



Holy Cross Catholic School
3002 Bay Settlement Road
Green Bay, WI 54311



Annual School & Parish Events

February

Parish Fish Dinner | February 17

March:

March 2 | Parish Fish Dinner

March 10, 2012 | Holy Cross Auction

Live and silent auction, food and spirits.

March 16 | Parish Fish Dinner

March 30 | Parish Fish Dinner

June:

Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Polka Mass, games, food and fun

Sat (pre-picnic): 5 pm - 9 pm

Sun: 10am Polka Mass

Sun (picnic): 11 am - 6 pm

September:

Second Annual Chili Cook-off

Sample some of the best chili northeast Green Bay has to offer! Cast your vote for the chili title!

Call (920) 468-0625 for details.

Thank you! Your donations make a difference! Thanks to the generosity of several donors, in the past year we've:

- Bought three SmartBoards.
- Added to our army of laptops. We are nearing our goal of one laptop per student in our middle school!
- Published a prayer book
- Purchased a beautiful sign for our building

Would you like to support us? Any donation to Holy Cross stays at Holy Cross. Donate online by going to www.holycrossfamily.org/alumni/donate. Checks can be sent to Holy Cross Parish, 3009 Bay Settlement Road, Green Bay, WI 54311. Please designate the school as the recipient of your donation using the enclosed reply card.

If you'd like to donate an item for our annual auction, please contact Gail Limoni at gailgail@gmail.com.

Congrats! HCCS Alumni, **A.J. Hamilton, Nate Meyers,** and **Alex Miller** earned All Conference honors for their outstanding play on the Notre Dame Tritons football team.



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Journeys

A newsletter for Alumni and Supporters of Holy Cross Catholic School

Welcome!

From Principal Robin Jo Jensen



We began our school year with the theme of sharing our light, the light of Christ, lighting another person's candle and lighting our world by our kindness and good deeds! We have continued to focus on this during our school year and to encourage our students, faculty, staff, and our families, to continue to reach out to those in need, to be kind to others, and to simply go make a positive difference in the life of another and in our world.

Wherever each of you may be on your life's journey, you have all been touched at some point in time and in some way by the Holy Cross Catholic School community.

You also bear the light of Christ as gifted to and reflected by our Holy Cross Catholic School family! Some of you graduated from Holy Cross; some of you are graduates and have children or even grandchildren attending the school today. What a strong faith tradition we've established over the past 144 years!

This is our first newsletter for our alumni and supporters. We look forward to sharing updates about what is going on right now in our community, as well as helping you to connect with Holy Cross friends.

Please consider sending us an update about where you are in your life's journey. How have you spread the light of Christ? What are you up to? Where are you living? What have you accomplished? Send your good news to Cathy Zehms at czehms@gracesystem.org or 3002 Bay Settlement Rd, Green Bay, WI 54311. We'll include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Online tools for HCCS alumni & supporters

Over the past several years, we've developed many online tools. Be sure to check us out online!

Online donation

You can donate online to Holy Cross Catholic School by going to www.holycrossfamily.org/alumni/donate



New website

We've launched a new multi-media website at www.holycrossfamily.org. Be sure to check out the Alumni webpages!

Facebook

Find out what your classmates are up to! Like us on our Holy Cross Alumni and Supporters fan page.

Inside this issue:

- The GRACE System
- New online tools for alumni and supporters!
- Kids pray the darndest things
- Class of 1958 reconnects at Holy Cross Picnic
- Upcoming Events
- Thank you!
- Congrats to three of our '08 alumni

What does GRACE mean for Holy Cross?



As many of you may have heard from the news or your parishes in the Green Bay area, as of July 30, 2011 the ten Green Bay area Catholic schools—including Holy Cross—have joined together to become the Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) System.

Some things are changing...

The benefits of a Catholic school system for Holy Cross are many, including:

- Tuition Assistance
- Online registration
- Compass/Odyssey Online Intervention
- MAP Testing
- CESA 7 Membership
- Better benefits for employees
- Online payroll

But the best things remain the same...

Our tradition, our commitment to each other and Catholic education, and our identity; these are the treasures that endure. And any donation specifically earmarked for our school remains at and benefits our students, faculty and staff. Learn more about the GRACE System by visiting www.gracesystem.org.

Book review: Kids pray the darndest things

By Jean Peerenboom

It is true that kids say the darndest things, even when they pray.

The proof is in *We Pray*, a collection of prayers by the students and staff of Holy Cross Catholic School, Bay Settlement.

Conversation with God is an important part of the school's mission, says Robin Jo Jensen, school principal. In the introduction, she explains the genesis of the book, in which the students share their conversations with God. The school teaches the tenets of the Catholic faith through CARE: Conversations with God, attitude, respect and effort.

"We teach the students to talk to God often, to share the good and the bad, the celebrations and the struggles, the joy and the pain; and, to thank Him for the many gifts he



Photo by Sam Lucero, *The Compass*

has given each of us. Prayer should be a personal experience and an intimate connection with our loving God," she writes.

Her students have learned their lessons well. In addition to some thoughtful reflection, they also entertain us – just as we would expect.

In the section on "Beauty, Blessings and Bounty," students says thanks for the sun, food, families and friends. They are especially thankful for food. There must be good cooks at that school!

Other categories are challenges, death, forgiveness, gratitude, health, holidays, school, sports, suffering and special requests. It concludes with a section on communal prayer and suggests for such prayer.

The young people are very specific in their requests. Jacob wants everyone to get candy on Valentine's Day. Lauren wants all the new puppies and kitties to be safe. Several offered prayers for snow days (but one asked that driveways be avoided so we don't have to shovel), and good grades. Ryan asks God to "help the lunch ladies make good food and please make sure it is safe."

Many ask for the safe return of our military troops and for those hit by natural disasters.

They show they are truly a Caring Community.

You can pick up a copy of *We Pray* at St. Catherine's Book Shop in Green Bay or by calling the school office 920.468.0625.

Jean Peerenboom is the former religion/books editor from the *Green Bay Press Gazette*. She writes a monthly book review for the *Holy Cross Family Blogspot*.

Classmates reconnect at Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Members of the class of 1958 reunited for a weekend of fun and reminiscing at the Holy Cross Parish Picnic this past summer.

HCCS alumnus Richard Strebel shared photos of his class in eighth grade.

He reports: "The eighth grade class is pictured on the right & the 7th grade class is pictured on the left. The photo was taken in 1958. There were 25 students in our class (22 in our graduating class - the other 3 changed schools after the 6th or 7th grade).

"Our teachers at Holy Cross were: Grade 1 & 2: Sr. Mary Peter, Grade 3 & 4: Sr. Lucy, Grade 5: Sr. Cletus, Grade 6: Sr. Lucy, Grade 7 & 8: Sr. Jane Frances."



The class of 1958 went back to their old classroom to leave their mark on a chalkboard at HCCS. More long lasting, however, is the mark they and all alumni leave as part of the legacy of Catholic education at Holy Cross.



TOP RIGHT: Class of 1957 and 1958.
LEFT: The Class of 1958 leaves their mark.
BELOW: Class of 1958 at the parish picnic this past summer.



Flashback 1958

Cost of living
Average yearly income: \$4,650
House: \$30,000
Gallon of gas: \$.24
Postage stamp: \$.04
Tuition at Harvard: \$1,250/year

Movies
Auntie Mame
Vertigo
Songs
Poor Little Fool (Ricky Nelson)
Claudette (The Everly Brothers)

Headlines:
- U.S. experiences recession; unemployment rises above 5%
- Elvis is inducted into the Army
- The New York Yankees win the World Series, defeating Milwaukee

Planning a Holy Cross reunion?

We can help!

The Holy Cross gym is available for you to rent for your get-together. What better way to reminisce and reconnect with classmates!

We would also be glad to share your reunion date and plans on our website and in our Alumni newsletter.

Contact Cathy Zehms at 920.468.0625 or czehms@gracesystem.org.