



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.

May 14, 2020

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?

"Curbside" SCRIP hours:

Mondays 5-6pm and

Fridays 9-10am

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

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

8th Graders Going to CMC This Fall

Applications for the special scholarship are due in the Holy Cross School office **by TOMORROW!**

Registration for 2020-21

Hoping to lessen COVID's possible "cash flow" impact to our families, **we are delaying the standard, 10-payment tuition plan by a month.** From 2020-21 on, the first tuition payment will be due by the end of June, and the last by the end of March.

Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...are now available through the school office. **Applications are due May 29.** But remember: the first step is getting your Archdiocesan Grant application in! See the next paragraphs.....

Mark Your Calendar....

- **May 20-27: "Virtual Field Day" activities**
- F-M, May 22-25: no school— Memorial Day weekend
- **F May 29: last day of school for 2019-20 school year**

Archdiocesan Grants

Applications for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit for 2020-21 are now being accepted. For information go to:

detroitcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships

To apply for the Archdiocesan grant: go to your FACTS account and look for "apply for tuition assistance". Application is done online, and there is a small fee. **You will also need to print the "Pastor's Signature" page and get your (Archdiocese of Detroit parish) pastor's signature as part of your application.** After you have his signature, fax or email the Pastor Signature page to the school office: school@holycrossonline.net.

Your application and all supporting paperwork must be complete and submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit. **Applying for this grant is required if you plan to apply for "local" tuition help, as well—PLEASE APPLY ASAP if you hope for any tuition assistance for 2020-21!**

The Rest of This Year

NO SCHOOL May 22-25 (that's Friday next week through Monday, May 25).

The last day of school for both Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney will be Friday, May 29. Details next week for final mass and virtual awards ceremony!

Calendar Raffle Winners

...for May are: Rosanne VerVaecke of Chesterfield Township, Ashton Jacobs of Algonac and Christine LaFata of Marine City. Congratulations to these three winners of \$100 each--and thanks for supporting our school!

Virtual Field Day!

The PTO has been working to adapt Field Day activities to our online situation! Watch your email tomorrow for details.....

"Box Tops for Education"

Just a reminder about "how to" digitally 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/newbtf>

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.

Spirit Wear

You can order pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>.

Please note that hoodies will NOT be approved as uniform wear for 2020-21.

VG's Receipts

Please keep saving those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We are almost 3/4 of the way to our next \$1000 award, and 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 at church.

"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>

Please complete a "review" on our Holy Cross School Facebook page:

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

You can follow us on Instagram:
#mcholycross.

East China School District "Grab and Go Meals"

East China Schools are offering free "meals to go" (breakfasts and lunches) for students under age 18: pickup is on Wednesdays from 11am-1pm at both Marine City Middle/High School and St Clair High School. For more info go to the district's website:
<https://eastchinaschools.org/>

"The Blue Room"

Are your children outgrowing their school clothes? Remember our "Blue Room"--full of used school clothing donated by school families, and free to school families. Call the school office after the quarantine order is over, and we'll figure a time for you to check it out.

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.

...and some "Spirit Week" pictures!--thanks to all who shared--





May 12, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write today to share some measure of hope during this difficult time of pandemic and social distancing. In recent weeks, we have watched with relief as our State of Michigan gradually opened to select businesses and activities, with prudent precautions firmly in place to prevent a severe “second wave” of the coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with this gradual reopening of our society, it is necessary that we make similar arrangements within our local Church to allow once again for the communal celebration of Holy Mass, which at its core is the most “essential” activity known to our world.

In these [liturgical directives](#) you will see details for the return to public Mass on May 19, 2020. The most important category of individuals to participate at Mass at this time should be those preparing to enter the Catholic Church in the weeks ahead. These directives will need strict adherence for all public liturgies, including weddings, funerals, and baptisms. The Mass you may attend in the weeks ahead will look and feel quite different from the Mass you remember from two months ago. It will be imperative for all of us – pastors, parish staff, volunteers, and all the faithful – to work together during these times. The pandemic is not over and safety precautions must be followed in order to promote the continued health and safety of everyone in our community.

Additionally, I am sharing with you [updated liturgical guidelines](#), which have been assembled by the COVID-19 Liturgical Committee. These guidelines have taken into account expert advice from the medical community, liturgical experts, and public health leaders. They are meant to assist pastors and the faithful in safely participating in Holy Mass while maintaining the sound health precautions counseled by health and government officials. Through it all, we must remember that this virus does not discriminate between gatherings; a group gathered for sacred worship is not immune by the merits of its gathering. It is only through our careful observance of these precautions that we make it possible to resume public Mass. For more information about all these guidelines and other resources, please visit www.aod.org/emergencyresponse.

When this pandemic began, I directed priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit to suspend all public Masses as we assessed the situation and explored a safe way to bring Christ to the people, both through the Word of God and the Sacraments. This was an unfortunate but necessary decision in light of the severity of the pandemic and the number of unknowns associated with this new and deadly virus. Know that I have prayed during this time for you, the faithful of southeast Michigan, especially during my private and livestreamed Masses. I pray you have felt the loving comfort of Christ as you awaited the day you could return to his Real Presence in the Eucharist. And I rejoice with you and thank God today as we move toward the gradual reopening of our parish communities.

Asking the continued intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

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. And--if you are able--please continue to send in your “tithes” or weekly donations. Just as your household has ongoing expenses regardless of Governors’ 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/>