



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 15, 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!

Calculations for the quarterly SCRIP credits should be complete by tomorrow.

TRACK

Welcome to Ms Nicole Kade in her first year as our track coach! Team members include 5th graders **Dominic DeVeny, Alex Ogden, CJ Pennington-Clark, Gavin Remier, Makenna Toupin** and **Xavier Zammit**; 6th graders **Micah Arlow, Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Miles Dixon, Gabe Jacobs, Abby Westrick** and **Charles Zech**; 7th graders **Kaden Remier** and **Lylah Schaening**; and 8th graders **John Bailey, Ava DeVeny, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden** and **Angie Winne**.

We are still waiting for clear instruction on if and when the season can start. Will keep you posted!

Mark Your Calendar....

- F April 16: nonperishable food / paper drive for parish pantry
- **Tu Apr 27 (NOT the 20th now): NO CHARTWELL'S lunch--everyone will need to bring a lunch and drink from home**

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. Therefore, it will be more important than ever that you reserve your children's spaces for the upcoming year in a timely manner. **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.

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/2o7l8lwwacwv2f867110yq01216uq6s>

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! (The deadline for applying is usually mid-April--usually right around the deadline for filing tax returns.)

Tuition / Service Credits For 2020-21

Just a reminder that all tuition should have been paid in full by the end of March, and service credits 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.

Bingo

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

School Picture Orders

If you want to order from the special spring photo session before Easter: all orders are due in the school office **TOMORROW MORNING**.

Food Drive at Mass Tomorrow

Students are invited to bring non-perishable food and other items to give to the pantry tomorrow.

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

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.

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 yesterday 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.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

High School Student Art Awards

Congratulations to HC alumnae **Nicole Zawadzinski** (Crusader Class of 2018) and **Scarlett Scott** (Class of 2019), who are both students at Cardinal Mooney. Both of these talented young ladies recently won awards (which include scholarships) in the Archdiocese of Detroit's "St Joseph Art Contest" during Catholic Schools Week. Here is a link to view all the winning compositions:

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/announcing-the-winning-entries-student-art-contest-catholic-schools-week-2021>

Awesome work, girls!

Earning Honors at CMC:

Crusader alumni earning third quarter honors at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's list (all As): **Claire Campbell, Gemma Downey, Jimmy Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Sophia Goulette, Aidan Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Dresden Scott, Cole Tite and Matthew Zammit;**

First Honors (minimum of 3 As and no grade lower than B): **Maggie Bartholomew, Kyle Miotke, Scarlett Scott, Isaac Zammit and Nicole Zawadzinski;**
Second Honors (all Bs with 2 or fewer As): **Audrina Guldemon.**

Congratulations--we're proud of you all!

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.

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for April are: Pauline Ladensack and Kerry Furtah of Marine City, and Lois Fernandez of Algonac. Congratulations--and thank you for supporting our school raffle!

Spring Book fair

The oldest student in each family is taking home a Scholastic "Book Fair" flyer today. Students will have the opportunity to shop next week!

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>

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 **outer clothes** for recess.

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Many of you remember Mrs. Meldrum, who taught music at Holy Cross. Mrs. Meldrum left during the year after becoming ill. She passed away last week, leaving her husband and two young children. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

CHARTWELLS WILL BE PROVIDING lunch on April 20!
(but NOT on April 27.)

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 Catholic School
Third Quarter Honors

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: **Josie Cherro, Lily DeVeney, Nolan Dixon, Liam Maykowski.**

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Isaac Arlow, Lucas Babel, Sophia Boedeker, Luke Borys, Lara Cherro, Ava DeMeulenaere, Eli Gryszkiewicz, Svetlana Mkrtychyan.**

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: **Oliver Lehman, Matthew Phelan, Theryn Snyder, Shelby Zech.**

Third Grade

All As: **Ella DeFauw, Liam Dixon, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Liam Guyor.**

Honor Roll: **Hayden Borys, Veronica Daugherty, Preston Davenport, Leo DeVeney, Grace Heinrich, Joshua Jacobs, Blake Mayea.**

Perfect Attendance: **Hayden Borys, Ella DeFauw, Leo Deveney, Liam Dixon, Claire Gryszkiewicz, Liam Guyor, Joshua Jacobs.**

Fourth Grade

All As: **Paige Arlow, Noah Phelan, Madison Trombley.**

Honor Roll: **Luke Bogdan, Katie Bryson, Emily Coomes, Katelynn Coomes, Gracelin Cusumano, Emma Mensen, Blake Schocker, Brennen Toupin, Justin Williamson.**

Perfect Attendance: **Emily Coomes, Katelynn Coomes, Alex Path, Noah Phelan, Rowen Snyder, Brennen Toupin.**

Fifth Grade

All As: **Vivian Gray, Xavier Zammit.**

Honor Roll: **Dominic DeVeney, Alex Ogden, CJ Pennington-Clark.**

Perfect Attendance: **Dominic DeVeney, Vivian Gray, Xavier Zammit.**

Sixth Grade

All As: **Micah Arlow.**

Honor Roll: **Matthew Bailey, Dylan Davenport, Miles Dixon, Gabriel Jacobs, Abby Westrick, Charles Zech.**

Perfect Attendance: **Micah Arlow, Miles Dixon, Caleb Jaracz-Pisarski, Abby Westrick.**

Seventh Grade

Honor Roll: **Nolan Babel, Renton Gadzinski, Katie Kowalewski, Lylah Schaening.**

Perfect Attendance: **Lylah Schaening.**

Eighth Grade

All As: **Brennen DeMeulenaere, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Michael Kiell, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Angie Winne.**

Honor Roll: **Cole Campbell.**

Perfect Attendance: **Cole Campbell, Ava DeVeney, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Skye Moss, Olivia Ogden, Angie Winne.**



Student Highlights

...for March:

Kindergartners **Liam Maykowski** and **Vanessa Valente** both have siblings who also attend Holy Cross. Liam is 5 years old and has an older sister. Vanessa, who is 6, has a twin brother, who is also in our Kindergarten. When Liam grows up he wants to be a magician. His favorite thing to do is to play with his brother. Liam likes the color blue and his favorite food is pizza. Yum! He and his family have visited Disney World, and he says it is his favorite place to be. Liam likes monkeys, and if he had one wish, it would be to have Aladdin's lamp. Vanessa's favorite color is red. Her favorite animal is a giraffe. When Vanessa grows up she wants to be a veterinarian. She loves animals and has a dog as a pet. If Vanessa had one wish, she would really like to have a ride in Santa's sleigh! Like most children, Vanessa's favorite thing to do is play. Both of these children add to the interesting personalities and dynamics of our Holy Cross Kindergarten classroom.

Second grader **Vaughn Turala** is a hard worker who is very knowledgeable. Some of his hobbies include fishing, hunting, and playing video games. He likes to play basketball and soccer. He also helps out at his family's restaurant, La Casa De Rosa. He helped paint the restaurant. Vaughn also helps with the dishes. I'm so happy that Vaughn is part of our second grade classroom family.

CJ Pennington-Clark is a wonderful and intelligent young man with a caring heart. He is always willing to help and share with others. He is very knowledgeable in many areas and willingly adds to our fifth grade class discussions.

Sixth grader **Gabriel Jacobs** is an outgoing young man with many talents and friends. He is active in sports and has many outside interests. Gabe has the ability to achieve any goal

he sets for himself. **Alexandria Maykowski** is a caring young lady, who has the wonderful ability to put others at ease. She has a keen sense of humor and a curious mind, asking great questions during class discussions. Allie is a great addition to this class. **Zander Somma** is an intelligent young man, with a great smile and a sense of humor. He is very knowledgeable about many things, especially in the area of science. He has the ability to focus on a problem and think outside the box, to come up with a solution.

Renton Gadzinski's favorite subject is history because he likes to learn about how things happened in the past. Renton's favorite place to visit is Pennsylvania. He is a great student, and I enjoy having him in my seventh grade classroom!

Eighth grader **Angela Winne** is kind, funny, intelligent, and just an all around great person. She enjoys spending time with her family on their farm, reading, and hanging out with her friends. I remember when Angie was in the first grade, she loved to be at the front of the line holding my hand. Angie is taking two classes at Cardinal Mooney; Algebra II and French II. After graduating from the 8th grade, Angie plans on attending Marine City High School. Angie makes me smile every day.

Brennen DeMeulenaere is "my little rat." Brennen is smart, witty, helpful, and has a wonderful sense of humor. Brennen is very intuitive and "gets my jokes." Brennen is very active in sports such as baseball, basketball, cross country and track. Brennen enjoys playing video games, any physical sport, making YouTube videos, and hanging out with friends. He is taking French II at Cardinal Mooney. After graduating from the 8th grade, Brennen will attend Cardinal Mooney. Brennen makes every day an interesting one.

PTO Particulars: April 2021

Greetings Holy Cross families!! Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful Easter break. And just like that we are into our last grading period and time is flying...!!

Spring is here...and so is...our Flower Sale! We are once again partnering with Vandebossche Farms to bring you fabulous flowers and gift certificates just in time for Mother's Day! The gift certificates make an especially nice gift-use them all summer and fall for plants, decorative items and exceptional produce. The informational flier and order form are attached to the newsletter, and if you have any questions please contact **Becky Bryson** at beckybryson123@gmail.com or 757-334-9662. Flower and/or gift certificate distribution is set for Friday, May 7th (the Friday before Mother's Day-hint hint). Please reach out to any friends, family members, neighbors, etc. that you think you may be interested!!

Our Spring Book Fair is coming next week, April 19-23! This will be an expanded version of the Book Fair we held in the fall. What a great way to knock out some birthday or (very) early Christmas shopping!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th. We love our teachers and staff and want to show them how much positive impact they have on our children's lives!! We have started collecting "Teacher's Favorite" information and we look forward to spoiling them!

The Holy Cross Auction is here! The auction is a huge fundraiser for our school, and though it may look a little different this year, we look forward to seeing all the fun goodies up for grab! An informational letter and tickets to sell will go home with your eldest Crusader. Please contact Tiffany Mensen if you would like to volunteer to help with the auction tiffany.mensen@gmail.com!!

As the year winds down, we will gear up for Field Day 2021 to be held on Wednesday, June 2nd after lunch. "Traditional" games will be held outdoors, with indoor options available in case of inclement weather. Plenty of volunteers will be needed-if you are available please let Becky Bryson know at beckybryson123@email.com or 757-334-9662!

Do you have a gift for organization? Can you "Marie Kondo" like nobody's business?? Then do we have a satisfying opportunity for you! Mrs. Davenport has requested volunteers to help her sort through some closets and storage rooms. Please contact her with any availability you may have.

Do you find yourself wondering about certain things such as...how do Dress Down Days work, what are appropriate sock colors, how do service credits work, etc.? We would like to present a lifeline for these questions and more! If your child is in Lower Elementary (TK/K-4th grade) please contact Becky Bryson (757-334-9662 or beckybryson123@email.com) or Tiffany Mensen (810-335-2719 or tiffany.mensen@email.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions or even just chat with you about your experience at Holy Cross. If your child is in Upper Elementary (5th-8th) the same is offered by Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or csdeveney@email.com). We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting which is Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30am via Zoom. Please contact Becky at: beckybryson123@gmail.com or 757-334-9662 with your email address so we can get the Zoom meeting codes to you!

We ask this instead of a sending out a blanket invitation to the whole school to try to avoid any hacking incidents.

Warmest regards, HC PTO



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:

ORDER FORM

Price each

*Order forms are due on

*Make checks payable to

*Orders will be available for pick up on

Name and phone number

Item	Price each	Quantity	Total Amount
Geranium	\$20		
Supertips mix- purple, red, orange, yellow	\$20		
Vista Superluna - mix	\$20		
Hanging Baskets - 12"			
Black/Orange Superluna w' superluna	\$16		
Swingline trailing luscia (red and white)	\$16		
Dark eyes trailing luscia (red and purple)	\$16		
Blue waves	\$13		
Mix waves	\$13		
Hanging Flower Pouches			
Waves - mix	\$16		
Begonias - big red w/ bronze leaf	\$16		
Porch Pots - 12"			
Geranium	\$20		
Supertuna	\$20		
Annual Flats			
Alyssum - mix	\$13		
Impatiens - mix	\$13		
Petunia - sugar daddy	\$13		
Petunia - mix	\$13		
Marigolds - Inca mix	\$13		
Marigold - Durango mix	\$13		
Dianthus - mix	\$13		
Catosa - mix	\$13		
Snapdragons - mix	\$13		
Salvia - red tall	\$13		
Salvia - red dwarf	\$13		
Moss Roses - mixed	\$13		
Dusty Miller	\$13		
Total Items			

Item Totals

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.