

CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian leaders by fostering academic excellence in a Catholic community.

April 6, 2017

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. To find a session 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 or lunchroom volunteering. (Please call DRE Mr. K at 810.765.8300 if you need help.)

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.

got SCRIP?

SCRIP office hours
Mondays and Fridays 7-9am
Mondays; 5-7pm; and
Wednesdays 1-3pm
Patty Smith

The SCRIP order form is available now on the Holy Cross website: copy & paste this address into your browser—<http://www.holycrossonline.net/school/scríp-order-form-nov-2016/>

NEW PROCEDURE— **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** **FOR 2017-18**

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a NEW application process this year! It must be done online, and will be processed through FACTS tuition management company. Here is the URL for the 2017-18 financial aid application and directions (copy and paste into your browser):

<http://www.aod.org/schools/tuition-assistance-and-scholarships/new-archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-process/>

Remember: to be eligible for any other aid at Holy Cross, you MUST (if you are eligible) have first applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit's assistance. Print off your completed application because you will need to submit a copy of it with other grant and scholarship applications.

The deadline for applying for the AoD grant is TOMORROW—April 7!!

Mark Your Calendar....

- **Tomorrow: pizza lunch**
- W. April 12: 7&8th grade parent meeting in the library re "Save Sex" program; **LAST DAY day before Easter break!**
- Sat. April 22: 8th graders' "Thrift Sale" 9am-3pm in school
- **M. April 24: back to class after Easter break**
- Th. April 27: 7&8th graders visit St. Augustine School for "Save Sex" workshop

Re-Registration Packets

...went home with your "oldest Crusader" some time ago. You'll notice many similarities to the details of this past year, and maybe a few changes. We will be using FACTS tuition management company this year—after we receive your registration paperwork, we'll send information on signing up with FACTS.

Registrations that are completed, returned and accepted by the end of April will qualify for a discount in the registration fee. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to return.

Fr. Bartone Scholarship

Applications for 2017-18 are now available at the school office. OLR parish families with students at Holy Cross are eligible to apply. (Remember: you have to have applied for the Archdiocese's assistance first to apply for a Bartone award!)

Track Season

...will soon be upon us, with the first meet scheduled for Friday, April 28. Ms Samantha Duncan will offer her experience to co-coaches Mr. Matthew Zammit and Mr. Craig Chadra.

Practices will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays after school until 4 or 4:30pm (depending on the day: check the practice calendar given to your athlete). Athletes: you need to have had your sports physical to participate.

The team's first meet will be on Friday, April 28, beginning at 5pm at the Ward Street track next to Marine City High School.

Book Fair

There was a great assortment of interesting books for sale! Many thanks to **Stacy Goulette** for chairing the book fair. Thanks, also, to her helpers: **Mrs. Patti Allam, Mrs. Suzy DeVeny, Mrs. Jennifer Kuzera (and Vanessa), and Mrs. Deb Emerich.**



THRIFT SALE

The ever-popular "Thrift Sale" (to benefit the eighth graders' class trip to Chicago) is returning! The sale is scheduled for the school hallways on Saturday, April 22 (from 9am-3pm).

They're looking for treasures and baked goodies to sell! Do you have a basement full of stuff you don't need, and just don't want to bother with your own yard sale? You may drop items off at the school office any school day (between 7am-3m) before next Thursday. (Sorry, but they can't accept clothing, shoes, or stuffed animals.) If items are large or donors need someone to pick up their things, they can contact the school office (810.765.3591) to be put in touch with someone who can help. Baked items of all sorts are being sought for the bake sale, as well.

"Students in the News"

Soccer, Scouts, geography bee, dance / music recital or other live performance—does your child have an accomplishment outside of school to share with the rest of our readers? We'd love to be able to let all of his/her friends and classmates know! Please submit to Mrs. Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net with a photo, if you have one).

Student Highlights

...for March:

Layla Reichle and **Bowman Osterland** are two students in our 4&5-year-old prekindergarten program. Layla is a returning "PreK" student. She enjoys arts and crafts and doing our "PreK" academics, along with organizing and putting on plays. Bowman is new to the program this year. His interests are building with the manipulatives/blocks, playing cars, and playing in the gym. New our 3&4-year-old program is **Iris Lomasney**. Iris enjoys playing with the baby dolls, arts and crats, and movement and singing. All three of these individuals help make the atmosphere in the preschool room exciting and fun.

Blake Schocker's favorite food is steak. His favorite color is green. He enjoys going on water slides. Something special about Blake is that he is good. He has a contagious smile, and he works hard to learn all there is to know in Kindergarten.

First grader **Isabella Deering's** favorite food is fish. Her favorite color is black, She loves ice skating. When Izzy grows up she wants to be a doctor. Isabella has a vocabulary beyond her years, and she's always ready to make a new friend. **Dominic Deveny's** favorite food is grilled cheese sandwiches. His favorite colors are green, red and orange. He likes to do math problems. When Dominic grows up, he wants to be a puppy farmer. Dominic is a bright, caring boy, and he loves telling stories.

Gabriel Lomasney is finding the joy of reading this year. Whenever Gabe gets a free minute he goes to the 'reading rug' to read his Accelerated Reader books. When Gabe isn't at school he likes to play video games: Atari "Break Out" is his favorite. Keep on reading Gabe!

John Bailey is everyone's friend. He's always searching for ways to include everyone during recess time and is eager to share his belongings with others. John enjoys math and is great at telling time. John is working really hard on his school work! In his spare time John enjoys learning how to sew, gaming, swimming, and collecting insects. Recently John captured a caterpillar and not only did it turn into a moth, it laid dozens of eggs!! **Conor Guyor** is a very friendly boy! He has done so well in the area of reading. I love listening to him read because of all the funny voices he gives to the characters in the story. Conor recently joined MC Little League and looks forward to his first game. At

recess you can find him playing tag or catch with his friends. Conor enjoys making his friends smile, dancing, telling jokes, and ice cream with chocolate fudge! **Cole Campbell** is a very hard worker. He has made great strides this year. Cole enjoys math and is an active participant in all classroom subjects. If I had to guess, I would say GYM is probably his favorite special. Cole made his 1st Holy Communion this March and our entire class and school is very proud of him. Outside of school, Cole enjoys camping with his family, playing with his dogs, reading, and Star Wars!

Aiden Schocker is a wonderful young man who shows lots of promise. His willingness to help and his sense of empathy for others help direct his Christian attitude. Aiden has a sense of wonder and determination that will take him far in his future.

Taylor Marlatt is one of the leaders in the sixth grade who can see a situation from all angles and help mediate when needed. She strives to do her best and shows great loyalty to her friends. Taylor is always willing to help others and stands up for what is right. **Claire Campbell** is a very studious young lady who takes learning very seriously. She is creative and can think outside the box when looking for solutions. Claire's Christian compassion and patience with others help her to be one of the leaders in this class. **Joey Fajardo** is an energetic and ambitious young man with the ability to lead others. With focus and determination, I can see him doing great things. He is not afraid to speak his mind and he knows right from wrong. Joey is looked up to for direction by many in the class.

Abbie Cullen is a gifted seventh grader. She is a great helper in the classroom and likes to help with the classroom jobs. She is on the school's volleyball team. Abbie plays the guitar and ukulele. She likes to hang out with her friends. She enjoys going on adventures in Marine City. One of her favorite bands is *Bring Me the Horizon*. **Julia DuVall** joined Holy Cross School in the third grade; she is now a seventh grader. Julia likes Holy Cross because it's a smaller school and the teachers have more one-on-one time with the students. She plays volleyball, softball, and runs track. Julia's family and friends are the most important things to her. Her favorite season is spring. Julia is a hard worker in the classroom. Keep up the excellent work!

Eighth grader **Christopher Winne** is an intelligent young man who enjoys science

class. He especially loves debate and thinking "outside the box." His wit is quick and, occasionally, biting. Chris would like to become a politician one day, so he can help our future Americans. I have enjoyed Chris's humor and his vast knowledge of history and literature.

fish fry

OLR sponsors fish fries on all of the Fridays of lent (with the exception of Good Friday). Many thanks to **Mrs. Sherrie DuVall** for chairing!

Do you need a few service credits?—shifts (10am-3pm and 4-8pm) for adult workers at tomorrow's fish fry (the last!) are still available: call Sherrie c/o school (810.765.3591).

A few 6th-8th grade student helpers are welcome each week—please call Sherrie ahead of time to schedule your child's shifts (please do not just drop your child off without having spoken with Sherrie first, to be sure there are not too many students already scheduled).

National Geographic Geography Bee

Congratulations to **Jimmy Downey** for accepting the challenge of representing Holy Cross last week in the Michigan state level of the National Geographic Geography Bee. He found himself enriched by the company of the state's best sixth grade geographers, and he and his family enjoyed the outing. We are proud of your efforts, Jimmy!

Congratulations Michael!

Seventh grader **Michael Wilkinson** has learned that he won the American Legion's "Americanism" essay contest at the local level! He will receive his award at a May 25 ceremony, and his essay now passes to the next level. Way to go, Michael!

Bingo Concessions

...is looking for someone to help in April: Wednesdays, April 12th and 19th. If you can help, please call school (810.765.3591) or Sherrie DuVall. Thank you!

Cole's First Communion

Congratulations to fourth grader **Cole Campbell** who made his First Communion last week, with the whole school in attendance to celebrate with him.

Holy Cross Catholic School
Honor Roll—Third Quarter

First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Xavier Zammit.

Second Grade

Perfect Attendance: Gabriel Jacobs, Naylee Verellen.

Third Grade

All As: Janae Miotke.

Honor Roll: Emma Lomasney, Lylah Schaening.

Perfect Attendance: Lylah Schaening.

Fourth Grade

All As: Brennen DeMeulenaere, Olivia Ogden.

Honor Roll: John Bailey, Cole Campbell, Ava DeVeny, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs, Skye Moss, Lily O'Conner, Angela Winne.

Perfect Attendance: Cole Campbell, Brennen DeMeulenaere, Conor Guyor, Evan Jacobs.

Fifth Grade

All As: Allison Kuzera, Bryce Schocker, Isaac Zammit.

Honor Roll: Gemma Downey, Evan Isrow, Joseph Jordan, Sofia Neagos, Aiden Schocker.

Perfect Attendance: Allison Kuzera, Isaac Zammit.

Sixth Grade

All As: Claire Campbell, James Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Kyle Miotke, Anna Winne, Matthew Zammit.

Honor Roll: Devin Allam, Joseph Fajardo, Taylor Marlatt, Lauren Rosemeck, Scarlett Scott, Kierstyn West.

Perfect Attendance: Devin Allam, Joseph Fajardo, Taylor Marlatt, Lauren Rosemeck, Matthew Zammit.

Seventh Grade

All As: Ashton DeMeulenaere, Dresden Scott, Michael Wilkinson, Nicole Zawadzinski.

Honor Roll: Abbie Cullen, Julia DuVall, Grace Govier-LaParl, Ava Isrow, Lauren Isrow, Lydia Kukawka.

Perfect Attendance: Ashton DeMeulenaere.

Eighth Grade

All As: Charlotte Fajardo, Sophia Goulette, Gabriel Rowland Renaud, Christopher Winne.

Honor Roll: Luke Chadra, Jack Maben, Ronald Schulte.

Perfect Attendance: Charlotte Fajardo, Ronald Schulte.

PK-K Open House / Lenten Family Night

Our guests and host families all enjoyed meeting each other and sharing the Lenten Family Night activities together. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the Lenten night activities.

Pizza Lunch

...tomorrow, Friday, April 7. Thank you to **Mrs. Isrow** for coordinating these special lunches! (If you didn't order, please remember to bring a lunch.)

Found: a Phone

A phone was recently found and turned in at the school office. Have you lost one??

7&8th Graders "Save Sex" workshop

On **Thursday, April 27**, our 7th & 8th graders will be joining their counterparts at St Augustine School. This program is aimed at empowering young people to make healthy choices through for an abstinence-based curriculum that discusses God's plan and purpose for sex in marriage. Lunch will be included.

Owing to the sensitive nature of this topic, their parents are invited to meet on **Wednesday, April 12** from 6:30-8pm in the library for an overview of the program and a chance to ask questions.

NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY.

APRIL 13!!

Father Rooney and Dr. Wagner have decided that, as we have enough hours in our year's schedule, **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON HOLY THURSDAY, April 13.** The last day of school before Easter break will be next Wednesday, April 12.

"Color Run"

Holy Cross is sponsoring a "color run" on May 6. Featuring 1K and 5K walk/runs, events start at 9am. To get a runner's bib and t-shirt, register by April 15. Here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-cross-catholic-schoolour-lady-on-the-river-color-run-registration-31760542638?aff=es2>

OLR Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Children 10 and under are invited to join us at OLR's ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT on Holy Saturday, April 15, at @11:00 am. (Please arrive by 10:45am.) We will meet inside St. Mark's on Harsens Island—rain, shine, or snow!

First, Deacon Mike will bless the Easter foods, as well as bless all who are gathered there. Then, we will have a short Easter lesson and sing some songs with our guest, the Easter Bunny! This will be followed by the hunt—children will hunt for little lambs (the lamb of God), and eggs/Easter bags with Christian prizes and other Easter goodies!! Each child will also receive a chocolate cross. Come and join our celebration! We even have cheering sections for parents, grandparents, etc. to cheer on the children.

There is no cost to those attending. Please call Debbie to RSVP by 4/13 (or earlier) at 810-748-3297. Please leave an adult contact name and phone number, the first name of each child and their ages. This way we can make sure there are plenty of goodies for the hunt in all the different age groups. Looking forward to seeing you there!! —Bill and Debbie DeMunnick

Lenten Soup and Talk Series

All are invited to all or any of the gatherings in this series, moderated by Frs. Rooney and Bechill and Deacon Oldani. The series will take place on the Tuesdays in Lent, at 6:30 in the Holy Cross cafeteria.

2017/18 Bingo Service Credit schedule now available online!

Avoid the \$540 service credit fee for the 2017-18 school year. Whether you want to fulfill all 12 of your service credits or you just need a few, the 2017-18 bingo service credit schedule is up and running, and filling up quickly. If you work just 1 bingo a month you satisfy your 12 credit obligation for the school year. The 2017-18 service credit year begins in May and runs through April 2018.

"Control" and "click" to follow this link (or copy and paste this URL into your browser—and then, maybe, you'll want to bookmark it):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toQA6nE-y0NjiTDZKYuqQITcjurqrqJP-TDBI7FjF8/edit>

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at hcwedingo@gmail.com.

Reserve your spots before they're all gone!

Holy Cross on Facebook:

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

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APRIL 13!!**



St. Clair Community Singers

Spring Concert

**Sunday May 7, 2017
4pm**

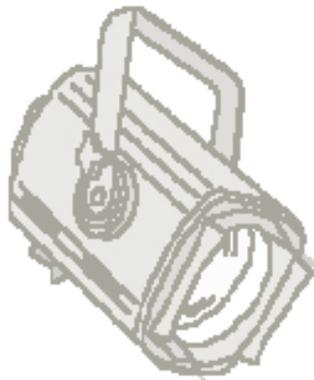
First Congregational Church

**300 Adams Street
St Clair**

Free admission
(free will offerings accepted)

**Director: Jo-Anne Wilkie
Accompanist: Carole Lohr**





Lights! Camera! Action!

Holy Cross Field Day 2017

**THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO
HOLY CROSS ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
2017 TO GET PARTICIPANT T SHIRTS
ORDERED!**

Lights! Camera! Action! Casting call for all students of Holy Cross School will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in the Holy Cross Gym! It will be a FIELD DAY filled with fun and games with an awesome movie-theme, and a five-star lunch to start the day out!

As usual, this event will need: directors, producers, cinematographers, set designers, actors and actresses, to help pull this awesome event off!

So, if you can volunteer your time, please contact Head Director, Julie Isrow at: HCFIELDDay2011@aol.com and let her know!

The cost for this year's FIELD DAY event is \$10.00 per participant, includes a t-shirt and lunch!



THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 5TH TO GET A PARTICIPANT SHIRT



Lights! Camera! Action!

Holy Cross Field Day 2017

STUDENT NAME & GRADE _____

SHIRT SIZE – CIRCLE ONE

YOUTH SM 6-8	YOUTH MED 8-10	YOUTH LARGE 12-14	YOUTH XL 16-18
ADULT SM	ADULT MED	ADULT LARGE	ADULT XL
ADULT XXL OR XXXL (+2.00)			

AMOUNT ENCLOSED : _____ \$10.00 per person DONATIONS APPRECIATED