



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 5, 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!

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OFFICE HOURS

Fridays 7-9am

and Mondays 5-6pm

School office: 810.765.3591

PTO'S FLOWER SALE

Your order will be ready to pick this afternoon at Vandebossche Farm. Thank you for supporting the PTO's sale!

Attention: Families of Students Who Stay For Tutoring on Mondays:

We are so grateful to our CMC student-tutors, who stay after their school day is done to help our students. Each high schooler is paired with a Holy Cross student, and helps the same Crusader every week.

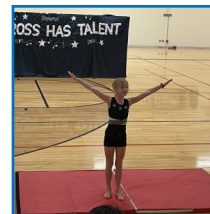
These wonderful students are donating their time to help your child. Therefore, out of respect for the gift of their tutor's time: **if your student will not be attending tutoring any scheduled day, please let us know BY NOON that day so we can let his/her volunteer know they don't need to come.**

Mark Your Calendar....

- **TODAY: pick up flower orders at Vandebossche Farm 2-5pm**
- **M May 16: PK-3rd grades host author Roseanne Tersigni**
- **Tu May 17: all sports awards dinner and ceremony**
- **Th May 19: 6-8th graders' dance**

Talent Show

"Crusaders Have Talent!: and so much!!! From acrobats to standup comedians to musicians: our students have been blessed with many abilities! Here are a few scenes from yesterday's school talent show:



Sports Awards Dinner

On Tuesday, May 17, Holy Cross will honor its athletes at the annual all-sports awards dinner. Students who were members on any of Holy Cross School's 2021-22 sports teams, along with their family members, are invited. The Booster Club will provide the meal and tableware; families will be asked to help with drinks and desserts. Parents: please watch your email for details! Families need to send their reservations to Mrs Steinmetz in the school office **before next Friday (May 13) so enough food is readied** for everyone.

Local Tuition Assistance for next year

Applications are available in the school office and are due May 29. You must have applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's assistance (if you are a member at any AoD Catholic parish) to be eligible for local assistance.

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 (for 2022-23 service credits)--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 and throughout the summer, as well as during the school year.

Don't Forget Your

"Blue Water Vicariate Active Parishioner Verification" Form!

The form is available at FACTS as part of the registration procedure (and is included later in this newsletter for your convenience). Families need to turn the form in to their pastor and ask their parish office to complete and send the form to us. That form with your pastor's ok allows us to charge you the discounted, "in vicariate" tuition rate--without the form, we have to go with the higher, non-member rate.

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we're 95% of the way to our next \$1000 reward! Please keep saving the **entire** VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--"e-receipts" are not accepted.) We'll 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.

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.)

Attention CMC Bus Riders:

Looking ahead to the last days of school.....CMC will dismiss early June 7 -10. We will have regular school days June 7-9, and dismiss after awards are presented to students at about noon.

CMC buses will transport students as usual on the mornings of June 7-10.

To go home on June 7-9, the south bus will be here for Holy Cross riders at 2:50pm. However, **the north bus will NOT return for Holy Cross riders those days.**

For the ride home on Friday, June 10: bus riders may opt to leave Holy Cross at 11:10, when the CMC buses leave. However, we will not yet have started our awards program at that time; and the buses will not have time to make it back to Marine City for pickup at our dismissal time. **Therefore, all CMC bus riders will need either to leave Holy Cross at 11:10 on Friday, or to come up with their own travel arrangements after the Holy Cross awards program (ending approximately 12:30pm).**

Please let us know how your CMC bus rider will be getting home June 7-10 so we can help them follow your plan!

Visit from Author!

Author Rosanne Tersign is visiting our school on Monday, May 16th. She will be reading to grades pre-school to 2 and talking to our older grades about becoming an author. The premise of the book is from John 13:34. **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

The book is geared toward pre-1st grade, but we would like to offer all families the chance to own it! You can purchase it at: <https://weloveallpeople.com/holycross-marinecity/>

She will be bringing the books with her when she comes, so you will not have to pay a shipping fee. After she meets with our class, she will have each student who purchased a book come up individually and will sign the book especially for them! If you would like to take a look at the book prior to purchasing, please let me know and I can make arrangements for you to come in and preview it. Mrs Korotko has already read it to her class and they really seemed to enjoy it. Also, how cool would it be for them to have an author sign a book especially for them!

CMC Summer Camps

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School summer camps for boys and girls entering grades 6-9 are open for registration. They are offering camps in boys' basketball, girls' basketball, robotics, mock trial and volleyball. Visit <https://bit.ly/36slvWA>

Yearbooks

Yearbooks arrived this week! If you missed ordering, we have an extra book --first \$15 takes it!

St Vincent de Paul Summer Camp

The Holy Cross Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is blessed to share an opportunity with families struggling financially or suffering some other hardship, with children between the age of 8 and 14. If this applies, we'd like to offer your child the opportunity to attend Camp Ozanam this summer at no cost to you. Camp Ozanam provides children the chance to experience a free week of summer residential camping. Children will enjoy the great outdoors, making new friends and life-long memories this summer at Camp Ozanam on Lake Huron.

Contact us at 810.765.3568 ext 14 and leave a message.

Track

Yesterday was our first meet, and the weather was perfect. Holy Cross athletes did a great job (and we're pretty sure we have a few "first places"!)-scoring isn't yet complete, though. More details in next week's newsletter!

Making Paper

Mrs. Wade and her fifth graders showed students from other classes how they make fancy paper, using watery pulp and screens (and LOTS of towels to help press the water out of the pulp):



Dear Neighbors,

In our community, there are always opportunities to get involved and give back. Now, more than ever, is a time for our community to pull together and show support. The United Way youth committee, Youth United, is planning our 2nd Annual Run United 5K run/1 mile walk to raise money for United Way of St. Clair County and the Arc of St. Clair County will be participating with the run this year as well. Last year, our event raised almost \$7,000 for our community!

The event will be held at Columbus Park on May 22, 2022. The run will begin at 11:30 am with a recognition ceremony at 12:30 pm. There will be first place medals for each age group. Participants will receive a swag bag, water, and donuts as well as a t-shirt if registered by May 12th.

Run United is a family-focused activity and we would greatly appreciate your help with distributing this information to your student body. Supporting United Way helps an amazing organization that supports over 20 organizations that provide health and human services to residents of OUR community. All funds raised remain in our county!

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Annual United Way Run United 5K! Please contact me at jgrace@chckidsmi.com or 810-329-6710 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jessica Grace

Student Highlights

...for April:

Weston Becker is a sweet quiet boy. He follows directions well and always does what he is supposed to do. He is flexible and easy going. Weston has made many friends and shares and plays nicely with everyone. I have loved watching open up this year and grow. **Ava Cherro** came to us pretty late in the year and I am so glad she did. She is polite and always uses her manners! She follows all directions without hesitation and is always willing to try new things. She is sweet, kind and is always willing to share. I am glad to have her in my class.

Lilliana Ciotti is funny, sweet and is a happy girl. She is a hard worker and likes to help the teachers. She is often the first one to arrive at school and likes to help me get the projects ready for the day. Lily is very independent and loves to try new things. She loves to color and works hard on all her activities. Lily is a sweet girl and I am looking forward to having her another year. **Gus Fahner** is very thoughtful and thinks of others often. He is great at sharing and taking turns. Gus loves to help around the classroom and often as the teachers what he can do to help. Gus has been a great addition to our classroom.

Lucas Grabski joined our class later in the year and I am glad he did. He is sweet and kind. He loves to do crafts for his family and is very creative. Lucas builds the best towers with blocks and the best crafts. Lucas always uses his manners and follows directions. **Sophia Kierszykowski** is sweet and goes with the flow. She is kind to her friends and is always willing to help. She uses her manners always and is a great role model. She loves making crafts and doing projects. I have enjoyed having Sophia in class.

Matthew Schultz is smart, funny, kind and sweet. He is often willing to help his friends and teachers. He likes to help us teachers with things like cleaning the tables, and getting things off the printer. At the end of the day Matthew likes to make sure all his friends get their cups and lunch boxes. Matthew has a big heart and I am glad to have him in my classroom.

Ellie Stahl has such a kind heart! She is empathic and cares about people deeply. Ellie is creative and fun to be around. She loves to dance and be creative during free play. She plays with all the children and gets along well with all the kids in our class. I have enjoyed having Ellie in my class.

Isabella Stahl is sweet, kind, and funny. She is constantly making me smile with her kindness and she makes sure others are taken care of. She is such a great big sister to her little sister in our class. She helps to make sure little sister is happy and comfortable. She makes friends easily and has been a great addition to our classroom.

Kindergartner **Colton Olivier** enjoys fishing, including ice fishing, with his family. His favorite animal is a dog. Colton would like to be a veterinarian when he gets older. Then he can keep his own dog (s) healthy. He also enjoys going to the beach. In fact, he informed me he has already been swimming in his pond! If Colton had one wish, he would like to have a pterodactyl as a pet. His favorite color is black. **Evan Wert's** favorite place to go is Florida. He enjoys the warm weather and Disney Land. Cats are Evan's favorite animal, of which he has two as pets. When Evan grows up he has dreams of being a hockey player. He has been playing on a junior team and taking lessons this year. If Evan could have one wish, he would like to have a pet shark! He said he would keep it in his pool. Evan enjoys watching 'Aboustar' and his favorite color is blue. **Jimmy Allan's** favorite color is also blue. He wants to be a singer when he grows up, but he doesn't know yet what kinds of songs he wants to sing. Jimmy enjoys going to his family's cottage "up north." Like Colton, Jimmy also likes dogs and has one as a pet. Going to the park is Jimmy's favorite thing to do. He really wishes he could have a pot of gold! When asked what he would do with it, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know."

Oakley Lehman is full of personality! Her favorite food is waffles. Her favorite subject is Reading, because she says it helps her read even better. Oakley enjoys reading at home, too! She is involved in the drama club, soccer, and softball, and she likes to ride horses and dance, too. When she grows up, Oakley wants to be a cowgirl. She LOVES horses! **Liam Maykowski** has a knack for remembering both dates and song lyrics. His favorite food is spaghetti with sauce. His favorite thing about school is reading, and he's getting better at it all the time! He loves to tell us all the things he's learning from his "Who is Michael Jordan" book. At home, Liam likes to watch TV and rest his head. When he grows up, Liam would like to be an NBA player.

Second grader **Coy VanTiem** is a big helper in the classroom. He likes to help his classmates. His favorite sports are basketball and quad racing. On his four wheeler, he competes with other racers on race tracks. His favorite color is light blue. His favorite food is his grandma's macaroni and cheese. One of his favorite memories is going to the Red-Bud ATVMX with his family. His older brother and sister also race with him. He goes there every summer with his family. I'm so proud of Coy. Keep up the good work! **Lydia Zammit** enjoys coming to school and spending time with her classmates. Her

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favorite color is blue. Her favorite animal is a dog. Lydia has two dogs, named Liberty and Hunter. Lydia's favorite food is steak. Her favorite sport is soccer. Lydia's favorite memory is going to Hocking Hills in Ohio. She went there with her family. Her favorite part of the vacation was going to and exploring Ash Cave. There were waterfalls at the cave. I'm so proud of Lydia and all of her hard work!

Third grader **Blake Paton** is new to Holy Cross this year, but has settled in like he has been here all of his life! Blake wants to be a dentist when he grows up. Blake LOVES animals! At home, he has 2 French Bull Dog puppies that are so cute. If you asked him to pick one snack, he would say BBQ chips! His favorite subject is reading and he is often the first one to grab his book at silent reading time! Blake loves to play outside and sometimes he plays video games. He is on a baseball team and boxes each week! We are so thrilled that Blake chose to be a part of our Holy Cross family! **Katelynn Coomes** is a caring, friendly young lady with the focus and ability to do well. She is always helping others and is not afraid of a challenge. Katelynn works hard to do her very best, but finds time to have fun with her friends. **Emma Mensen** is a wonderful young lady with a great attitude. She is always willing to help out and often steps up without being asked. She shows creativity and strives to do her best at anything she sets her mind on. **Blake Schocker** is an outgoing, courteous young man with an infectious smile. He has a great attitude and is always willing to help out when needed. Blake likes to have fun, but knows when it is time to focus on the task at hand.

Emma Bills is a nice young lady, She likes scrapbooking and seems very proud of her family. The virtue Emma most seems to embody is fortitude. Emma seems to me to be of good courage and has a stout heart. **Maeve Brennan** is a very kind and caring student. She enjoys magazines and music. A virtue that I see in Maeve is prudence. Maeve doesn't seem to get too off course, and really considers before she answers. When I think of

Ava Mensen I think of gentleness. A gift of the Holy Spirit related to this is humility. Ava has a very gentle and humble soul. I'm sure our Lord has a very special purpose for her in her life, as he does for all of us. Ava is an exceptional artist! When I think of **CJ Pennington-Clark**, the word that comes to mind is "joy!" I believe that if you looked in the dictionary for the word "Joy," there would be a picture of "Ceej". He likes to have good conversations and is always ready to get involved in a discussion. So grateful to have him in the class! **Boyd Wilson** is a good athlete and showed this on our ski trip. A virtue that he displays is justice. This means he's concerned about things being fair. Boyd is a deep thinker. I'm happy to have him in the sixth grade classroom this year.

Seventh grader **Miles Dixon** is interested in all sports and likes to play basketball. Inside of school, Miles enjoys ELA because he likes to read. His favorite book is *Lord of the Rings*. Outside of school, Miles enjoys cooking. His career choice would be a chiropractor. Miles enjoys music, too. His favorite song is "*Without Me*" by Eminem. Miles is a hard-working young man who asks questions and is very perceptive of others. **Gabe Jacobs** has attended Holy Cross since preschool. Gabe's favorite subject in school is ELA. Outside of school, Gabe likes to play sports such as baseball, basketball, and football. Gabe's career choice is a lawyer. Gabe likes the debating portion of law. He would like to attend Michigan, MSU, or Oakland University. I have known Gabe for many years, and he has grown into a caring young man who always helps others. **Caleb Jaracz-Pisarski** joined Holy Cross School 2 years ago. Caleb enjoys listening to music and playing video games. He also enjoys watching TikTok on his phone. His favorite song is "*One Step Closer*" by Linkin Park. In school, Caleb's favorite subject is library because he likes the free time. Caleb would like to be an engineer or a contractor for his career choice. Caleb has really opened up to others this year and has shown his sense of humor.

Kindergarten and "Earth Day" Recycling Art!

Here they are, displaying the projects they created in honor of Earth Day using recycled materials:



MCC Speaks Out Against Attempt to End Michigan Law Protecting Unborn Lives

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Planned Parenthood filed a series of legal actions recently that collectively seek to overturn Michigan's nearly century-old law prohibiting abortion, ahead of a possible U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could reinstate that law again in this state.

In response to the lawsuits, Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) said it's unfortunate that the judicial branch of government is being used by the Governor and Planned Parenthood "to try to invalidate a longstanding policy approved by elected representatives and left untouched by the Legislature for nearly a century since."

Michigan residents voted via statewide ballot to oppose abortion in 1972. Also, the state Supreme Court has already previously upheld Michigan's abortion ban in 1973.

"The right to life for unborn children and its inherent value given by our Creator cannot be reduced to a legal opinion or legislative vote," [MCC said in its statement issued Thursday](#). "Our hope is that a greater respect for the distinct and separate branches of state government returns to the political sphere, and we pray for a deeper appreciation for the life and protection of unborn children in the hearts and minds of the citizens and elected officials of the state."

The Governor both [filed a lawsuit seeking to invalidate Michigan's 1931 law](#) - which prohibits abortion except to save the life of the mother - and separately asked the Supreme Court to establish a constitutional right to abortion. At the same time, Planned Parenthood is also pushing a petition drive supported by the Governor that would include abortion as a constitutional right. So while the Governor is asking the court to affirm her claim that there's a constitutional right to abortion, Planned Parenthood is proposing to add that right to the constitution - a clear contradiction the courts should note in dismissing the complaints.

MCC is among the groups opposed to the abortion petition drive as part of the [Citizens to Support MI Women & Children coalition](#), and MCC and the Catholic bishops of this state have encouraged Michiganders to avoid signing the radical petition that could do away with all of Michigan's pro-life laws.

These actions come as the U.S. Supreme Court considers a case that has directly challenged *Roe v. Wade*, a previous U.S. Supreme Court ruling which legalized abortion across the country and invalidated state laws prohibiting abortion like Michigan. There's been much speculation and anticipation that the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe* this summer and return abortion regulation to the states with a ruling in the present case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

While Michigan's abortion ban is still on the books, Attorney General Dana Nessel said she would not attempt to defend the state's law from the challenge issued by the Governor and Planned Parenthood, an unusual move given the state attorney general typically defends laws approved by the state Legislature.

The Catholic Church believes above all that the dignity of all human life must be respected and protected, which extends to both mothers and the children they carry. For more about how the Church ministers to and serves mothers and children in need, [please read our latest edition of FO-CUS](#).

**Blue Water Vicariate
Active Parishioner Verification
2022-23**

(Complete the top portion of this form and return it to your parish office.)

Active Blue Water parishioners are eligible for an Active Steward tuition rate at Blue Water Catholic Schools. All Blue Water Vicariate parishes, working together, support Catholic elementary and high school education at our Vicariate schools. Therefore, all active Blue Water parishioners are eligible for the Active Steward rate at their chosen school.

An Active Blue Water Vicariate steward is defined as someone who is:

- Registered in their own name in a Blue Water Vicariate Parish
- An envelope holder and is supporting the parish through time, talent and treasure
- Participating regularly in the Eucharist and the life of the parish community

Important: Please use the other side to describe how you are an active steward in your parish community.

Student Name(s) (Print) _____ Holy Cross Catholic School _____
School

Parent Name (Print) _____ Parish Name _____ Parish Envelope # _____

For Pastor Use Only

_____ This is to certify that the person named above is an active Blue Water Vicariate parishioner and qualifies for an Active Steward tuition rate.

_____ This is a conditional approval, for the first semester only. This form must be presented again prior to the second semester to evaluate eligibility for further tuition assistance.

_____ This person does not currently meet the above stated qualifications.

Pastor Signature

Date

Parish staff: please return this completed determination to:

Holy Cross Catholic School
618 South Water Street
Marine City MI 48039

PTO Particulars: May 2022

Greetings, Holy Cross families! We are in the final inning!

Speaking of innings, did you get your tickets for **Tiger's Faith and Family Night**? This event will be held at Comerica Park on **Saturday, May 14th**. We look forward to seeing our Crusader families come together and experience current and retired players sharing 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.

We hope you got your orders in because our annual **Spring Flower Sale** has closed and we look forward to seeing you on distribution day-**Thursday, May 5th, 2pm-5pm**. You can pick up your order at Vandebossche Farms, 5225 Meisner Road in China Township. Thank you for your support!

Our **Teacher Appreciation Week** is this week, May 2-6! We hope you and your family have enjoyed participating in showing gratitude to our teachers for all they do!

There is no school May 27-30th in observance of **Memorial Day**, a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered.

We are closing in on that time of year again...**Field Day**! This year Field Day will be held on **Wednesday, June 1st, after lunch**. We will need plenty of volunteers to pull off this annual event. If interested, please contact Becky Bryson at beckybryson123@gmail.com or 757-334-9662. There will be information coming home within the next few weeks with more details and also a list of some of the items we will need donated/lent (ropes, cones, etc.).

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@gmail.com) or if your child is in Upper Elementary (5th-8th) Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or csdeveney@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions or even just chat with you about your experience at Holy Cross. We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting, which is Tuesday, May 10th 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.

"All gave some, some gave all."

-Howard William Osterkamp

Have a safe and reflective Memorial Day!

Warmest regards, HC PTO

