



## Holy Cross School

1008 Jefferson Street  
Mendota, IL 61342  
815-539-7003  
fax: 539-9082

Reverend Peter Pilon  
Pastor  
Mrs. Anita M. Kobilsek  
Principal

November 6, 2018

Dear Parents,

In October, we remember Mary and the rosary. The Kindergarten through Grade 8 students prayed the rosary on October 29 at the grotto by the church. The students did a superb job and were very reverent. It was simply beautiful!

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilsek

### **National Vocation Awareness Week**

November 4-10 is National Vocation Awareness Week in the Catholic Church of the United States. This week is dedicated to the promotion of vocations through prayer and education. Father Timothy Hepner, Director of Recruitment for the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations, has asked our school to teach lessons which are a part of our diocesan vocations' curriculum during this national awareness week. The lessons are as follows and are located on the website, [www.vocationlessons.com](http://www.vocationlessons.com). The student/parent login is ifollowchrist.

Monday, November 5: God Calls

Tuesday, November 6: Marriage

Wednesday, November 7: Priesthood

Thursday, November 8: Religious Life

Friday, November 9: Assessment and Family Feature

### **REPEAT - Saint Bede Academy Open House**

You are invited to the Saint Bede Academy Open House on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Beginning at 6:00 pm they will have tours and classroom demonstrations in the new Perino Science Center followed by an information session in the Abbey Church beginning at 6:30. They will then have guided tours through the Academy building (and Perino Science Center for those who could not make it before 6:30). Their evening concludes in the gym with displays and presentations from their athletics, clubs, and activities along with a chance to talk with administrators, faculty, students, and coaches.

The 8th Grade placement test at Saint Bede Academy is Saturday, November 17, 2018.

### **November 9 - Buses in the Morning and Afternoon**

On Friday, November 9, there are buses in the morning and at 2:55pm. Although District 289 is not in session, District 280 will be in session.

### **PADS Food Donation for Non-uniform Day November 9th**

We need your help!! Holy Cross is pairing up with the Peru PADS Homeless Shelter. We are collecting food items such as: any snack, things that can go into a cold/sack lunch, bottled water, juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, cookies, chips, candy, fruit snacks, tuna/chicken salad, packets, bread, hot chocolate, coffee, creamer, sugar, milk and any other food items you would like to donate. If your child/ren donate, they will be able to wear non-uniform or jeans on Friday, November 9th. They need all the support they can get! Holy Cross along with the 8th grade class officers graciously thank you for help!

### **Food Pantry Items Due November 12 – Jeans/Khaki Day**

We continue the collection for cereal and pop tarts for the Food Pantry this month by November 12. Each grade is asked to collect 5 items each month. The Jean/Khaki/Non-uniform Day will be Friday, November 16th if the class goals are met. (The classes that have met the goal already, for November, are: Preschool, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th. No sweat pants, exercise clothes, rips or tears or leggings as pants. Thanks for the good work. Thank you for helping our kids in the

community.

### **Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser**

November 20, is a Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser. Rosati's is open from 11-10pm. Dine in, carry out, or get a delivery. Thanks for helping out Holy Cross School Athletics. Tell your friends to mention Holy Cross School.

You can also name a teacher and one classroom will win a pizza party provided by Rosati's. Congratulations to Grade 2, who won the last pizza party. Thanks, everyone!!

### **Christmas Program**

Our Christmas program will be Thursday, December 13 at 6:30pm. Students in Preschool through Grade 6 will be singing. Preschool through Grade 6 students are to wear their dress clothes. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be our hosts. Gr. 7 & 8 are to wear black pants and a white shirt or sweater.

Students may go to their classrooms at 6:00pm. The Preschool students are to follow the directives from Miss DeLong. We hope you can join us!

### **Shoparoo**

Help us with a new EASY way to raise funds for Holy Cross School. It is called Shoparoo. Download the app called Shoparoo. Select Holy Cross Elementary School Mendota. Take pictures or your receipts through the app. Our school receives a check when we have a minimum of 25,000 points.

### **Scrip**

Enclosed is the Scrip order form. 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 Loomis 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.

### **Things to collect for Holy Cross School:**

Pop tops  
Box Tops  
Coke Rewards  
Empty computer ink cartridges

### **Coming Up:**

Tuesday, November 20 - Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser - 11-10pm- Dine-in, Carry out, Delivery

November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break - No School

Thursday, December 13 – 6:30pm Christmas Program for PreK-Grade 8 students

Thursday, December 20, 2018 - 2:55 dismissal with no 2:55 buses

Friday, December 21, 2018 - 11:30am dismissal with no 11:30 buses. No afternoon 4-year-old preschool class

December 24-January 4 - Christmas Break

Friday, January 11, 2019 - 11:30 dismissal with 11:30 buses - no afternoon 4-year-old preschool class

January 2019 - Magazine/Cookie Dough Sale - to benefit the school

January 2019 - Scholastic Book Fair - to benefit the school

Saturday, February 23, 2019 - Dueling Pianos Holy Cross School Dinner and Auction Event - to benefit the school

Saturday, March 9, 2019 - Shamrock 5K Walk/Run - to benefit the school

Ongoing – Caldecott and Newbery book reading contest – ends May 3, 2019