



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 6, 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!

ATTENTION WINTER/ SPRING ATHLETES:

**ALL SPORTS UNIFORMS still
out need be returned to the
school office ASAP!**

"All Sports Awards"

Last year we were not able to gather at all to congratulate our athletes: so we are especially excited to announce this year's "All Sports Awards" evening! It will be in the church on Wednesday, May 19, starting at 6:30pm. All students who participated in any sports this school year, and their families, are invited to show up about 6:20 in the church on the 19th to receive their honors. Due to COVID regulations, students will need to sit with their families, and all still need to maintain social distancing.

Mark Your Calendar....

- Sun May 9: Auction item winners will be drawn and announced at 9:30 mass at Holy Cross
- **Monday, May 10: NO SCHOOL--recently added to calendar!--teacher inservice**
- F May 14: food drive for parish pantry
- **W May 19: sports awards 6:30pm in the church**
- May 25-27: eighth graders' class trip!
- **M May 31: Memorial Day--NO SCHOOL**
- W June 2: Field Day after lunch
- **W June 9: 8th grade graduation at 9am mass (last mass of the year)**
- F June 11: last day of school for K-7

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.**

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.**

Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone who has helped make Teacher Appreciation Week special this year! From flowers to gifts to love notes: all have been gratefully received by your teachers. Special thanks to the PTO for the lunch they are providing for the teachers today. It's always so nice to know you're loved!

NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY, MAY 10!

A fairly recent change to our calendar, this is another of those mandated inservices you have patiently "flexed" around this year! The teachers will be in meetings that day: students--STAY HOME!

Archdiocesan Grant Applications for 2021-22 ARE DUE SOON!

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) are **due May 21**.

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!**
**(Several families who have
begun applications
still need to do this!)**

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. (Your application will likely be rejected without this step having been completed.)

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

PTO Spring Flower Sale

Thank you to all who participated in this sale! Orders will be available for pickup at Vandebossche Farms between 2:30-5pm tomorrow.

**Please return all Auction
Raffle tickets
to the school office
TOMORROW. Thank you!**

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/1tqQWXOy86EdedEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNjXEHIfe/edit#gid=1](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdedEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNjXEHIfe/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.

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 (depending on the day!).

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us! We're 3/4 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 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: even during the summer.

Bingo

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

"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>

Auction 2021

This year's (and first ever "virtual") Auction is upon us. The baskets Holy Cross families donated will form the basis for a "Basket Raffle." There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Ticket sales for all are underway!

The basket raffle items can be viewed at the "Auction" page on the school website: go to

<http://holycrossonline.net/auction/>

The school family or staff member who sells the most tickets will win a \$50 SCRIP gift card!--get yours all sold tonight and **TURNED IN TOMORROW** for a chance at that prize.

Please note that state raffle law requires that **ALL TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED**--if you opted not to sell / purchase any, please [return them TOMORROW to the school office.](#)

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

Food Drive at Mass

May 14 will be the second Friday of May. On second Fridays, students are invited to bring nonperishable food and other items to give to the pantry.

This month the pantry 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, and the pantry will need to stock up for summer. Thank you for any help you can offer our needy neighbors!

Senior Citizen Goody Bags

Our 4th grade students are collecting miscellaneous items to stuff into 30 busy bags for senior citizens. Our school has been a part of the Foster Grandparent Program, through the Council of Aging. We wanted to give back to this wonderful program by participating in this exchange of items.

The items we are collecting include the following: gently used puzzles, colored pencils, crayons, watercolor paints, adult coloring books, manicure supplies, puzzle books, small crafts, travel sized tissues, knitting items, bags, and anything else that may capture the attention of a wonderful senior. Our deadline is May 21st. The bags will be stuffed by the students and distributed by the programs facilitator of the Council of Aging in June. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity!



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.

Please remember to return all Auction Raffle tickets to the school office TOMORROW. Thank you!

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/>

Student Highlights

...for April:

Sammy DeFauw is a TK student this year and will be returning to our Kindergarten in the fall. Sammy has an older sister in our third grade. His favorite animals are cats. Cats tie in with his favorite place to go: PetSmart! Sammy enjoys snuggling with his mom. When he grows up he wants to be a police officer. Black is Sammy's favorite color, and he really likes cucumbers to eat! If Sammy could have one wish, it would be to have a "Hot Wheels Ultimate Garage." Maybe a second career choice for you Sammy would be a mechanic. Kindergarten **Oakley Lehman** wants to be a farmer when she grows up. Her favorite animals are horses. Oakley already has a horse named Cowboy. She really enjoys riding him! Oakley's older brother is on second grade. Oakley enjoys playing in her "free time" and going to Target. Her favorite color is pink. Hey Oakley, maybe you can get some pink cowboy boots when you go to Target! Her wish is to have some wiggly teeth. (The "Tooth Fairy" can donate to your boot fund.) When Oakley loses those teeth she can still eat her favorite food: pancakes!

First graders **Sophia Boedeker** is a friendly child who likes to joke around with her friends. Her favorite food is mac and cheese. Sophia's favorite subject is math. At home, she loves playing with her dog Gigi, and shopping with her sister, Ashley. When she grows up, Sophia would like to be a police officer. **Ava DeMeulenaere** is a bright, talkative child. Her favorite food is pizza with olives. Her favorite part of school is recess. Ava's favorite thing to do at home is play with her new puppy, Penny. When she grows up, she would like to be a gymnastics teacher.

Angelo Taravella is new to our second grade classroom. Angelo has a sister, Angelina. His favorite color is blue and he enjoys playing soccer. Angelo has 5 chickens, named Cosmo, Ruby, Riley, Sunny, and Hey-Hey. Angelo's favorite subjects are Math, and lunch. His favorite food is pizza from Hungry Howie's. Last summer he traveled to Tennessee. During his trip he enjoyed hiking the trails. He even saw a black bear. It came right up to the front deck. I'm so happy that Angelo joined our second grade.

In the third grade, **Veronica Daugherty** loves to do crafts because she thinks they are fun! Her favorite color is blue and her favorite holiday is Christmas. A fun fact about Veronica is that she LOVES penguins! Veronica was a cheerleader for Holy Cross this year and she is a monkey in the school play! In her free time, she plays softball and dances. Veronica is a rock star in class and Holy Cross is lucky to have her as a part of our community! **Leo DeVeney** has been at Holy Cross since Kindergarten. His favorite song is Adoramus te' (Praise Jesus Christ) and his favorite sport is soccer. He loves the color blue and enjoys watching Tom & Jerry. He enjoys camping with his family and spending time with them. One of the last times that he went camping, he was able to see fireworks and extended family! Leo says that the best way to be a good friend is to be kind and trustworthy. Leo is definitely a very kind and honest young man! A fun fact about Leo is that he recently achieved all of his Fact Ninja Multiplication belts! Holy Cross is blessed to have him as a part of our community!

Fourth grader **Katie Bryson** has been a student at Holy Cross her entire life. Besides loving a good challenge academically, Katie loves dance, fine arts, her famous Moosey, and karate. She is talented in so many ways. Katie is extremely helpful within the classroom and always eager to help her classmates out. Katie has two loving dogs, Lily and Hannah. Over the summer Katie hopes to get scuba certified! **Noah Phelan** is a new student this year. He has been a wonderful addition to our Holy Cross family. He's always up for a good academic challenge, loves theater, and hopes to visit Greece one day. You can always depend on Noah to put a smile on your face, tell a good joke, or play a prank on you! Noah recently submitted a NASA essay, and it was recently announced that he is a semi-finalist. **Emily Coomes** is a new student at Holy Cross this year. She loves school and mingled right in with her new classmates. Emily enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, her dog, Blue. She has two sisters, her twin sister Kate-lynn, and older sister Anna. Emily is really excited to be a part of our family. Emily is very smart, artistic, and kind. She has been a

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wonderful addition to our classroom community. **Katelynn Coomes** is also a new student here at Holy Cross. She is smart, caring, and kind. Katelynn has fit in really well. Like her identical sister, she also loves dogs, spending time with her family, and traveling. This summer she is looking forward to a family vacation to Tennessee. Katelynn enjoys all subjects and is very creative. In a very short time, she has made so many new friends!

Gavin Remier is an enjoyable young man who is kindhearted and helpful. Gavin knows when it's time to work and when it's time to relax. He cares about others and is the first to offer help or support. **Xavier Zammit** is an intelligent, energetic fifth grader who has the ability to go far. He is active in sports and is always willing to step up and help others. Xavier works hard to complete his work and knows whether it is time to focus or have fun.

Matthew Bailey is an intelligent young man who has the ability to do well. He is creative and friendly, adding to a positive classroom atmosphere. Matthew has a neat sense of humor and is knowledgeable in many areas. **Anna Coomes** is a wonderful addition to our sixth grade class. Her warm heart and easy-going manner made it very easy for her to make many friends quickly. Anna is very intelligent and has the ability to achieve any goal she sets for herself.

Nolan Babel has a great sense of humor and is very involved in classroom discussions. Nolan's favorite class is history. His favorite trip was when he went to

Niagara Falls. **Angelina Taravella's** favorite subject is English because she likes to read and write stories. Angelina's favorite place to visit is Up North Michigan. She is a great student and I enjoy having her in my classroom!

Eighth grader **John Bailey** has attended Holy Cross School since Kindergarten. John's favorite subject in school is math, but John also likes to read books in literature. We are reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, and John enjoys reading the book. During his free time, John likes spending time at his cabin up north, listening to music, reading horror novels, and building things with his hands. John is very perceptive, mature, and very kind. John plans to attend Cardinal Mooney in the fall. I am going to miss John next year, and I wish him well in his high school journey. **Conor Guyor** has attended Holy Cross School since the third grade. Conor's favorite subject in school is history. During his free time, Conor enjoys anything that has to do with Indy car racing or racing in general. Conor is very knowledgeable about any kind of car, particularly fast cars that are sporty. Conor also likes go-karting, playing video games and boating with his family. Conor is a very considerate, kind, mature young man who is always willing to help out. Conor has a wonderful sense of humor and keeps his 8th grade peers laughing. Conor will attend Cardinal Mooney in the fall. Currently, Conor is a dual enrollment student and is taking French II. I will miss Conor, and I wish him well in his high school journey.

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.