



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.

November 4, 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.

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!

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OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

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

Report Cards

...will go home with students TOMORROW. Fall "STAR" assessment results will go home with report cards.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be next week, Nov. 11 and 12 (Thursday afternoon and evening, and Friday mornings and early afternoon). Attached is a form to request conferences. If you wish to attend, please mark several time slots or a range of times that are good for you, and sign and return the form. Confirmation of your assigned time(s) will be sent to you by Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Our "specials" teachers are not able to be at our conferences; however, if you would like to speak with one of them, please mark who and how you'd like to be contacted, and we will forward your request to that teacher.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Nov 5: report cards go home**
- Th Nov 11: half day--dismissal at 11am (NO BUSES); afternoon and evening conferences; Book Fair
- **F Nov 12: NO SCHOOL--conferences; Book Fair**
- F Nov 19: "Thanksgiving Feast"
- **W-F Nov 24-26: Thanksgiving break--no school**

HC Students Who Ride CMC Buses:

Nov 15 is a "virtual day" for CMC students, but the **south bus only** will run as usual if there is a need--please contact CMC to let them know if you'll be riding either way that day.

Half Day Thursday, Nov. 11-- dismissal at 11am-- NO BUSES then

Basketball and Cheer

Basketball season for both girls and boys (with girls' cheer) will be starting soon! We're just waiting for CYO to finalize the game schedule--we expect practices to start next week. Middle schoolers: it's still not too late to sign up!

Athletes: you must have had your **sports physical** in order to attend the first practice. Also--parents are reminded that there is a \$50/sport "pay to play" fee (checks may be made out to "OLR" or "Holy Cross" and delivered either to the coach or to the school office).

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 participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check.

The online signup page is ready, for returning lunch supervisors--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.

Drama Club Fundraiser

Orders and payment for holiday greens need to be in the office by TOMORROW, Nov. 5. (Ordering info is attached--or contact the Phelans.)

Tomorrow's Lunch

...will be grilled cheese instead of bosco sticks!

Congratulations!

A number of HC alumni recently earned honors at Cardinal Mooney! Being honored at Ford Field as members of the All Catholic Team were:

Gemma Downey, Jimmy Downey, Aidan Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Matthew Zammit, Isaac Zammit, Claire Campbell, Rebecca Goulette, Cole Tite, Dresden Scott.

More congratulations to **Isaac** and **Matthew Zammit** for honors they received as part of their cross country season at CMC! Matthew was honored for All Academic and All Catholic, and Isaac for All League. **Claire Campbell** also received All Catholic recognition in volleyball at CMC. We are proud of each of you!

Thanksgiving Feast

Because of COVID, class will not be directly helping with preparation of the meal. However, each student will be asked to bring a specific item for the feast: a list by grade of those items will be requested in the newsletter next week.

A core of parents has begun to plan for the "feast" (which is scheduled for Friday, November 19: Chartwells will NOT be serving that day.) Parents interested in helping prepare and serve the "feast": please contact Adrienne Meldrum at 586.350.7750 or via email: adrienne.meldrum@gmail.com.

Book Fair

PTO's Scholastic Book Fair will run next week. Informational flyers will be sent home soon. (The flyers list only some of the items that will be available at the fair.) Students will have an opportunity to view and shop with their classes before conferences. The fair will be open during conferences so parents will be able to shop as well.

High School Placement Test

Eighth graders who plan to go to a Catholic high school next year need to take this test. CMC is sponsoring a test workshop on Saturday, Nov 13, from 9-11 am. The test dates are Nov. 20 and Dec. 4. For more info, contact Cardinal Mooney at 810.765.8825.

To register:

HSPT WORKSHOP (\$35.00)--

<https://bit.ly/3pEHvo8>

HSPT TEST REGISTRATION (\$50.00)--

<https://bit.ly/3D7ZPcY>

Fellowe'en

Thank you to our high school friends! CMC students rolled with the less-than-idyllic weather last Friday, and moved their trunk-or-treat into the gym. Thank you for all the trouble you went to for us, and for all the goodies!!--



Happy Holidays

St. Clair Community Singers

Christmas Concerts

Sunday December 5, 2021

2 pm

First United Methodist Church

North Third Street at Vine Street

St Clair, Michigan

AND

Sunday December 12, 2021

2 pm

Holy Cross Catholic Church

610 S. Water Street

Marine City, Michigan

Free admission



Camp Families

Your November statement is on its way to your mailbox. The second payment is due Nov 30: so half of your camp bill should be paid before December 1st.

Service Credits: "Plan A" and Local Tuition Assistance

Families who opted for "Plan A" service credits should have made their first payment Oct. 1, with their second payment due Dec. 1.

A reminder to families who are expecting tuition assistance: one of the conditions of that help is that you work your service credits. Don't let the end of the year sneak up on you and jeopardize your aid--get your credits scheduled and worked ASAP!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Student Highlights

...for October:

Elizabeth Bryson is a returning 5-year-old who was in our "TK" class last year. Elizabeth has an older sister who also attends Holy Cross. This 5-year-old's favorite color is pink and her favorite food is pizza! When Elizabeth grows up she wants to be a cowgirl. She loves animals (her favorite being a cheetah) and would like to have a pet snake! Elizabeth's family has two dogs, Lily and Hannah. They often (in nice weather) come to pick up Elizabeth and her sister from school. Elizabeth's favorite place is the Tree of Life at Disney World. However, here in Marine City she enjoys visiting the Sweet Tooth!

Vanessa Valente is a hard working first grader. Her favorite food is plain croissants. Her favorite subject is Science. At home, Vanessa likes to go on her trap bars. When she grows up, Vanessa would like to be a mom and race horses. I bet her children and her horses will enjoy the songs she makes up! **Carson Schneider** is a very conscientious and polite little boy. His favorite food is pizza with pepperoni, bacon, ham, and cheese. His favorite subjects in school are Math and Science. Carson is interested in all things Mario, and he enjoys playing Nintendo Wii at home. When he grows up, Carson thinks he would like to be a math teacher.

Sophia Boedeker is a big helper in the second grade classroom. When one of the students needs a helping hand, Sophia is right there to offer a helping hand. Sophia's favorite color is orange. Her favorite restaurant is McDonalds. She likes the French fries from there. Sophia was on a soccer team, and she now does cheerleading. She likes to go to Florida on vacation with her family. Her favorite animal is a dog and her family has two dogs. I'm so proud of Sophia and her willingness to help out around the classroom. Keep up the good work Sophia! **Luke Borys** is a great friend to his classmates. Luke's favorite color is purple and he likes to draw. His favorite restaurant is McDonalds. He likes the chicken nuggets from there. He enjoys going up north with his family. When he travels up north he enjoys going to the beach. I'm so proud of Luke and all of his hard work in the classroom. Keep up the good work Luke!

Third grader **Theryn Snyder** wants to be a nurse when she grows up. Even though her favorite subject is math, she is an excellent writer. When she is at home, she likes to watch Bunk'd and snack on chips. Theryn is very creative and her favorite hobby is anything to do with art! She likes to dance and play the violin. Theryn is a great friend to her classmates and is very compassionate...she remembers the "little things" that people tell her! Mrs. Korotko feels very lucky to have her in class this year, and Holy Cross is lucky to have her as a part of our community!

Luciana Meldrum is new to Holy Cross this year! A fourth grader, she is the oldest of 4 children. Her nurturing personality truly shines when she talks about any of her siblings. She loves to make crafts,

dance, ride her scooter, and help out her family members and friends. Luciana also loves Italian food and cookies! We are so happy she's a part of our school family. **Liam Dixon** loves math and reading! He has a big heart and is a loyal friend to others. Liam also has a great sense of humor! He is the second of three children and he also has a dog, who he loves very much. I can always depend on Liam to tell a wise crack, offer to help another student, or volunteer his height to help us get to our scoop chairs.

In the fifth grade, **Shealyn Blanchard** is a wonderful young lady who works hard to do her very best. Shea always steps up to help around the classroom or when others need a hand. She does not shy away from a challenge, but meets it head on with determination.

Sixth grader **Finn Heath** enjoys playing soccer or "futbol," much like his homeroom teacher. He wants to be a computer coder or a soccer player when he is older. His favorite subject in school is reading. Three words that describe Finn are smart, funny, and good-natured! **Vivian Gray** would like to pursue a study of law or continue her pursuit of dancing in the future. Her favorite subject in school is all of them! Viv obviously loves the arts and enjoys dancing and playing the piano.

Nolan Gill is in the 7th grade, and this is his first year at Holy Cross. His favorite subject in school is ELA because it is fun! His favorite book is Holes. Outside of school, Nolan likes to hang out with friends and play video games. Nolan would like to one day be in law enforcement. Something that interests Nolan is art. His favorite song is "Take it on the Run" by Reo Speedwagon. I am very glad that Nolan is a part of the Holy Cross family. **Alexandria Maykowsky**'s favorite subject is ELA. Allie enjoys reading poetry and other "deep" literature. She loves crystals, oils, music, and candles. Allie is a "people person." She enjoys learning about people and observing people's behaviors. Outside of school, Allie likes hanging out with friends. Allie would like to be a graphic designer or a CEO of some kind in Paris. Allie is a very mature young lady who knows much about the world around her. She is very thoughtful, perceptive, and insightful. I am happy that Allie is a Holy Cross Crusader!

Eighth grader **Katie Kowalewski**'s favorite subject in school is ELA because she loves reading books and poetry. Her favorite genre of books are Greek mythology and Norse stories. Her favorite book is the first Harry Potter book. Katie would like to be a history professor one day. Katie loves the outdoors and any kind of animal, especially raccoons. Katie has been involved in 4H. Outside of school, Katie likes to draw and play video games. Katie is a very honest and loyal friend. She shows compassion for others and is a very mature young lady. I enjoy Katie's insight about literature and global issues.

November 5, 2021

Dear Parents,

Attached is the schedule of times for conferences on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 11 and 12. Please mark your first, second and third choices in the appropriate boxes for each teacher you'd like to see, and sign and return this form by Monday, Nov. 8. (No spots will be guaranteed after this time.) You will receive a confirmation of your appointment(s) by Wednesday, November 10.

Thursday afternoon, November 11:

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(Meal break)

Thursday evening, Nov. 11:

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Day of Reflection

Saturday, Nov 6, 2021

8:30am-3:00pm

Lunch Included

Holy Family Parish Life Center

79780 Main St Memphis, TN 38141

Pray Always...Pray All Ways

Presented by the Blue Water Vicariate Catechetical Leaders

Open to all parish ministers, volunteers and interested parishioners

*(*satisfies the retreat requirement for catechist certification)*

Join us for a day exploring "styles" of prayer with 3 different presenters

- ❖ Dr. Donald Wallenfang, professor of Theology and Philosophy, SHMS.
- ❖ Janene Ternes, Prayer in Motion LLC.
- ❖ Reverend Philip Ching, pastor of Holy Family, St. Augustine, and St. Mary Mystical Rose

No Charge to attend for anyone living in or serving the Bluewater Vicariate

Enrollment limited – RSVP no later than **Nov. 1**

Contact your DRE to register, OR *Holy Family Faith Formation* (810) 392-2056 or:
sfinley@hollyfamily.online.org