



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 9, 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.

We understand the St Christopher in Marysville is offering the "PGC" class the morning of January 8.

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!

Basketball and Cheer

Thank you to **Mrs. Brandi Cusumano** for taking over coaching our cheer team!

Team members: don't forget your "pay to play" payment! (Checks can be made out to either "OLR" or "Holy Cross" and delivered either to the coach or to the school office).

Both our boys' and girls' teams hosted St Thecla's teams on Monday. They played at home against New Life Christian on Tuesday, and both of our teams scored wins that night! Parents: we'd love to have pictures for the yearbook! If you take any great pix you can share, please email to Mrs Steinmetz: school@holycrossonline.net.

Next Thursday, our girls are on the road north to play McCormick; then no games 'til after Christmas break.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Dec 10: NO CHARTWELLS--bring your own lunch if you didn't order Holy Cross pizza lunch; no East China buses today**
- **Tu Dec 14: Holy Cross School Christmas Program--meet your teacher in school at 6:15; dress code: "Christmas best" for students not in costume**
- **F. Dec. 17: last day of school before Christmas break (dress code: uniform or "Christmas best")**
- **Tu. Jan 4: back to class!**

Auction 2022

Working on the Auction can be a fun way to earn some service credits! We are hopeful that we will be allowed to gather again for this year's event. Looking for fun, energetic people to help the chairpersons plan and man Auction 2022--how about YOU?

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 and active for current lunch supervisors to use--go to:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

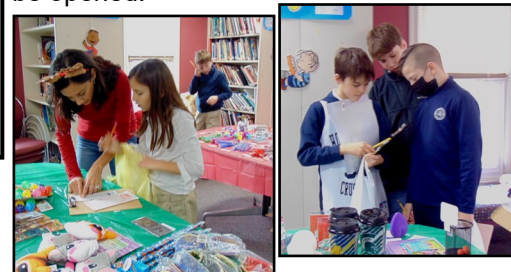
If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office.

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. (Service credits should be completed by the end of April.)

Santa Shop

Thank you to the PTO and all the "little elves" who helped: **Mrs. Bryson, Mrs. Olivier, Mr. and Mrs. Westrick, Mr. and Mrs. Zammit, Mrs Farrand and Jamie, Mrs. Phelan, Mrs. Arlow, Mrs Meldrum and Mrs. Heath**. The students had lots of fun finding just the right something for each person on their lists--some were so excited that we fear some of those packages may not make it all the way to Christmas without having to be opened!



Vintage T-Shirts & Hungry Howie Fundraiser 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

"Warming Tree"

Our National Junior Honor Society's Christmas tree is filling with gloves, hats, mittens, scarves and socks for local needy children. The "warming tree" will be up until December 14 to accept donations. Thank you for whatever help you can offer! Items will be donated for distribution to area children who need warm winter clothes.

Pizza Lunch

Chartwells is not able to provide lunch tomorrow. Students had the opportunity to order pizza--or they may opt to bring their own lunch and drink from home that day.

If you call your student in sick on the day of a special lunch, his order will be pulled and your payment returned.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us. Please keep saving the entire VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--their "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 office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of the church.

Calendar Raffle

The 2022 Calendar Raffle tickets went out this past week and we are looking forward to their return. As we are all aware, Covid has impacted our daily lives and Holy Cross Catholic School has done an outstanding job throughout. The tragedy of recent events is a grim reminder of the fragility of life and an absolute need for our kids to KNOW they are safe at school. The Calendar Raffle provides the funding for our wonderful teachers and staff to have the equipment and training they need to bring a cohesive learning experience and the proper tools for all our students, staff, and families to learn and teach in an environment, confident in their security.

As we are coming to the end of the 2021 calendar year and Christmas is quickly approaching, remember those hard to buy for friends, family, and teachers for whom a Calendar Raffle Ticket may be the perfect gift! \$25 will give you 34 chances to win in 2022! See the church rectory if you are interested in buying a ticket. It only takes one ticket to win. Good luck and thank you for your support.

Please consider showing your support by patronizing our 2022 Calendar Raffle Sponsors:

Zimmer Roofing & Construction (Port Huron)
ML Chartier Excavating (Fair Haven)
Brieden Orthodontics (East China)
Buck's Diner (Fair Haven)
The Inn on Water Street
Jet's Pizza (Marine City)

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

Marine City Fish Company
McBride, Manley and Miller, PC (Marine City)
PrintMasters (Madison Heights)
Real Estate One-Westrick Associates (Marine City)
Steinmetz-Vandenbossche Insurance Agency (Marine City)
Two Rivers Winery (Marine City)

Student Highlights

...for November:

Preschooler **Roman Meldrum** is a complete pleasure to have in class! He is such a hard worker and is always up to try anything. He is always looking for new ways to learn and grow as a student. Roman is also so sweet and kind to everyone. He works together with his friends to accomplish just about anything. He shares and is willing to put others before him. I am lucky to have Roman in my class this year! **Kain Allagreen** is such a sweet, kind boy. He is easy going and always willing to help in any way. He goes above and beyond in every way. He is always the first one to follow directions and always the last one cleaning up and organizing toys. He works hard and is up for any challenge. Kain is a fantastic friend and always encourages friends to play and share. I am so glad Kain is in my class this year!

Kindergartner **Samuel DeFauw** is five years old. He has an older sister who also attends Holy Cross. When asked where his favorite place is, Sammy replied, "Disney World!" He enjoys eating spaghetti and meatballs. Running is an activity Sammy likes to do. Cats are his favorite animal" which explains why he wants to be a "pet vet" when he grows up. Sammy sets a good example in the classroom by following directions and staying on task. He enjoys recess and gets along well with his classmates and the other students at our school. If Sammy had one wish, it would be for the "Ultimate Garage." Hopefully you will get your wish this Christmas!

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(Student High lights, continued)

Robert Campau is a big helper in the second grade classroom. He likes to help his classmates. His favorite sports are baseball and basketball. Robert likes to travel to Florida with his family, he visits his grandma and grandpa there. His favorite color is turquoise. Robert has four chickens, three goldfish, and one cat at this house. His favorite subject in school is Math. His favorite foods are pancakes, waffles, and muffins. I'm so proud of Robert, keep up the good work! **Lara Cherro** enjoys coming to school and spending time with her classmates. When she's home she enjoys playing on her bounce house. Her favorite holiday is Christmas. Lara has family in Arizona that she likes to go visit. Her favorite fruit is apples. Lara's favorite color is blue. Her favorite sport is swimming. Lara has two sisters, one is in first grade and the other one is two years old. She has a pet fish at home. Lara is very friendly with her classmates and very willing to help. I'm so proud of Lara, keep up the good work!

Third grader **Angelo Taravella** wants to be a veterinarian when he grows up. Angelo loves to play soccer and his soccer team this fall was undefeated! At home, he enjoys watching Wild Kratts with his mom or dad and he LOVES to draw! Angelo's favorite color is red and his favorite school subject is reading. If you ask Angelo if he would rather be outside or inside...he would definitely say he'd rather be enjoying the great outdoors! Holy Cross is lucky to have him as a part of our community and Mrs. Korotko is very lucky to have Angelo in class this year!

Ella DeFauw is a wonderful fourth grade student. Inside the classroom, she loves math and reading. She is also quite the artist. Ella is a very kind friend, and loves to help others. She loves animals, and hopes to work with them once she is older. Outside of school, Ella is a gymnast. She is currently working toward level 4 of achievement. Ella has one younger brother, who is a kindergartner this year. **Blake Mayea** is a great student. While at school, Blake is quite the mathematician!! If I had to take a guess, I would say that math is his favorite subject. Additionally, he is a very detail oriented artist. He is very creative with his drawings. Outside of school, Blake loves to ride his dirt bike, play outside, and take care of his cat. Blake is also very funny, as well as a very loyal friend! Blake has one younger brother who is a second grader this year.

Fifth grader **Rylee McClure** is an energetic and caring young lady who is very creative. She does well balancing between having fun with her classmates and focusing on getting her work done. Rylee is always stepping up to help when needed.

Brennen Toupin is a hardworking insightful young man who knows when to work and when to have fun. Brennen is honest and trustworthy, which are just two of the many qualities that make him a good friend to have. He has a good sense of humor and an infectious smile.

Makenna Toupin's favorite school subjects are ELA and religion (which greatly pleases her religion teacher!). She likes to socialize with her friends and wants to be a lawyer possibly when she is older. Makenna asks a lot of questions in class that challenge us and lead to great sixth grade class discussions. **Xavier Zammit** is a great student and young man. He stays involved in class discussions and is currently tied for the class record of longest Nerf hoop shot made. His favorite subjects are math and gym. Xavier likes fishing and would one day like to be a mechanical engineer.

Eighth grader **Micah Arlow** is recognized for his effort, dedication, and good nature. Micah strives to do his very best and is always participating in class discussions. His favorite subject is ELA because it is interesting and fun. He enjoys learning about history. Outside of school, Micah likes hanging out with family and playing video games. Micah would like to be an architect or carpenter. Micah's favorite book is *Warriors: Sunset* and his favorite song is "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne. Micah is an all around great young man. **Abby Westrick** is recognized for her helpful nature, effort in academics and sportsmanship qualities. Abby likes to participate in ELA class and finds the subject easy and interesting. Outside of school, she enjoys snowmobiling, sports, hanging out with friends and playing xBox. Abby would like to be a mechanic or something that correlates with the beauty industry. Abby's favorite books are the *I survived* Series and her favorite song is "Beware." Abby is honest, hardworking and helpful when I need something done. **Angelina Taravella** is conscientious, mature, intelligent, and perceptive. She strives to do her very best and goes above and beyond to learn as much as she possibly can about all subject matters. In fact, Angelina's favorite thing about herself is her determination. Angelina's favorite subject in school is science because there is always something new to learn about. Outside of school, she loves to cook and bake. Angelina is still pondering a career choice. I see a future nurse, PA, veterinarian, or engineer. She loves listening to music, especially Brothers Osborne. Angelina's favorite book is *Just Under the Stars*. I am exceptionally proud of Angelina and her accomplishments.



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



2021 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

We are proud to announce our 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. Winners will be forwarded on to the next level of competition.
- Submit posters and entry forms to Holy Cross parish school or Parish office –
- 618 S Water St, Marine City, MI 48039 by December 17, 2020.
- **Judging will take place after 4:00 Mass on December 18th @ St Catherine's Activity Center**
- For entry forms and rules, please contact rgoulette2@gmail.com or GK856@mikofc.org



Wise men still seek Jesus!
Our Lady on the River Council 856

2021 BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION



**FREE THROW
THREE POINT
TRICK SHOT**



Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14

January 15 2021, Reg 12:00 - Start 12:30 PM

1085 Ward St, Marine City, MI 48039

Free family event and everyone is invited!!!

**Please send registration forms to rgoulette2@gmail.com and
GK856@mikofc.org**

For more information and registration details please Email rgoulette2@gmail.com

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**
ENTRY FORM AND SCORE SHEET



I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

Secondary school athletes should check with the school athletic director about eligibility before participating.
Birth Certificate for other proof of age is required to verify eligibility.

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Boys

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Girls

AGE:

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Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Signature of Entrant

2. This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

COUNCIL NO. _____

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **The entrant may compete in only one council level competition.**

Witness

Father/guardian

Date signed

Mother/guardian

SCORE SHEET

**3. This Section To Be Completed By
K of C Officials:**

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed 15 consecutive free throws in council competition and 25 consecutive free throws in all other levels. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 5 free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.

COMPETITION LEVEL	SCORING:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BASKET MADE	<input type="checkbox"/> BASKET MISSED	TOTAL BASKETS MADE
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