



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 7, 2022

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.

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?

OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

School office: 810.765.3591

Mrs. Vasquez will be handling SCRIP orders on Friday mornings from now 'til the end of the school year.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

**(The next will be after
Easter break.)**

AUCTION 2022

Final accounting is done: the Auction netted **nearly \$50,000!!!** That is absolutely amazing, considering the two-month window our chairpersons had to pull it all together. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Carty!!! Thanks, too, to everyone who helped. It was a fun night--obviously a very valuable function for our school.

Registration for 2022-23

The bugs have been worked out, and online registration through FACTS is fully operational!

Mark Your Calendar....

- Tu Apr 12: last day of classes before Easter break
- **W-Su April 13-24: NO CLASSES --Easter break**
- M Apr 25: back to school

Urgently Needed: Track Coach!!!

WE DESPERATELY NEED A COACH!! It's almost time to start practicing: but our 20+ athletes can't practice without coach(es). It would be great to have a few people: If you are interested, or know of someone (or a few someones) who might be, please call school ASAP!

Attention: Families of Students Who Stay For Tutoring on Mondays:

We are so grateful to our CMC student-tutors, who stay after their school day is done to help our students. Each high schooler is paired with a Holy Cross student, and helps the same Crusader every week.

These wonderful students are donating their time to help your child. Therefore, out of respect for the gift of their time, **if your student will not be attending tutoring any scheduled day, please let us know BY NOON that day so we can let his/her volunteer know they don't need to come.**

PTO'S FLOWER SALE

Ordering information is included a little farther back in this newsletter. All orders and payments need to be in the school office **by next Monday, April 11.**

Service Credits

A reminder to K-8 families: all service credits for this school year need to be worked by April 30. Bingo and lunch supervision are two service credit areas that need a lot of workers! You can also still work at the remaining two fish fries to earn your service credits. Recipients of local financial aid are reminded they need to get their credits completed to be eligible for that aid.

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

....sixth grader **Alex Ogden** and his family on the recent death of Alex's grandma.

Tuition Assistance for 2022-3:

Archdiocesan and Local

Aid is available from the Archdiocese of Detroit on a financial need basis for active Catholic families (for children in grades K-12) in the Archdiocese. Families apply for the assistance via their FACTS accounts: for more information go to

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

Applications for "local" K-8 tuition are now available in the school office (and being sent along with this newsletter). **You must have applied for the Archdiocese's tuition assistance to qualify for Holy Cross's other "local" scholarships.**

Please note: **YOU MUST GET YOUR PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** on the "Pastor Signature Form" and turn it in to your school's office: **your application WILL BE VOID without it!**

Service Credits: Lunch Supervisors

Families can earn one service credit by working as a lunchtime aide 4 times. Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days. Aides need to have taken the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check.

The online signup page is ready and active for current lunch supervisors to use--go to:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHIFE/edit?gid=1950180675>

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office.

To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. Help is needed many Wednesdays. **(Please note that all families' service credits need to be completed by the end of April.)**

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we're 3/4 of the way to our next \$1000 reward! Please keep saving the entire VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--their "e-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of the church.

"Faith and Family Night With the Tigers"

"Faith and Family Night With the Tigers" is an event at Comerica Park in which current and retired players share with guests their faith and how God has worked in their lives. This takes place before the game and then families stay after to watch the game. Please join other Holy Cross families on May 14th for this event. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the school office with Mrs. Vasquez. Time to be announced.

Book Fair

Thank you to **Ms Brigitte Pennington** and the PTO for bringing the Fair to Holy Cross! If you missed it earlier this week, there's one more day to buy books--Friday--before they're gone!

Uniforms and "The Blue Room"

Is your Crusader's school wardrobe showing a little wear after daily use all year? Has s/he outgrown everything? Especially as the end of the year approaches: check out the FREE used clothing in "The Blue Room"! (Call first so we know you're coming.)

Starbase Academy

"Starbase Academy" summer program is offered on Selfridge ANG base. Applications open April 12 at 10 am. Academies (no cost to families!) are offered for 5th and 6th graders and 7th, if they have attended a previous academy. Selections are made on a first-come, first-serve basis with military families receiving priority. A number of Holy Cross students have attended in the past--great opportunity! Apply at <https://www.starbaseone.org/academies>

Fish Frys on Fridays

The parish's last Lenten fish fry is tomorrow. There are still shifts available for working your service credits: you can sign up using the link on the email "cover page" of this newsletter.

All are welcome to eat! Dinner is served from 4-7pm; diners are encouraged to come earlier rather than later to avoid their running out of fish.

First Communion Vest

We have a number of donated white First Communion-type dresses (and one white little boys' suit) free to anyone who needs them--in "The Blue Room."

Food Drive at Mass Next Friday

The second Friday of April is next week. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry.

The pantry always needs canned fruits and proteins (like peanut butter and canned hams or other meats). Toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and feminine products are also always needed. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

Student Highlights

...for March:

Preschooler **Matthew LeTarte** is always kind, sweet, and he plays well with any of his friends. He is great at sharing and has made a lot of friends easily. He is always polite and uses kind, sweet words. He is very creative and always works hard on his assignments. He is easy going and follows directions. Matthew has been a great pleasure to have in class! **Remi Walker** is funny, sweet, creative and kind. She is always trying new things and is always up for a challenge. Remi is fun to be around and she always has some fun story to tell. She is a great friend to all her classmates! She makes friends easily because of her easy going personality and kindness. She is thoughtful and kind and loves to be around people. Remi is a lot of fun to have in class!

Nora Ciotti, Sophie Tucker and Lillian Braun are new to Holy Cross. Nora has a younger sister attending preschool here this year. When asked what her favorite thing about Kindergarten is, Nora's response was "Recess!" Nora gets along well with her classmates and is always willing to try or do what is asked of her. If she could, her one wish would be to see her friends from her old school. Nora is very family oriented. Her favorite thing to do is to spend time with her cousins. Her mom's home-

made chicken noodle soup is her favorite thing to eat. Sounds yummy! Nora likes horses and the color blue. Sophie also has a sibling attending Holy Cross: a brother in first grade. Sophie's favorite thing about school is doing the work. Sophie tries hard and does her best at whatever we are working on. She enjoys eating ramen noodle soup. When asked what/where her favorite place is, Sophie responded, "The Hibachi restaurant." (I think she likes noodles!) When Sophie grows up she said she wants to build houses. If she had one wish, it would be to have a unicorn. Sophie would like a unicorn because "It could shoot out rainbows!" Penguins are her favorite animal because she thinks they have a cute walk. Lilly is a big sister: she has a younger brother who just turned three. When Lilly grows up she wants to be like her mom and have children. Lilly enjoys running through the grass in her backyard in the summer. Her favorite animal is a horse. However, if she had just one wish, she would like to own a puppy "that would never grow up." Frankenth is Lilly's favorite place to visit: Lilly enjoys swimming in the "Lazy River" there. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite thing to eat is tomato soup. All three of these girls help to make coming to Kindergarten fun and interesting every day!

Student Highlights (cont'd)

First grader **Lincoln Tucker** is a smart boy with an infectious laugh. His favorite food is spaghetti with meatballs. His favorite subject is language arts, because "there's easy and hard stuff." At home, Lincoln likes to play board games (Monopoly is his favorite). When he grows up, Lincoln wants to be a police officer. Lincoln is involved in all sorts of activities - baseball, karate, and the school drama club.

Svetlana Mkrtychyan is a big helper in the second grade classroom. She likes to help her classmates. Her favorite sport is gymnastics. She enjoys reading. Her favorite book is "Coraline." Svetlana's favorite colors are green and lavender. Her favorite food is sushi. One of her favorite memories would be when she went to Mackinac Island with her family. She enjoyed going out to eat, especially breakfast. She also went swimming in the hotel's pool. Svetlana is very friendly with her classmates and very willing to help. I'm so proud of Svetlana, keep up the good work!

Charlee Olivier enjoys coming to school and spending time with her classmates. Her favorite sport is gymnastics. She likes the color purple. She enjoys drawing, and making arts and crafts. She likes to eat sushi. Her favorite family vacation was when she went to Cedar Point. Her family took their boat to get there. Her favorite ride at Cedar Point was the Blue Streak. During the summer, she likes to spend time with her family on their boat. She likes to go swimming with her family. I'm so proud of Charlee, keep up the good work.

Third grader **Colton Blanchard** is new to Holy Cross this year but has settled in like he has been here all of his life! Most people know Colton by his "good morning" and "have a great day" greetings! He is definitely a people person! Colton wants to be a magician when he grows up and enjoys "throwing cards" in his free time. Colton LOVES animals! At home, he has over 20 chickens that he takes care of daily. He doesn't have a favorite subject, but he really enjoys recess with his friends! Colton's hobbies are playing outside and all aspects of hunting. If you asked him to pick one snack, he would say pizza! Yum! We are so thrilled that Colton chose to be a part of our Holy Cross family!

Hayden Borys is a smart boy, who enjoys rap music, donuts, and playing video games. Hayden is great at math and quick at solving problems including fractions. He is organized with his school work and prompt at turning in assignments. He has been part of the Holy Cross community since 3rd grade. Outside of the

classroom, Hayden loves to play basketball and spend time with his parents (and sometimes his little brother!). Hayden has an interest in four wheelers and dirt bikes, and knows all about how to maintain them.

Fifth grader **Rowen Snyder** is an intelligent young man with many talents. He is a whiz at math and has the ability to tackle anything he sets his mind on. Rowen is friendly to everyone and always willing to lend a helping hand. **Emily Coomes** is a studious, hard-working young lady with a good sense of humor. While she may seem quiet, when it is time to relax, she is right in the middle of the mix. Emily is very courteous and helpful, making her a good friend to many. **Katie Bryson** is an outgoing and caring young lady, who has great insight and adds to the class discussions. She has the ability to think outside the box when facing a problem. She is very intelligent and tries her best to do well.

Seventh grader **Niamh Brennan**'s favorite quality about herself is that she is her own person. Niamh's favorite subject in school is science because she likes learning about animals. Outside of school, Niamh likes walking and watching "Cuphead." Niamh has an interest in making more friends because she likes people. She would like to be an animator one day. Niamh likes mythology and her favorite books are the Goosebumps books. Niamh's favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is black. **Zander Somma**'s favorite quality about himself is that he is good at robotics. Zander's favorite subject is science because he likes learning about space. Outside of school, Zander likes riding bikes, playing video games, and gardening. He would like everyone to know that his birthday is September 24, 2008. Zander would like to be an electrician when he gets older. His favorite book is Huckleberry Finn and his favorite music is country, oldies, and alternative. His favorite bands are Green Day and Queen.

Nolan Babel's favorite subject in school is art because he likes to draw. He also enjoys science because he would like to study viruses and biology when he gets older. Outside of school, Nolan likes to hunt. Something he would like people to know about him is that when he was a baby his sister would play Slip Knot and he would dance to it. Nolan's favorite book is Where the Red Fern Grows and his favorite song is "Crazy Train." Nolan's favorite food is fried perch. Nolan plans on attending Marine City High School after graduating from Holy Cross in June.



Holy Cross Catholic School Third Quarter Honors

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: **Nora Ciotti, Evan Wert.**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Luke Borys, Robert Campau, Theodore Gray, Eli Gryszkiewicz, Lucas Mayea, Charlee Olivier, Coy VanTiem.**

Third Grade

All As: **Blake Paton, Matthew Phelan, Angelo Taravella.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Mackenzie Carty, Theryn Snyder.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Ella DeFauw, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Luciana Meldrum.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Hayden Borys, Preston Davenport, Leo DeVeney, Liam Dixon, Liam Guyor, Grace Heinrich, Joshua Jacobs, Blake Mayea.**

Perfect Attendance: **Hayden Borys, Preston Davenport, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Blake Mayea.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Paige Arlow, Emily Coomes, Katelynn Coomes.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Shealyn Blanchard, Katie Bryson, Brooklyn Cooper, Rylee McClure, Noah Phelan, Blake Schocker, Brennen Toupin, Madison Trombley.**

Perfect Attendance: **Paige Arlow, Katelynn Coomes, Rylee McClure, Alex Path, Rowen Snyder.**

Sixth Grade

All As: **Vivian Gray, Alex Ogden.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Dominic DeVeney, Finn Heath, Xavier Zammit.**

Perfect Attendance: **Gavin Remier, Xavier Zammit.**

Seventh Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow, Anna Coomes, Miles Dixon.**

A and B Honor Roll: **Nolan Gill, Amelia Morgulec, Abby Westrick.**

Perfect Attendance: **Micah Arlow, Anna Coomes.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Angelina Taravella.**

Perfect Attendance: **Angelina Taravella.**

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund **Application**

The Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund was created by the Last Will and Testament of Father Donald Bartone, pastor of Holy Cross parish from 1981-1987. The Fund provides scholarship support to students of Holy Cross School who are members of Our Lady on the River parish. Assistance will consist of grant payments made to Holy Cross School to be applied to current tuition accounts of the recipient students.

PRIVACY POLICY

By signing this application, recipient families expressly understand that **ONLY** their names and the amounts of their awards will be reported for auditing purposes **ONLY** to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, which administers the Father Bartone fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Scholarship recipients must be attending Holy Cross School and be active members of Our Lady on the River parish. ("Active member" is defined as a registered parishioner who is: 1) involved in parish activities and attends mass on a regular basis, and 2) contributes regularly to the church through the use of his/her assigned envelopes.) Recipients must also work their own service credits (and not pay for them).

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Archdiocesan ("AoD") Tuition Grant application on time and according to its directions. (Info about the AoD Tuition Grant is available at www.aod.org; application is made online via the family's FACTS account.)**
2. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Father Bartone Scholarship application according to its directions (attached). (Applications are available in the school office; only one application per family required.)

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AWARD

Families will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision and the amount (if any) of first-round scholarship money awarded within two weeks of the Archdiocese's determination of its grantees. The second round of awards (if any) will be awarded within two weeks of the due date of the second round of applications.

Grantees not yet enrolled at Holy Cross School must accept the award and complete enrollment within two weeks after receiving notification of the award; failure to complete enrollment within that time frame may result in forfeiting the award.

**The Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept and consider applications from families who were unable to submit the AoD Tuition Grant application because of the timing of their decision to enroll, or who were not then members of Our Lady on the River parish, or from families whose circumstances have changed since registration/AoD Tuition Grant application due date. A paper copy of the completed AoD grant application is still required with this application.

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Application

In order to be considered for assistance through the Scholarship, you must be a registered and active parishioner of Our Lady on the River Parish AND you must have properly completed and submitted** an application for the Archdiocesan (AoD) Tuition Grant. (Only the parent or legal guardian of a Holy Cross student may apply.) Complete this form, attach a paper copy of your AoD grant application and a paper copy of your 2021 Federal 1040 tax return, and deliver **(by May 26, 2022)** to:

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Committee
c/o Principal, Holy Cross School
618 South Water Street
Marine City MI 48039

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE REVIEWED ONLY BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Please Print Or Type:

Student name(s) _____

Grade(s) in the fall _____

Parent name(s) _____ Our Lady on the River envelope number: _____

Address _____
House number and street city zip code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
(area code) (area code)

Household income not reported on either US form 1040 or AoD application: _____

Who claims the child(ren) as dependents on their tax returns? _____

Amount of student's total tuition that your household is responsible for
(e.g., "50%," in the case of separated parents with a private
agreement or court judgment dividing such a bill in half): _____

Does anyone help you pay your child(ren)'s tuition? If so, who, and to what extent? _____

____ We/I have completed and submitted** the AoD grant application; attached is a paper copy.

____ Attached is a paper copy of our/my 2021 US 1040(s).

____ We / I have no outstanding debt to the school.

____ We / I understand that receiving this assistance will obligate us/me to work (and not pay for)
our / my family's service credits.

____ We / I use SCRIP regularly to reduce our / my tuition burden while helping the school.

____ Enclosed is a letter explaining extenuating circumstances we would like considered (if applicable).

We / I declare the information on this application to be true, correct and complete to the best of our / my knowledge. We / I authorize the confidential use of this information to be used for the purpose of determining our / my qualification for grants from the Scholarship funds.

Father/Stepfather/Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Signature

Date

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CARDINAL MOONEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

2022 BASH ○○○

TRIVIA NIGHT

A NIGHT TO
REUNITE



FRIDAY

05.06.22

6PM TO 10PM

CARDINAL MOONEY GYM

NIGHT INCLUDES

DINNER & OPEN BAR * \$3000 IN CASH PRIZES * KARAOKE & DANCING

* GREAT AUCTION PRIZES * ENTRY INTO TRIVIA CHALLENGE *

SUPPORTS A GREAT CAUSE

\$75/ PER PERSON



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!

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.
- **Order due date:** Monday, April 11th. 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:** Thursday, May 5th, 2:00-5pm. 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

