



Holy Cross School

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Pastor
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Principal

March 30, 2021

Dear Parents,

I pray that you have a very Happy Easter! May Jesus truly rise in your heart and give you peace. Trust in His plan of mercy for you.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Fr. Pilon thanks the Altar Server

Fr. Pilon would like to thank the altar servers who volunteered for the Easter triduum.

Easter Triduum Schedule at Holy Cross Church

Join us in Holy Cross Church for our Easter Triduum. Here is the schedule.

- 4/1 The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is at 7:00 pm
- 4/2 Good Friday Service is at 12 noon - website reservation required
- 4/3 Easter Vigil Mass is at 8:30 pm - website reservation required
- 4/4 Easter Morning Masses are at 8:00am & 10:00am in English - website reservation required
and 12 noon Mass in Spanish

If you go to the Parish/School website, you can find all of the Mass and service times on the homepage. Scroll down and there are details on the times for each day of Holy Thursday and the Triduum.

You will need to log into the parish/school website to sign up for the services/Masses that you would like to attend. <https://www.mendotacatholic.org>

You will also need to log in the parish/school website if you are attending in the parking lot, as well. They will need to know approximately how many hosts to have ready outside.

You can also zoom the Masses and service on Good Friday.

Zoom link for Masses - this link never changes

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjJtNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 913 805 0856

Password: 811195

Two More Days for the HCS Lenten Challenge

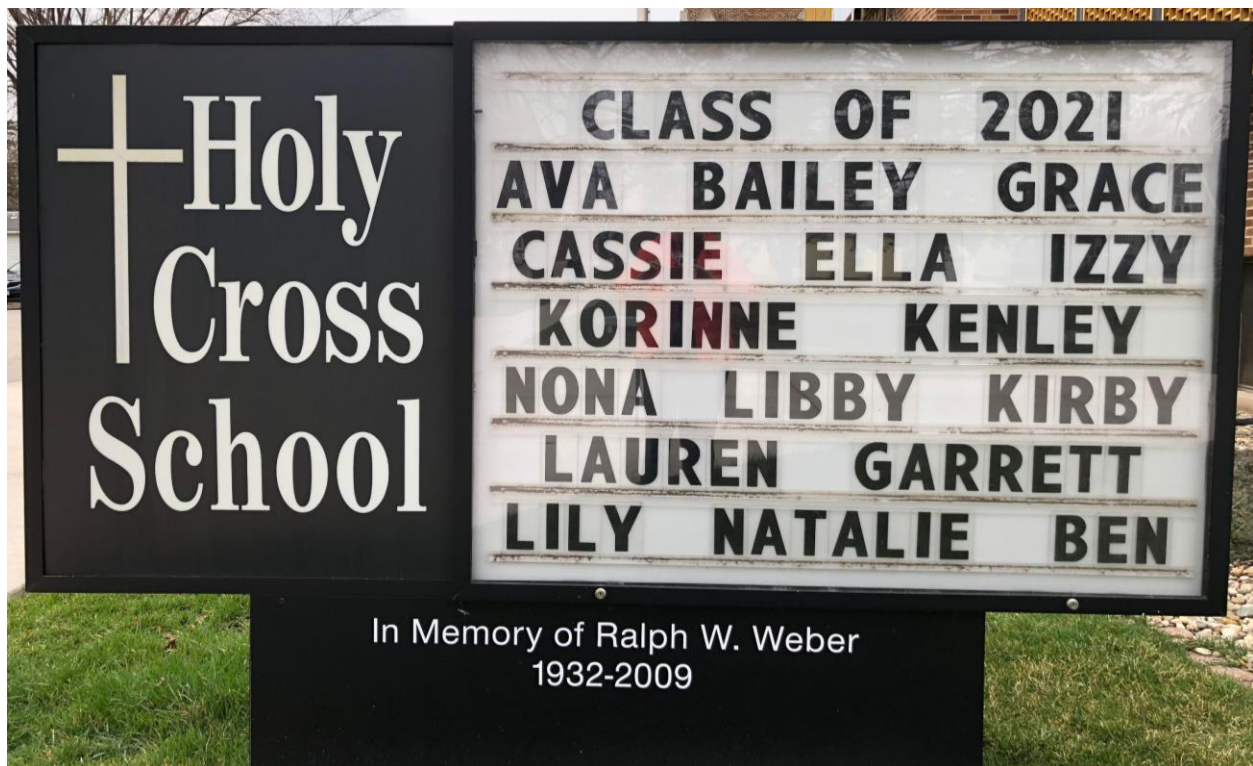
The HCS Lenten Almsgiving Challenge items are due Thursday, April 1, 2021. Cal Doyle sends his thanks for the many donations for the Peru and Ottawa IVPADS homeless shelters.

Check out the article about Cal's HCS Lenten Almsgiving Challenge in the Catholic Post. You can find it on the Diocesan website at www.cdop.org under "Offices" and then click on Catholic Post.

Contact Mrs. Doyle at ldoyle@holycrossmendota.com if you have any questions.

Signs of Spring

Here is a definite sign of spring! We are winding down with our Class of 2021 students. Keep up the hard work during this last quarter.



REPEAT - April 1 - Shorts

April 1 is the day students can begin wearing school shorts. Shorts may be navy blue or black. They should be cotton twill walking shorts. Shorts are to have the same cut as school pants with belt loops. No patch pockets. When kneeling, shorts should not be more than three inches from the floor.

REPEAT - Easter Break

Our Easter break is April 2nd through the 11th. We will have Good Friday off and the week after Easter. Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care is available while we are off. Call ahead 538-7604.

If you are traveling, IDPH suggests quarantining upon your return. Please watch for symptoms of Covid-19 and stay home if you have any symptoms.

We ask that you check for symptoms every morning before you come to school, including a temperature check. These are the steps for self certification.

REPEAT - Spring MAP Testing

Kindergarten to Grade 8 will begin their Spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing on April 12. Homeroom teachers will plan their tests through April 23rd and into the next week if needed. Please see that your child(ren) have had breakfast and are well rested. We want them to do their best.

We will be working on printing out the student progress reports so you can see their academic progress from fall to winter. After the April Spring test, we will print out another report to show growth from winter to spring. Please contact us if you have questions.

REPEAT - New Curriculum for Student Safe Environment

The Diocese of Peoria has purchased a new curriculum for our student Safe Environment requirements. Teachers in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be teaching the 2-3 day lessons beginning the week of April 19. There is a specific hand-out for each grade level. Teachers will be sending home the parent note the week they teach the curriculum.

Since the curriculum is embedded into our other curriculum, as well, it will be hard to opt out of the material. If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

REPEAT - Ready Set, Grow Extended Care for the Summer

We are preparing for the summer for Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care. If you need care for your kids or know of someone who needs care, please call Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care at 815-538-7604. For the summer, we are beginning to open up Extended Care to families outside of Holy Cross School. Pass the word. Thank you.

REPEAT - Spalding Scholarship

For those of you who need to apply for a scholarship, The Diocese wants you to apply for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship first. The information is in the File Library in OptionC.com. The deadline is April 30, 2021.

You can apply any time. Besides the items needed for the upload, You will also need to ask Fr. Pilon, our parish pastor, to submit a recommendation to the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools that your family is in good standing in the parish. Do not wait until the deadline to ask for the recommendation.

Upload your 2020 federal income tax return and ALL supporting tax schedules and documents to FACTS Management by April 30, 2021.

Upload your 2020 W-2 Wage & Tax Statements to Facts Management by April 30, 2021.

REPEAT - Marion Recognition

Instead of Crowning Mary during Mass in May, as we have done in the past, we will have a varied recognition of Mary. All Kindergarten to Grade 8 students need a flower with a stem on Monday, May 3, 2021. Classes will go to the church as a class group. Students and staff

will place their flower in a vase in front of the image of Mary. We will show our Marion recognition without the procession during Mass.

Thank you for planning ahead with the flower with a stem.

REPEAT - Position Openings at Holy Cross School, Mendota for 2021-2022

1. Principal

Holy Cross School, Mendota

Application available through www.cdop.org

Click on: Catholic Education; School Openings; Principal Application Packet

Review of applicants in mid-March with interviews in Mid-April

Approximately 160 students

Contact: Mrs. Anita Kobilsek

1-815-539-7003

akobilsek@holycrossmendota.com

2. Part-time Physical Education Teacher

3. Part-time Computer Teacher

PE and Computer may possibly be a full-time job.

4. Part-time Athletic Director

Contact: Mrs. Anita Kobilsek

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or

Mail resume to:

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1008 Jefferson Street

Mendota, IL 61342

Call 1-815-539-7003 Ext. 111

Application available through www.cdop.org

Click on: Catholic Education; School Openings; Teacher Application Packet

REPEAT - Holy Cross School Spirit Day

Holy Cross School Spirit Day will be every Friday. If we are not here on Fridays, Spirit Day is the day before. Let's keep up our much needed school spirit. This means spirit wear shirts with school pants or school skirt or jumper.

REPEAT - Box Tops for Education has a New System

Our school will continue to collect Box Tops for Education this school year. You download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. You scan your receipt. By scanning and choosing Holy Cross School, you are helping Holy Cross School earn cash. If you have any paper Box Tops, please send them into school.

A good rule to have is to check the boxes and bags before they go in the garbage. With the new system, the box top icon is not a coupon but an image to remind you to scan your receipt. If you see a Box Top icon, scan your receipt and choose Holy Cross School, Mendota.

Collect Your Empty Cartridges

One of our fundraisers is to collect your empty ink cartridges. We send them in and receive cash in return. Please help us.

Scrip

The Scrip order form is in the File Library in OptionC. The businesses listed are only a few of the choices. If there is something you would like that is not listed, please write it on the order form and write the amount that you want. You can always direct your questions to Lorraine Walter in the business office at 538-6151.

This is an easy fundraiser for the school and it helps reduce your tuition for next year, as well.

Coming Up:

Theme for the 2020-2021 School Year - Fruit of the Spirit. Here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCU0IP5ioa8&t=16s>

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

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Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care 815-538-7604

We have several items ready for 2021-2022.

In the OptionC File Library optionc.com, you will find:

- Preschool registration form
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 registration form
- Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care Fees Sheet 815-538-7604
- Learning Lambs Preschool Tuition Amounts
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 Tuition Amounts
- Spalding Scholarship Application Protocol
 - must complete this before the HCS Monsignor Wissing Scholarship Application
- FACT Financial Application - must be complete for the Spalding Scholarship - If you already have an account, you can just update how you want to pay
- Empower Illinois Application - <https://empowerillinois.org/apply/how-do-i-apply/>
- HCS Monsignor Wissing Scholarship Application - complete the Spalding Scholarship first

Wednesday, March 31 - First Confession for HCS students making their First Communion in April

Thursday, April 1, 2021 - Lenten Almsgiving challenge items are due to Holy Cross School

Thursday, April 1 - School shorts may be worn

April 2-11 - Easter Break - Happy Easter! - No school - Extended Care is available April 6-9
538-7604

Sunday, April 25 - 2:00pm First Communion for the HCS students and limited guests

Friday, April 30 - Spalding Scholarship applications due with supporting documents in FACTS

Friday, April 30 - 8th Grade Fundraiser -

“Decade Day” K-2=70’s; 3-6=60’s; 7-8=80’s - \$1.00 or more

Monday, May 3 - K-8 students need a flower with a stem for our Marion Recognition

Friday, May 14 - Tuition and Fees due for 2020-2021

Monday, May 17 - Last day for 4-year-old preschool class

Tuesday, May 18 - Last day for 3-year-old preschool class

Wednesday, May 19, Thursday, May 20, Friday, May 21 - Preschool Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Monday, May 24 - Tentative Picnic in Purple Park

Tuesday, May 25 - Tentative last day - 11:30am dismissal

Tuesday, May 25 - 6:00pm Graduation for Grade 8 - Private to graduates and limited guests