

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.

March 31, 2022

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?

OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

School office: 810.765.3591

Thank you to **Mrs. Patty Smith** for her YEARS of devoted service to our SCRIP program!!! Mrs. Smith took over the SCRIP program before her granddaughter, Lylah, started preschool at Holy Cross--and Lylah will graduate on June 8! Mrs. Smith didn't just keep the program running all those years: she even expanded its offerings through the years. Mrs. Smith will be retiring from the SCRIP desk tomorrow. We owe her a great debt for her quiet, steady dedication to Holy Cross through the years. God bless you, Patty!!!

Mrs. Vasquez will be handling SCRIP orders on Friday mornings from now 'til the end of the school year.

Report Cards

...will go home with students tomorrow.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F April 1: report cards go home**
- Tu Apr 12: last day of classes before Easter break
- **W-Su April 13-24: NO CLASSES --Easter break**
- M Apr 25: back to school

"Academic Olympics"

A number of our middle schoolers gave up their Saturday morning to stretch their brains! They competed against their counterparts in the other Blue Water Vicariate schools' annual "Academic Olympics." We are proud of our "Olympians"!

In Problem Solving--our fifth grade team of **Katie Bryson, Shea Blanchard** and **Noah Phelan** came in third place; our sixth grade team consisting of 5th graders **Emily** and **Katelynn Coomes** and **Rylee McClure** also placed third; and our seventh grade team, **Anna Coomes, Gabe Jacobs** and **Amelia Morgulec**, came in second place;

In Math--the fifth grade team of **Noah** and **Katie** came in 3rd place;

In Religion--fifth grader **Noah** came in 4th place, and sixth grader **Dominic DeVeney** earned a second place ribbon;

In Forensics--fifth grader **Noah** came in 2nd place in Serious Prose, and **Katie** 3rd in Humorous Prose; 7th grader **Gabe** came in 4th; and 8th grader **Erin Wilson** came in third place in Humorous Poetry.

We are proud of each of you for spending part of your weekend in pursuit of excellence!! Way to go, Crusaders!

Registration for 2022-23

The bugs have been worked out, and online registration through FACTS is fully operational!

"Read In Day"

...is today! Students are enjoying lounging in their jammies and reading under blanket "tents"!--



AUCTION 2022

There is a successful Auction in our rearview mirror! The premises shone: our gym was practically elegant! The food was great (if tardy), and our 200+ guests all seemed to be enjoying the night. A million thanks to our auction chairpersons **Dave and Martine Carty**, who spent hundreds of hours planning, phoning, computing, sorting, making sure every detail of the event meshed with every other detail. Thank you to our maintenance staff--**Mike Rzeppa** and **Gary Barr**--for transporting furniture and handling the setup and teardown of the room; to **Gary and Kelly Barr** and **Pam LaBelle** for staffing the bar all night; and to all who donated or worked. We don't have a bottom line yet, but the accountants are working on it, and we hope to be able to report the auction's net profits soon.

Service Credits

A reminder to K-8 families: all service credits for this school year need to be worked by April 30. Bingo and lunch supervision are two service credit areas that need a lot of workers! You can also still work at the remaining two fish fries to earn your service credits Recipients of local financial aid are reminded they need to get their credits completed asap to be eligible for that aid. A copy of your service credit record (with credits worked through the end of February recorded) was mailed to you recently.

Needed: Track Coach!!!

WE NEED A COACH!! It's almost time to start practicing: but our 20+ athletes can't practice without a coach. If you are interested, or know of someone (or a few someones) who might be, please call school ASAP!

Tuition Assistance for 2022-3:

Archdiocesan and Local

Aid is available from the Archdiocese of Detroit on a financial need basis for active Catholic families (for children in grades K-12) in the Archdiocese. Families apply for the assistance via their FACTS accounts: for more information go to

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Applications for "local" K-8 tuition are now available in the school office (and being sent along with this newsletter). You must have applied for the Archdiocese's tuition assistance to qualify for Holy Cross's other "local" scholarships.

Please note: YOU MUST GET YOUR PASTOR'S SIGNATURE on the "Pastor Signature Form" and turn it in to your school's office: your application WILL BE VOID without it!

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 taken 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.

PTO'S FLOWER SALE

Ordering information is included a little farther back in this newsletter. Orders and payments need to be in the school office **by Monday, April 11.**

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. (Please note that all families' service credits need to be completed by the end of April.)

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we're 3/4 of the way to our next \$1000 reward! 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.

"Faith and Family Night With the Tigers"

"Faith and Family Night With the Tigers" is an event at Comerica Park in which current and retired players share with guests their faith and how God has worked in their lives. This takes place before the game and then families stay after to watch the game. Please join other Holy Cross families on May 14th for this event. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the school office with Mrs. Vasquez. Time to be announced.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming! Please contact **Brigitte Pennington** (810.858.7068) if you are interested in helping next week.

First Communion Vest

We have a number of donated white dresses (and one white little boys' suit) free to anyone who needs them--in "The Blue Room."

Uniforms and "The Blue Room"

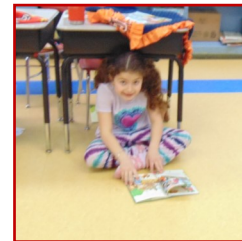
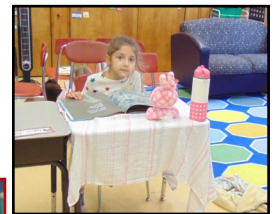
Is your Crusader's school wardrobe showing a little wear after daily use all year? Has s/he outgrown everything? Especially as the end of the year approaches: check out the FREE used clothing in "The Blue Room"! (Call first so we know you're coming.)

Fish Frys on Fridays

The parish has two more Lenten fish frys. There are still shifts available for working your service credits: you can sign up using the links on the email "cover page" of this newsletter.

All are welcome to eat! Dinner is served from 4-7pm; diners are encouraged to come earlier rather than later to avoid their running out of fish.

A few more "Read In" photos...



Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund **Application**

The Fr. Bartone Scholarship Fund was created by the Last Will and Testament of Father Donald Bartone, pastor of Holy Cross parish from 1981-1987. The Fund provides scholarship support to students of Holy Cross School who are members of Our Lady on the River parish. Assistance will consist of grant payments made to Holy Cross School to be applied to current tuition accounts of the recipient students.

PRIVACY POLICY

By signing this application, recipient families expressly understand that **ONLY** their names and the amounts of their awards will be reported for auditing purposes **ONLY** to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, which administers the Father Bartone fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Scholarship recipients must be attending Holy Cross School and be active members of Our Lady on the River parish. ("Active member" is defined as a registered parishioner who is: 1) involved in parish activities and attends mass on a regular basis, and 2) contributes regularly to the church through the use of his/her assigned envelopes.) Recipients must also work their own service credits (and not pay for them).

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Archdiocesan ("AoD") Tuition Grant application on time and according to its directions. (Info about the AoD Tuition Grant is available at www.aod.org; application is made online via the family's FACTS account.)**
2. Parent/legal guardian(s) complete and submit the Father Bartone Scholarship application according to its directions (attached). (Applications are available in the school office; only one application per family required.)

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AWARD

Families will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision and the amount (if any) of first-round scholarship money awarded within two weeks of the Archdiocese's determination of its grantees. The second round of awards (if any) will be awarded within two weeks of the due date of the second round of applications.

Grantees not yet enrolled at Holy Cross School must accept the award and complete enrollment within two weeks after receiving notification of the award; failure to complete enrollment within that time frame may result in forfeiting the award.

**The Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept and consider applications from families who were unable to submit the AoD Tuition Grant application because of the timing of their decision to enroll, or who were not then members of Our Lady on the River parish, or from families whose circumstances have changed since registration/AoD Tuition Grant application due date. A paper copy of the completed AoD grant application is still required with this application.

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Application

In order to be considered for assistance through the Scholarship, you must be a registered and active parishioner of Our Lady on the River Parish AND you must have properly completed and submitted** an application for the Archdiocesan (AoD) Tuition Grant. (Only the parent or legal guardian of a Holy Cross student may apply.) Complete this form, attach a paper copy of your AoD grant application and a paper copy of your 2021 Federal 1040 tax return, and deliver **(by May 26, 2022)** to:

Fr. Bartone Scholarship Committee
c/o Principal, Holy Cross School
618 South Water Street
Marine City MI 48039

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE REVIEWED ONLY BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Please Print Or Type:

Student name(s) _____

Grade(s) in the fall _____

Parent name(s) _____ Our Lady on the River envelope number: _____

Address _____
House number and street city zip code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
(area code) (area code)

Household income not reported on either US form 1040 or AoD application: _____

Who claims the child(ren) as dependents on their tax returns? _____

Amount of student's total tuition that your household is responsible for
(e.g., "50%," in the case of separated parents with a private
agreement or court judgment dividing such a bill in half): _____

Does anyone help you pay your child(ren)'s tuition? If so, who, and to what extent? _____

____ We/I have completed and submitted** the AoD grant application; attached is a paper copy.

____ Attached is a paper copy of our/my 2021 US 1040(s).

____ We / I have no outstanding debt to the school.

____ We / I understand that receiving this assistance will obligate us/me to work (and not pay for)
our / my family's service credits.

____ We / I use SCRIP regularly to reduce our / my tuition burden while helping the school.

____ Enclosed is a letter explaining extenuating circumstances we would like considered (if applicable).

We / I declare the information on this application to be true, correct and complete to the best of our / my knowledge. We / I authorize the confidential use of this information to be used for the purpose of determining our / my qualification for grants from the Scholarship funds.

Father/Stepfather/Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Signature

Date

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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!

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.
- **Order due date:** Monday, April 11th. 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:** Thursday, May 5th, 2:00-5pm. 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



ORDER FORM

Seller Name:

Price each

* Order forms are due on
* Make checks payable to
* Orders will be available for
pick up on

Geranium	\$21																				
Moon Ball mix	\$21																				
Vista Superunia - mix	\$21																				
Boston Fern	\$21																				

Black/Orange Superunia w/ superballs	\$17																				
Swingtime trailing fuchsia (red and white)	\$17																				
Dark eyes trailing fuchsia (red and purple)	\$17																				
Blue waves	\$15																				
Mix waves	\$15																				

Porch Pots - 12"	\$21																				
Geranium (Red)	\$21																				
Superunia Mix	\$21																				

Premium Annual Flats(18 ct)	\$14																				
Wave Petunia - mix	\$14																				
Pansy Mix	\$14																				

Annual Flats (48 ct)	\$14																				
Alyssum - mix	\$14																				
Impatiens - mix	\$14																				
Petunia - sugar daddy	\$14																				
Petunia - mix	\$14																				
Marigolds - Inca mix	\$14																				
Marigold - Durango mix	\$14																				
Dianthus - mix	\$14																				
Snapdragons - mix	\$14																				
Celestia mix	\$14																				
Dusty Miller	\$14																				
Moss Roses - mixed	\$14																				
Gift Certificates	\$50																				
Gift Certificates	\$25																				

Item Totals

Total Amount