



# 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.*

**December 9, 2010**

## A Word from Jesus

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Mt 11:11

## 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](http://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)

This is the time of year that backorders and shortages are most likely. Please be sure to plan your shopping and place your order early to have the best chances of getting your SCRIP (and, therefore, your credit!) on time.

DID YOU KNOW...you can buy non-specific SCRIP gift certificates as gifts that the recipient can redeem for the SCRIP of his/her choice? These certificates are available in any denomination (but are redeemable for only the denominations offered by the individual store); talk to your favorite SCRIP peddler for more details!

## Boys' Basketball

This week brought two away games: the first was on Monday, against MCA, where they scored four points! Tonight they go to St. Peter's in Richmond. Go, Crusaders!

Next week will be St. Mary's week, as we visit them on Monday, Dec. 13, and host them on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. All Crusader fans are welcome!

## INSTALLATION MASS

Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 9:30 Mass at Holy Cross Church, Fr. Bob will be installed as the pastor of Our Lady on the River Parish. Please keep our pastor, Fr. Bob, in your prayers. Even though we know he has a big job, we know that God is bigger and will help him and us succeed.

## Please Mark Your Calendar:

No East China buses (and no East China shared time classes) Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 20 & 21.

## Texas Hold 'Em

Thank you to Randy Bryer, again, for 'corralling' workers! Our Lady on the River parish is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em weekend this Thursday-Sunday, December 9-12. Workers are needed Thursday, Friday, and Sunday just about any time during the day (about noon to 2am), and Saturday, mostly during the late shifts. Please contact Randy c/o school if you think you might be able to help.

## Koeze Nuts

Your order is expected to have arrived today and should be in your hands either this afternoon or tomorrow. Thanks to all who supported this sale!!

## Latchkey

Students who get to latchkey late—e.g. after drama or basketball practice—will need to bring a snack if they'll want one. (Parents: please be sure to touch base with either Mrs. Nicaise or the school office to let us know when to expect your children at latchkey, so we can watch for them.)

## Christmas Program

This year's Christmas program will be held in church next Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6pm. All are invited! **Students in grades K-5 should report to their teachers in church by 5:45pm (please leave your coat with your parents).** **Sixth and seventh graders: please meet Mrs. Knotts in the meditation room at 5:40pm.** Dress code is Sunday best for those students whose parts don't require that they be in costume—a great time to wear those bright reds or holiday plaids! Thank you to Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Knotts for directing the program, and to Mrs. Wassenberg for providing the accompaniment.

## Thank You!

...to **Dr. Jeanne Lovett, M.D.** (Holy Cross class of 1995), who donated medical diagnostic equipment "to Mrs. Wade's science classes at Holy Cross, where (her) love of science and future success as a doctor were nurtured."

...to **Mrs. McConnell** who responded to our plea for a lunch aide! If you were thinking of responding and don't think that we need you, you are wrong. We can still use you, too.

...to **Mrs. Patty Smith** for donating "Diary of a Wimpy Kid—The Ugly Truth" to the library.

...to our teachers for doing a great job preparing our older students for high school. Cardinal Mooney High School recently announced its honor roll; of the 15 students we sent them last year, 11 are receiving first quarter honors!

...to **Mrs. Wolf** for donating extra gloves for recess!

## Next Week's Lunch Menu

Chartwell's has informed us that they will be serving only the "featured entrees" and that there will be no alternate entrée choices Dec. 14-20, as only Holy Cross students will be eating lunch those days.

## Attention Altar Servers:

Mr. Barr reminds you of the Christmas gathering in the gym on Saturday! Fun is planned for noon-3pm: hope you can make it!

## SINGING AT RIVERBEND

Tomorrow, all of the students and teachers plan to go to River Bend Nursing Home on Meisner Road to sing Christmas songs for the residents there. **WE REALLY NEED A FEW MORE DRIVERS!** If you are available to drive to and from River Bend, please let your child's teacher or the office know of your availability. We will leave school at noon and should be back by 1:30. Drivers will have to have an up to date driver form in the office. Drivers also will have to have taken the Archdiocese's "Protecting God's Children" workshop.

## Raffle Calendar

Watch for your 2011 calendar—it's on its way to your mailbox. Thank you to everyone who supports the raffle—watch this column next week, when we are able to announce this year's grand prize winner of \$1000!

## POPCORN FRIDAYS

Mrs. Rock's class will be making and selling popcorn to students on Fridays for \$.50 a bag. Order forms can be found outside the third grade classroom. Monies raised from this project will help fund the bus for grades 3 & 4 to go to Lansing.

## Pictures from the parade: (thank you to Mrs. Krutsch!)



Our banner (above) and  
"Living Nativity" float (below).



## "Shepherd's Mass"

All children ages 7-12 are invited to participate in the "Shepherd's Mass" on Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm mass at Holy Cross. Anyone interested should contact Bea Wassenberg c/o church (810.765.3568) and show up for rehearsal next Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11am in Holy Cross Church.

## Kindergarten Critters

Yesterday, Ms Evans and the kindergarten children delivered the plethora of stuffed animals collected over the past two weeks to their final destination, Port Huron Hospital. This was a wonderful gift that we, as a school community, could give to families of sick and suffering children. Thank you to everyone who donated to the stuffed animal drive.

## Habitat for Humanity Cookie Walk

Blue Water Habitat for Humanity welcomes all cookie lovers to its annual "Great Cookie Walk" (including a visit with Santa!) on Saturday, December 11. The Habitat "ReStore" at 2055 Gratiot Boulevard, Marysville, will be the site of the fun, from 9am-3pm. Cookies are \$7/pound (bring your own containers or use one of our cookie boxes) while supplies last, and the ReStore will have special discounts. All are invited!

## Food Giveaway and Christmas

If you know anyone in need of food: tomorrow there will be a food giveaway at Downriver Helping Hands (on Parker and Ward Streets) from 1:30-3:30pm. Also—if you know of anyone in need of Christmas help for their children, please call school.

## "Candy Cane Shop"

...will be here next Thursday, Dec. 16! Cash envelopes will go home with students on Monday to help them organize their shopping. To preview the items available: visit their website--[www.thecandycaneshop.com](http://www.thecandycaneshop.com).

## SNOW DAYS

Now that winter weather is arriving, just a reminder of two things:

First: have your child dressed for the weather every day—both for traveling and for outdoor recess when weather permits.

Second: Holy Cross Catholic School follows the school closings for East China Public Schools. Once Mrs. Pavlov has been notified, she will notify radio stations WPHM AM1380, WHLS AM1450, WJR AM760, or TV Channel 4 or 7. (You can arrange to have WJR send you an email—to register for this service, visit [WJR.com](http://WJR.com), click on the school closing link, and enter your information in the fields provided; once the school closing has been reported by the administrator, WJR will provide an immediate email notifying you of the school closing.) You can also watch / listen to those TV / radio stations: **whenever East China Public School District closes its schools due to weather, Holy Cross School and preschool will also be closed.**

## SPELLING BEE REGIONALS

Good news, the Regional competition for the K of C Spelling Bee is going to be held at the Marine City K of C Hall on King Road. We will be proud to send **Julia Blicharz** and **Abbey Guiliat** to this competition to represent Holy Cross. The Bee will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011. Registration will begin at 2:00 with the competition starting at 2:30. This competition is open to the public. Why not go and support our team?

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Dear Holy Cross Families,

This year, we are going to be doing a special project with our families in mind. We would greatly appreciate it if you would send in a photo of your family, either digitally, or a hard copy. All hard copies will be scanned and returned. Photos can also be emailed to Mrs. Lund at [lund@holycrossonline.net](mailto:lund@holycrossonline.net).

We ask that you please send your photo in by Friday, January 15. Thank you in advance for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marilynn Pavlov  
Principal

