



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to partner with its families in the education of tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Christian community.

October 28, 2010

A Word from Jesus

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:1-10

Protecting God's Children Workshops for All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese—to find one that fits your schedule: go to www.virtus.org and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations. You will need this to do ANY classroom volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith (810.765.8300) or the "virtus" website for more information.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day or camp or chaperone field trips.

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 7-9am;

Mondays 5-7pm; and

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays 1-3pm

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)

Sue Sharpe (Marine City)

Melanie Heitz (St. Clair)

Thank You!

...to **Bill and Evelyn Whetstone** for donating an "around the world" rug for our "Global Connections Passport" program!

Please Mark Your Calendar:

TOMORROW (Oct. 29) we will have a full day of school but there will be NO EAST CHINA BUSES HOME.

(Looking ahead...same story on Tuesday, Nov. 9!)

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Barr family on the death of their Grandma Baty.

Basketball

Our last game of regular play (Varsity only) was on Saturday at Trinity. **Beki** led in scoring with 7 points, assisted by **Alexis** (5 points), **Anna** and **Annemarie** (2 each) and **Abbey** (1), for a 17-4 Holy Cross victory. Our final season standings: JV—1 win, 1 tie, 8 losses; V—3 wins and 9 losses.

The JV tournament begins tonight at St. Peter's in Richmond. Holy Cross's first game is at 7pm against MCA; if we win this game, we play tomorrow at 6pm. Otherwise, we play at 7pm tomorrow. Go, Crusaders!!

(The Varsity tournament begins next Thursday, Nov. 4, hosted by MCA--playing at St. Edward on the Lake; our first game will be Thursday at 7pm.)

JV Boys' Basketball

We're looking for a coach—please contact school if you're interested!

Report Cards

The first quarter ends tomorrow! Report cards will go home with students on Friday, November 5. Next week's newsletter will have information on conferences.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER

Food collection for November will take place on Friday, November 19th at the school Thanksgiving Liturgy. Since it is near Thanksgiving, we are collecting to help our local St. Vincent de Paul conference fill food baskets they will be giving away to families in need. Please donate "holiday" food items such as jars of gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned fruits or vegetables, or cake or cookie mixes. Donations that come in early will be held until that Mass.

Design a Christmas Card!

Students: you have a week to design the parish's Christmas card! Entries need to be turned in by Nov. 5 (to either the church or school office)—be sure your name is attached, so they can let you know you've won!

HALLOWEEN NEWS

Tomorrow students may bring costumes to school. They will be allowed to dress up at 12:30. Please remind your child that **face paint** and **hair products** are not allowed at school for this event. The younger grades will parade with their costumes for everyone to enjoy. The parade should begin at about 12:45, weather permitting. Parties will follow with all parties ending at 2:00. Parents are invited to come and help the teachers. There will be no end of the day prayer assembly on Friday to allow time for room clean up.

Pizza Lunch

Tomorrow we're ordering Hungry Howie's pepperoni pizza! The \$1.75 meal includes a slice (1/8 of a large) of pizza, chips and a drink; extra slices are \$1 each. Please be sure your order is in the office first thing in the morning.

PTO Pie Sale

Just a reminder to turn in all orders and payment by November 9. Pies will be here, ready to pick up, on Friday, Nov. 19, after school in the Activity Center.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Next Tuesday is voting day. Please remember to vote. As a person who values God and what God does for us, you can impact the culture by voting. A couple of places you can go to online for voting guidelines and suggestions are: www.micatholicconference.org for Michigan Catholic Conference or www.rtl.org for Right to Life of Michigan.

Praying For the Vote

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, our classes will be visiting church some time during their day to pray that God's will be done through that day's elections. (Don't forget to do your part by getting out to vote!)

PRAYING AT HOLY CROSS

Every morning we start the school day with prayer. Each month, we practice a different prayer, so that through the means of spaced repetition, the children can master Catholic prayers for their personal use throughout life. Elsewhere in today's newsletter, we are including the prayers we will be practicing. We hope you find this a helpful tool for you and your child.

Here is the monthly schedule of prayers being practiced and the time table we are using for student mastery of prayers:

September	Our Father
October	Prayer to Guardian Angel
November	Apostles Creed
December	Hail Mary
January	Act of Faith
February	Act of Hope
March	Act of Love
April	Act of Contrition
May	Hail Holy Queen
June	Doxology (Glory Be)

By the end of: Students should have mastered:

Grade 3	Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be Prayer to My Guardian Angel
Grade 4	All of the above + Act of Contrition
Grade 5	All of the above + Apostles Creed
Grade 6	All of the above + Mysteries of the Rosary
Grade 7	All of the above + Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Grade 8	All of the above + Fruits of the Holy Spirit

CHRISTMAS CARDS

In the outer school office are samples of Christmas cards to purchase. These cards are of religious scenes with part of the purchase price going to benefit Right to Life. Order forms are on the desk. You can place your order, leave payment in a sealed envelope. Cards will be delivered either in late November or early December.

GETTING FED

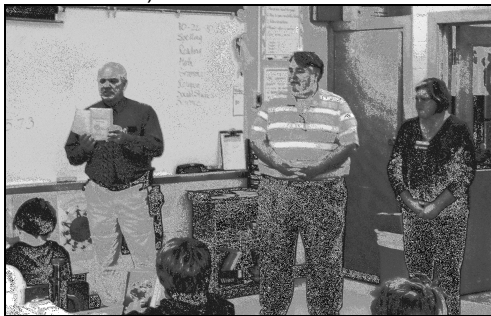
You don't have to be told that you have one of the toughest jobs you will ever love. Raising a human being to adulthood is, in my opinion, the most important thing you will ever do. Your investment of time, attention and love will pay off not only now, but in the future as you watch your youngster transform into an adult with adult values, habits and contributions. One thing that happens when we are trying to give so much to our children is that we forget to take care of our needs and keep ourselves "fed" and supported. By "fed" I mean giving yourself the gift of going back to the source, to God and His people every week and letting His word and people feed your spirit, fortify you spiritually and strengthen you for the next week's challenges. If you are not going to Mass or church each week, make a resolution that you will give yourself and your family the GIFT of time with the one who made you. Let God feed you and your family this weekend and every weekend. This is a great weekend to attend Mass at OLR, your child can wear his/her costume to Mass.

First Reconciliation

Our second graders will be celebrating the sacrament on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 5:30pm. God bless you all!

Dictionaries

On Tuesday, our third graders each received a reference tome from Marine City's Rotary Club. Please accept our expressions of gratitude for our new lexicons!! (Or: thanks for the dictionaries!)



Rotary Club members presenting the dictionaries.

Holiday Expo Vendor Show

It is that time of year again! The 8th annual Holiday Expo will be on Sunday, November 7th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We are hoping that everyone will stop by and get a jump on their holiday shopping.

Although we have had a few volunteers commit, we are in need of some more. We will need two people to help sell raffle tickets and also a few for clean up. If you are unable to assist in person on that day, perhaps you could donate an item to the bake sale that will also be happening at the Expo. Donations can be dropped off at the school on Friday, November 5th, and in the gymnasium on Saturday the 6th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your support. Let's make this event a success for all!

--Traci Whetstone (Chair Volunteer)

Honoring Veterans

We would like to honor all of our veterans during the month of November. All families of service people (current or past) are invited to send in the service members' names, branch of service, and when they served to be displayed on our "Tribute to Veterans" board. Please send by Nov. 1—thank you!

Also, we'd like to invite you to our Veterans' Day prayer service. It will be held in the church at 8:15am on Thursday, November 11.

Veterans' Day Collection

Until Veterans' Day (Nov. 11), we are collecting donations for our veterans. Boxes will be located in the school hallways for items which will be distributed to veterans' hospitals in the thumb area of Michigan. We hope you can help! The following is a list of things they need:

slippers	large combs
shampoo	writing paper
lap robes	word search books
shaving bags	crossword puzzles
hairbrushes	new baseball caps
shaving cream	new playing cards
liquid soap	shaving mirrors
trial- or travel-sized comfort items	

Let's help those who preserved our freedom! Thank you for supporting this project.

PRAYERS FOR MASTERY

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help to sin no more, to do penance, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Amen

Act of Faith

O my God, I believe that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus became man, died for us, and will come to judge us. I believe all the truths of the holy, Catholic Church, because they reveal your word.

Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God, because your goodness never ends, I hope to receive pardon for my sins and spend life everlasting in your loving presence.

Amen.

Act of Love

O my God, I love you with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself, and I forgive all who have injured me. I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Amen

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Doxology

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve; to thee do we send
up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin
Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
that we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace!

The Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Prayer to our Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day (night) be at my side, to
light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who are in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Mysteries of the rosary



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Birth of our Lord, Jesus
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of our Lord
The Wedding Feast at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of
God
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning of Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption
The Crowning of our Blessed Mother as
Queen of Heaven

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel (right judgment)
Fortitude (courage)
Knowledge
Piety (reverence)
Fear of the Lord (respect for God)

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Charity	Generosity
Joy	Gentleness
Peace	Faithfulness
Patience	Modesty
Kindness	Self-control
Goodness	Chastity