



# Holy Cross Catholic School Newsletter

*"150 Years of Discipleship"*

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## Kitchen Duty Schedule

Mon. 3/5: Suzanne Goral

Tues. 3/6: Ashley Costea

Wed. 3/7: DeFrank

Thur. 3/8: Bessie Rayel

Fri. 3/9 NO SCHOOL

## Lunch Menu:

3/1: : Lasagna,  
Breadstick, Peas

3/5: Soft Shell Tacos,  
Refried Beans, Corn

3/6: French Toast Sticks,  
Sausage Patty, Tater  
Triangle

3/7: Chicken Noodles  
Soup, Dinner Roll,  
Pudding



Dear Holy Cross Families,

Last Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> the elementary students attended an on-site spiritual retreat in the afternoon. The presenter was Betty Manion the Director of Religious Education at St. Magdalene in Waupaca. She is also the author of *Prayers Before the Bell*. Mrs. Manion is an outstanding storyteller. The Lenten theme of her presentation was hope. The acronym she use was:

**H**-Helping others.

**O**-Opportunities in our life to help others.

**P**-Prayer to God for strength to help others.

**E**-Eucharist. This sacrament gives Jesus' GRACE & strength.

She retold three stories that were examples of this virtue and how others glorify God by giving their gifts (in many forms) to others. The students had to use their minds to picture the illustrations as she retold the stories. When she asked the students what they thought hope was here was some of their responses, *"It's about God reaching out"* Melissa. *"It's walking across a bridge"* Mikey. *"It's about love and hoping something will happen"* Calla.

After telling the stories her message ended with Lent gives us the opportunity to help others and ourselves. It helps us to look in our hearts and clean the "yucky stuff" out (see pictures on last page).

*God Bless, Mrs. Gast*

### Morning Family

**Prayer:** Please have a prayer or intentions prepared for the morning!

Fri. 3/2: Limoni  
Mon. 3/5: Martinez  
Tue. 3/6: McCarron  
We. 3/7: McMahan  
Fri. 3/9: Michiels

### Important Dates:

3/1: Mass Grade 8, EC3 & 4K /Field Trip to GB Children's Museum

3/2: Stations of the Cross 10:40 AM, Holy Cross Fish Dinner

3/2: Early Dismissal-End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester/Early Dismissal at 11:30

3/3: GRACE Solo Ensemble at Notre Dame Middle School.

3/7: Choice Dress Day

3/8: Mass Grade 8, School Pizza Party, Pizza Hot Lunch for ALL students. NO CHARGE, Evening Parent/Teacher conferences 3-7:00 PM

3/9: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-TEACHER SAFETY TRAINING. Parent/Teacher conferences 1-3:30 PM

**Contact Us:**  
<http://holycrossfamily.org>

### Lent Stations Schedule

(Please note change on March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

#### Stations of the Cross

Please join our school community for the Stations of the Cross. The following are the dates and times:

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>-10:40am
- March 9<sup>th</sup>-**Cancelled**
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>-**Cancelled**

**(Parish/School Penance Service 1:00 pm-All are invited)**

- March 28<sup>th</sup>-2:00pm and 6:00pm (Living Stations-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)



### Rice Bowls

#### **DON'T FORGET!**

Lent is a 40 day Journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Rice bowl banks from Catholic Relief Services were sent home with each student.

We invite the students to put their Lenten sacrifices in the rice bowls as part of their Lenten journey. Donations will be given to support migrants, refugees, and others around the world who are seeking safety. Please return the rice bowl banks to school during Holy Week. For more information go to [csrcricebowl.org](http://csrcricebowl.org).

### LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS

This is one last reminder that if you would like to order a yearbook, the form needs to be turned into the office by Thursday morning. There is a \$3 late fee for any orders received at this point, so the total cost of the yearbook is \$18 each since it is past the due date.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Report cards will be sent home on March 7<sup>th</sup>.** Parent/Teacher Conferences are optional and will be held on **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** in the evening (3-7:00 pm) and **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon (1-3:30pm). Here is the link to sign up: <http://holycrossfamily.org/2018/02/21/spring-2018-parent-teacher-conference-signup/>



### Fish Fry Volunteers Needed! Opportunity to earn service hours

Calling all high school and middle school students!  
There is an opportunity to give back to our parish community and earn service hours by working the fish dinner. There are three shifts that need to be covered each running an hour and a half. 4-5:30, 5:30-7:00 and 7:00-8:30. This is a wonderful family fun evening, and the shifts are short enough to allow for time to enjoy a fish dinner as well. Please consider supporting your parish by offering your stewardship of time at this event. Please contact Nancy Gapinski if you are interested:  
[ngapinski@new.rr.com](mailto:ngapinski@new.rr.com)



## BONDING

**A Catholic program for intercultural, academic, and spiritual enrichment.  
Host a Guatemalan Student for Eight Weeks**

Yesterday our 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students attended a presentation by Mariella Obiols, the director of the exchange program called *BONDING (Students and Families With Catholic Values)*. It is a program that allows families to host a Guatemalan student in their home for 8 weeks. It is a Catholic program for intercultural, academic and spiritual enrichment. It is **free and no expense to the host family**. The time is mid-October to mid-December. It is a wonderful opportunity for your child/children to make a friend another part of our world. Please see the brochure that came home in your parent folder.



WE ARE: **GRACE: GOLD**

*Join us for a GRACE-filled summer!*

Ready, set, GOLD! GRACE: Gold Summer Camp enrollment begins this week! Take a peek at the camp courses, FAQs, and more at our new GRACE: Gold [website](#). Enrollment officially opens on Friday, February 23 and space is limited! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!



On Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> ALL STUDENTS will be treated to a Pizza Hot Lunch at NO CHARGE. Father Dane is providing the pizza to celebrate our school's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Mary Peterson will be providing additional items, drinks, and dessert as a thanks for all the support for the students and families have provided for her during her husband's illness.

## ELEMENTARY SPIRITUAL RETREAT WITH BETTY MANION



Students picturing the illustrations in their minds.



Students sharing with each other what their gifts from God are and how they can use them to help others.



The three stories that Betty Manion retold were:  
*The Clown of God* by Tomie DePaola  
*The Legend of the Bluebonnet* by Tomie DePaola  
*Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox