

Holy Cross Catholic School

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Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs. Pishko:



The first thing that came to mind when I turned the calendar to begin the new month of April, was the rhyme, "April showers bring May flowers." As I reflected on this grade school rhyme, I felt certain there was a deeper meaning than just flowers growing because of rain; and so, I challenged myself to find that deeper meaning. Motivated by the bible verse from 1 Corinthians: "When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." So, I believe, I am "obligated" to interpret the April showers rhyme as an adult to discover its deeper meaning. Here are some of my thoughts as I took on the challenge to think and reason as an adult: Even the most unpleasant of things, like the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things, like the beautiful flowers of May.

Another lesson I could learn from this rhyme is one of patience: Many of life's greatest things come only to those who wait. If we wait patiently and rely on our **faith** in God, we can endure whatever "clouds" come our way, having **hope** knowing we will find the beautiful sights and smells of May. After all, it's easier to **love** something if you begin with an optimistic outlook!



As we plant our seeds in spring to grow our future gardens, let us remember to plant them with **faith, hope, and love**, thereby enabling these seeds to blossom into our children's future "Catholic Faith Life".

Holy Cross Catholic School Made the News

Dallas Morning News: March 29th NeighborsGo section covered our Spring, and Lent activities

Copies of the articles are included with this newsletter

Principal Coffee, Thursday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.



Hopefully you will be able to attend this informal gathering along with prospective Holy Cross Catholic School parents. This is an opportunity to share your Holy Cross experience and also learn what to expect for the 2013-14 school year. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Golf Tournament Update

Holy Cross Catholic School Spring 2014 Golf Tournament

The Holy Cross "Golf Tournament" committee is actively planning our first golf tournament. They are currently researching locations and dates and will have an announcement regarding the date and location soon. I want to thank all the committee members for their enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication to this project: Chairperson - Leonard Powell, Tara Powell, Jason Campbell, Amanda Kazarian, Stefan Matura, Tom McCall, John Nowicki, and Kelly Vicha.



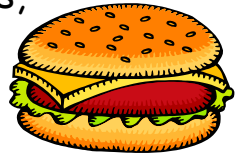
Mid-Quarter Progress Reports e-mailed - Friday, April 19



Our school year is winding down. We have approximately eight weeks until the end of the 2012-13 school year. Student mid-quarter Progress Reports will be e-mailed home on Friday afternoon, April 19th after school.

Mooyah Burger Thursday, April 18th

Holy Cross will be having our April school pride night at the "Mooyah Burger" on Eldorado and FM 423 on Thursday, April 18th. More details will be sent via e-mail and in Tuesday folders. It was fun seeing so many families, grandparents and friends at the March pride night at Scotty P's. So, circle the date on your calendar and let's make this spirit night even bigger and better than the last two. See you there!



Financial Aid April 15 -30

Parents who applied for financial aid for the 2013-14 school year will receive notification sometime between mid-April and the end of April.

School Steering Committee Update



Holy Cross Catholic School "School Steering Committee" submitted the School Advisory Council Constitution for approval to the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department (TCCED) in mid-March. The school just received notification that the Constitution has been approved! Many thanks to the Steering Committee members who worked diligently to complete this task: Tara Powell-parent, Stephan Matura-parent, Elizabeth South-parishioner, Thelva Balkus-parishioner, Rob Kiley-parish Finance Advisory Council, Father Holmberg-Pastor, Don Miller-Superintendent, Marie Pishko-Principal. The committee's next task is to develop the By-laws.

Reminder - EARLY DISMISSAL - Friday, April 12, 12:15 p.m.

Mark your calendar to pick-up your child/ren at 12:15 on Friday, April 12. Teachers will be engaged in a Faculty/Curriculum meeting.



Holy Cross Catholic School "Inaugural Year" Yearbook

The Holy Cross "Inaugural Year" Yearbook has been submitted to the publisher and will be available for distribution at the end of the school year. This year the school will "gift" a yearbook to each of our students, as a sign of gratitude for the deep faith their parents have shown in helping to make Holy Cross Catholic School become a reality.

Year of Faith - April Saint



St. Mother Theodore Guerin, S.P.

Missionary and founder of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin was the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.

Born: Oct. 2, 1798, in the village of Etables-sur-Mer in Brittany, France

Birth name: Anne-Thérèse Guerin

Parents: Laurent and Isabelle Guerin

Entered Sisters of Providence at Ruillé-sur-Loir,

France: Aug. 18, 1823

Religious name: Sister St. Theodore

Professed first vows: Sept. 8, 1825

Professed perpetual vows: Sept. 5, 1831

Ministries in France: Taught at Preuilly-sur-Claise and served as superior of schools in Rennes and Soulaines, where she also ministered among the sick poor.

Missionary voyage from France to New York: July 27, 1840, to Sept. 4, 1840

Sisters of Providence who accompanied Mother Theodore to the United States of America to establish the mission at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.: Sister Olympiade Boyer, Sister St. Vincent Ferrer Gagé, Sister Basilide Sénéchal, Sister Mary Xavier Lerée and Sister Mary Liguori Tiercin

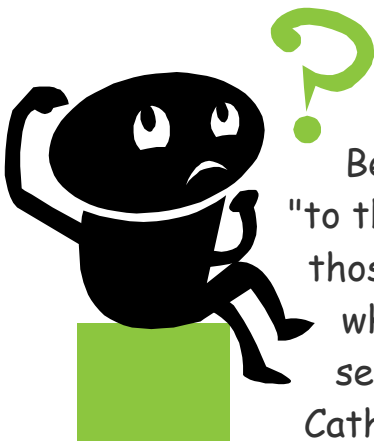
Date of arrival at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods: Oct. 22, 1840

Opened Academy at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods: July 4, 1841

Did you Know ?????

- What the Catholic New Evangelization is all about?

"The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on 're-proposing' the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization."¹ The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church." (From the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' website, www.usccb.org)



- Statistics show there is a need for New Evangelization.

The 2008 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) study "[Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice Among U.S. Catholics](#)," provides a glimpse into the beliefs, practices and attitudes of U.S. Catholics. According to the study:

- only 23% of U.S. Catholics regularly attend Mass once a week,
- 77% self-identify as proud to be Catholic.

The Month in Photos





April Events



Date	Event
Thursday, April 4	School Resumes
Friday, April 12, 12:15 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:15 P.M.
Thursday, April 18	Holy Cross Catholic School Pride Night @ Mooyah Burger
Friday, April 19	Mid-Quarter Progress Reports
Thursday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.	Coffee with the Principal St. Gabriel Media Center