



FAST FACTS

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Week of February 12-16, 2024

Special Happenings

- ❖ Tuesday, February 13: Valentine's Day Party (one day early) with pizza, please still send food and drink for your child/ren's snack
- ❖ Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at **8:00am**. If dropping off child after 7:50am, please walk student to church to join class.
 - ❖ Friday, February 16: **Early dismissal at 12:00pm**
- ❖ Every Friday at 4:30pm from February 16-March 15: FISH FRY AT HOLY CROSS
 - ❖ Monday, February 19: **No School** for President's Day
 - ❖ Saturday, March 2: 1st Reconciliation for 2nd grade Catholic students



Announcements:

- ★ Families, please prepare your child/ren to have **Valentines** to bring to school **Tuesday February 13** because both classes will exchange **Valentines** with classmates one day before Valentine's Day.
- ★ Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent! Lent is a special season in the church, preparing for Easter. This year, **Easter is on Sunday, March 31**. Many Catholics and Christians give up or sacrifice something during Lent (such as chocolate or coffee), and also participate in charitable efforts.
- ★ Each Friday during Lent at 2:30, students of Holy Cross pray the **Stations of the Cross** together. The practice of following the Way of the Cross can be dated back to the Blessed Mother's practice of visiting the holy sites of Christ's passion. (Source: Our Sunday Visitor)
- ★ Has your family signed up to volunteer for the Holy Cross Fish Fry? Guests enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet every Friday from Friday, February 16 until March 15. Volunteer shifts are needed from 4:30-6:00pm or 6:00-7:30pm.
- ★ Tuition and taxes: Though opening an account this year will not impact the taxes filed for 2023, school parents/guardians may be interested in the **Missouri Most** account option for paying Catholic School tuition tax-free. The website is missourimost.org. There is a flyer in Friday Folders. Please seek details on the website. Missouri Most has contact information to discuss individual family finance questions over the phone or email.



Weekend masses:

Saturday - 4:00 pm St. Francis, 6pm Holy Cross
Sunday - 8am St. Michael's, 10am Holy Cross

- ★ **Blessed Sacrament Adoration** every Wednesday during Lent (Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27) at Holy Cross Church is welcome to all. Exact hours of adoration to be announced.

40 Days of Lent and 40 in the Bible

(based on a bible lesson of Father Mike Schmitz)

40 in the bible is a number that represents trial, testing, and it represents a long time. Examples: 40 days of the rain (flood), 40 years of the people of Israel walking in the wilderness, and we have Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness as well. In the book of Exodus, the people of Israel are set free from slavery in Egypt. Moses was going to take them straight from Mount Sinai, basically, to Mount Zion. That was Plan A, but what happens? God had just set them free from slavery. He had them walk through the Red Sea, yet they doubted they could go to the Promised Land. Plan B: They had to wander the wilderness for 40 years. They learned how to trust and be free people who belong to the One Holy God. The Lord sets us free from slavery, sets us free from death. **We have to learn to trust Him, and God wants to lead us into victory.** These 40 days is the time that God is training us to battle sin. Grace does what we can't do. Our Father, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit will lead us to salvation.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Thanks to generous donations, Holy Cross School collected **208 canned goods and boxed food!** Mrs. Osentoski's class has permission slips in Friday Folders to walk to the Cuba Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Please return permission slips by Wednesday, Feb. 14.

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