



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.

December 12, 2019

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?

**SCRIP office hours:
Mondays 7-9am and 5-7pm,
Wednesdays 1-3pm and
Fridays 7-9am
Patty Smith**

The SCRIP office will be closed for a well-deserved Christmas break from December 21-January 5.

Nonperishable Food Drive

Tomorrow is the second Friday of the month: time to help the pantry! On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food items to give to the parish's pantry.

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

Spirit Wear

Pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest can be ordered at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>

Mark Your Calendar....

- tomorrow: 9am mass with food drive for parish pantry
- **Tu Dec 17: Santa Shoppe all day at school; Christmas program 5:45pm in church (dress code: Christmas best)**
- F Dec 20: last day of classes before Christmas break; hot dog lunch
- **M Jan 6: back to class!**

Christmas Program

...will be on Dec. 17. (Attendance is mandatory for all students.) Wear your Christmas best! Meet your teacher in church by 5:45pm. Watch for more directions from your teacher.

Girls' Basketball

The girls' game at Landmark on Monday was another fiercely contested match! It went into TWO overtimes, and the final score had Landmark ahead by one point. Super showing, team!

Next Monday, Dec 16, the girls are on the road again, to IC, for their last game 'til January.

Camp 2020

The 5-8th graders will be away at winter camp the week of Feb. 10-13, 2020. Families: you should have received your third camp bill this week. (Late fees were added if half of the bill hadn't yet been paid.)

An information packet and forms that need to be filled out went home with all campers earlier this week.

Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

The Wednesday night bingo at St Catherine's REALLY needs your help. 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 most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHdIUa2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHxqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

Hot Dog Lunch

Next Friday, December 20 (the last day of school before Christmas break!), Chartwell's will not be serving. Instead, we'll have a hot dog lunch. The meal, consisting of a Koegel hot dog, chips, fruit and a drink, will cost \$2.50; extra hot dogs can be pre-ordered for an extra \$1 each. Order slips are going home with all students today: please have your order in by next Tuesday, Dec. 17 (to give us time to get enough food ready for everybody).

(Of course, students are welcome to bring their own lunches that day!--and if you have to call your student in sick on the 20th, we will pull his/her order and return your money.)

Lunchtime Goodies

...will be available next Friday, along with the hot dog lunch. Eighth graders will have 25¢ snacks: remember to bring a quarter or two on Friday! Proceeds will go to help pay for the eighth graders' class trip to Chicago.

T-Shirts and Hungry Howie Cards

The \$10 card includes a free large one-item pizza: hard to go wrong! PTO also has a few "vintage" t-shirts (last year's logo) and caps available at the school office: \$5.

Santa Shoppe

PTO's "Santa Shoppe" will be held next Tuesday, Dec. 17 (during the school day). This past Tuesday, students received informational flyers with "shopping list" envelopes to help them plan their shopping.

Mrs. Bryson is looking for some "elves" to help her with the Shoppe on the 17th. If you can give her a few hours (or the entire day), please contact her at c/o school.

"Santa Shoppe" promises to be a fun day for all--thank you for considering helping!

Auction 2020

It's not too early to make your reservation for the Auction! It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Holy Cross Activity Center. Tickets are \$40/person or 8 for \$300.

Calendar Raffle Grand Prize Winner

The \$1000 winner for 2019 is **David Fausone** of Marine City. Congratulations!--and thank you to everyone who supported this raffle.

2020 raffle tickets were mailed a few weeks ago. They make great stocking stuffers or gifts-that-fit-in-a-card! Please contact the school office if you need more tickets.

Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Our local Knights of Columbus announce their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The rules and turn-in information are elsewhere in this newsletter. If you need a piece of the 11x17 paper required for entries, the Knights left some at the school office for your convenience.

"Box Tops for Education"

Just a reminder about "how to" digital-ly save those little box tops...download the app, scan the receipt, and you've done it! For details on the new program, please go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbffe>.

(As long as you see "Box Tops" on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in--they will be honored until their expiration dates.)

Parents of Athletes:

Our Booster Club covers all the expenses of our extracurricular sports program. Parents of athletes are expected to do their part by helping with admissions and concessions at home games at least twice during their child's season, and at least once during the volleyball tournament, which Holy Cross hosts every year. A million thanks to Janine Winne for taking on the responsibility of organizing workers and concessions: please contact her (c/o school) to offer your help.

Hat, Mittens, Gloves, Socks Drive

Our NJHS is collecting winter gear to share with our needy neighbors (via the Old Newsboys). They set up a Christmas tree near the school office to "decorate" with those items. If you can help, please send those winter wear items to school **before the end of the day tomorrow**. Thank you!

St. Clair Community Singers
Terry Beasley, Director
Monica Lopiccio, Accompanist

Christmas Concerts

→ **Sunday December 8, 2019 4PM**
at
First United Methodist Church
North Third Street at Vine Street
St Clair

→ **Sunday December 15, 2019 4PM**
at
Holy Cross Catholic Church
610 Water Street
Marine City

Free admission
(freewill offerings accepted)

"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>

ΤΡΙΣΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΦΟΒΙΑ!
(or τρισκαιδεκαφοβια, if you prefer lower case letters...)

Tomorrow is a special day for the superstitious: FRIDAY THE 13th!! The word meaning "fear of the number 13" is written in Greek, above; in English, it's "tris-kai-deka-phobia" ("three-and-ten fear"). There's a word you can use to impress your friends!

We'll also have our monthly food drive that day to help replenish the parish's pantry's shelves.

VG's Receipts

Please keep sending in those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect those receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office (or SCRIP office) when you're out and about, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of Holy Cross church.


American Legion Essay Contest

Information is attached. The contest is open to students in grades 3-12.

Holy Cross on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmarinecity/>


A Note on Chromebook Use

Students have been asking if they can use their Chromebooks as a "Guest" user when they complete school work here at school and at home. We discussed as a whole group this morning about why the answer to that is "no." The user agreement signed by students and families at the beginning of each school year is to protect both the children and the technology we have purchased. Our network company blocks many websites to protect our students and to protect our devices and system. By using "Guest" students can bypass the protections we have in place. We are working on a solution to this. If any student is caught using "Guest" on his/her Chromebook, the resulting consequence is loss of Chromebook privileges for a period of time relevant to the infraction. Work will be required to be completed using paper and pencil. We appreciate your support in keeping our children safe and using the school Chromebooks for the educational purposes intended.





50/50 Pre-Sale Tickets Live & Silent Auction

Get into the Groove & Rock your Funkiest Fluorescents!
It's the Holy Cross 31st Annual Dinner & Auction



TICKETS TO THE 80'S

2020 Tickets are available through the Auction Chair & Online
Auction Chair – tmensen@holycrossonline.net or 810.765.3591
Online – ourladyontheriver.weshareonline.org

\$40 per person  **CATERED BY**  **\$300 per table of 8**

Date: February 8th 2020 **Time: 6:00PM Doors Open**

Location
Holy Cross School
618 S. Water St. Marine City



K N I G H T S O F C O L U M B U S

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



2019 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



We are proud to announce our fourth annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

- The children's age groups will be 5-7, 8-10 and 11- 14.
- Each child can create a 11"X17" size poster.
- Posters must include a slogan reflecting the message of the drawing including an original visual image.
- If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- Please have the child write their name, age, phone number on the back of the poster.
- Posters will not be returned.
- Submit posters and entry forms to OLR parish office or deliver to the St. Catherine's Activity Center – 1103 Washington, Algonac January 5, 2020 between 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- **Judging will take place after 11:30 mass January 5th, 2019**
- For entry forms and rules, contact GK7227@mikofc.org or GK856@mikofc.org



Wise men still seek Jesus!
Councils - Algonac 7227 & Marine City 856

2020 American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest

"How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military and their families?"

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 382, St Clair, MI invites students, **grades 3-12**, to enter our 2020 Americanism Essay Contest. The topic for this year is:

"How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military and their families?"

Winning essays from the six Class categories will be sent for further competition at the district level. District winners will then compete at the state level. Essays chosen to represent the American Legion Auxiliary; Department of Michigan will compete against essays chosen by other states in the National Americanism Essay Contest.

Students, who author winning essays in the local essay contest, will be awarded twenty-five dollars.

To enter:

- write an essay that answers the question, *"How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military and their families?"*
- make sure your essay conforms to the word requirement for your grade level.
(The word requirements are found on the Essay Cover Sheet.)
- Submit your essay no later than **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** to:
American Legion Post 382, 1322 Clinton Ave., St. Clair, MI
Attention: D. Knowles (Auxiliary)
- Fill in and include the 2019 Americanism Essay Cover Sheet

Good Luck. We are looking forward to your entries!

For questions, and any additional information, contact D. Knowles at mrs.knowles@aol.com



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2020 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after convention.

Essay Title: *"How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families"*

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA unit 382, 1322 Clinton Ave, St. Clair, MI
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit February 25, 2020

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2020