (depend -ing on the day!).

'52 Sundays' for Catholic School Families

As we near the end of this school year, thoughts turn to how to help families stay engaged over the summer. Consider using '52 Sundays'! This resource provides the Gospel, a saint profile, discussion questions, a family activity, prayer, recipe and more each Sunday for families to grow in holiness together.

You can order the book at 52sundays.com. Since we are a quarter of the way through the year, **the price of the book has been lowered to \$7.95 plus shipping.**

Families can also sign up for the weekly emails as well at 52Sundays.com. The Spanish translation of the book can be found there as well. Ideas for how to engage families who are using the book can be found on the website, along with the second part coming this summer.

Spring Book fair

Thank you to **Ms Brigitte Pennington** and the PTO for providing this fun event this week. Thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Zammit** and **Mrs. Gadzinski**, who have been kind enough to help. Tomorrow is the last day of the book fair.

Bingo

Our bingos are open! To schedule to work bingo on Wednesdays at St Catherine's: please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**.

Congratulations!!

...to former HC principal, **Mrs. Dianne Lovett**, and to retired teacher **Mrs. Julia Rock**, on the recent births of grandchildren! Mrs. Lovett's second grandchild (her first grandson, Ethan Grant) was born on April 8; Mrs. Rock's first grandchild--Audrey Violet--was born a few weeks earlier. Babies and moms are all doing well--and both Grandmas are in their glory, doting on their new angels!

If you won't be using them, please return all Auction Raffle tickets to the school office ASAP. Thank you!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/>

A Plea On Behalf of Your Parish:

Your parish needs you now more than ever. Please keep your pastor and his staff in your prayers during this pandemic crisis. You are invited to join in Our Lady on the River's daily and weekend services. However, if you prefer not to venture out into crowds just yet, please continue to send in your "tithe" or weekly donations, as you are able. Just as your household has ongoing expenses regardless of governmental orders, your parish, also, has such needs, and no other way to meet them than its parishioners and other donors.

To give online to Our Lady on the River go to:

<https://ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org/>



Holy Cross PTO's Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser

Spring is here! Please help Holy Cross PTO support essential classroom needs with our Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser! PTO Fundraisers raise money for essential classroom needs.

We are partnering with local Vandenbossche Farms to bring you a lovely pop of color for your spring garden!

- **Geraniums, Begonias, Impatiens & More:** Your favorite Vandenbossche varieties are back and ready for your garden!
- **GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Make the perfect gift! Buy plants & produce throughout the season with this versatile option. **When filling out the order form, please cross out the "Total Items" line and write "Gift Certificates"** then fill out the number and denomination you would like.
- **Order due date:** Friday, April 30th. Please fill out the order form completely-including your name and phone number.
- **Payment:** cash or check-checks made out to Our Lady on the River Parish. *Please include "HC PTO Flower Sale" on the memo line of your check.*
- **Order forms and payment:** Please print out the order form and fill it out completely. Send your payment and completed order forms to: Mrs. Kari Steinmetz, 618 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039.
- **No Printer?:** Please email Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com with your order.
- **Orders Available:** Friday, May 7th, 2:30-5pm. You may **pick up** your order from Vandenbossche Farms at 5225 Meisner Road in China Township.

Thank you for your support! Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may want flowers-family, neighbors, etc!

Questions? Please contact Becky Bryson at 757-334-9662 or beckybryson123@gmail.com



Seller Name:

Price each

- *Order forms are due on
- *Make checks payable to
- *Orders will be available for pick up on

Name and phone number

[illegible]

Gift Certificates will be available for purchase onsite during flower pick up on Friday, May 6th !

OUR LADY ON THE RIVER PARISH RAFFLE BENEFITS

Holy Cross Catholic School

Annual Auction



Event Details

Date and Time of Drawings: May 9th, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

Location: Holy Cross Church at 610 S. Water St., Marine City

Two ways to support our auction in lieu of the annual dinner

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

1

50/50

Raffle

\$5 per Ticket

2

GIFT BASKET

Raffle

\$5 per Ticket

Raffle Tickets

How can I get tickets?

3 Ways to Contact

Holy Cross Parish
810-765-3568

Holy Cross School
810-765-3591

Auction Chairperson
810-335-2719

Facebook

Please check out our baskets as they become available for display on our Holy Cross Catholic School Facebook page.

Thank you as always for supporting our school.

Winners - We will contact each winner to arrange a time to collect their winnings.