



February 26, 2021 School Newsletter

Important Dates:

~Lenten Outreach - During Lent, we will be collecting baby supplies for the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. Please see the supply list in this newsletter on the back of the March paper calendar. Thank you for your generosity! The Student Council will also be sponsoring a Summer/Beach Color Day on Tues., March 9th to help support these new mothers and their babies. The cost is at least \$1 per family, and please remember to follow all color day guidelines.

~Registration Materials - Registration materials for the 2021-22 school year were sent home on Feb. 12th. In order to help us plan for next year, we ask that ***you please return your registration materials to the school office no later than Monday, March 15th***. Please visit your SMART TUITION account to pay the Registration Fee and update your contact information. Please remember that your tuition, envelope contributions, and Child Care fees need to be up to date in order to register for next year. Please see the **Link Box** for quick access to Smart Tuition and Smart Aid.

~2021-22 School Calendar - We have had a number of requests for the 2021-22 School Calendar. The finalized calendar will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, here are a few of the important dates you may need for next year:

Aug. 25	First day of school	Dec. 20-Jan .2	Christmas Vacation
Feb. 21-22	Mid-Winter Break	April 4-8	Spring Break
April 15	Good Friday	June 10	Last day of school

~Knights of Columbus News - Congratulations to the following winners of the **Keep Christ in Christmas** Poster Contest: Katelyn K., Parker P., and Mya R.

~ Living Stations of the Cross - To assist you on your Lenten journey, we would like to invite you to our 7th and 8th grade students' **Living Stations of the Cross**. This moving presentation and Lenten reflection will be presented on March 19th at 7:00pm in the church.

~Uniform Reminders - As Spring arrives, parents, please be vigilant in checking that your children are following the dress code. A reminder to all girls about the length of shorts, skorts, and skirts: **Length no more than 4 inches above the middle of the kneecap**. Also, leggings may be worn only with skirts or skorts. You can order uniforms locally at RBG Uniforms (formerly Educational Outfitters) located at 2055 28th Street SE or online at: <https://rbguniforms.com/collections/holy-spirit-grand-rapids/outerwear>

Tues., March 9th

~Student Council Summer/Beach Color Day \$1/family

Thurs., March 11th

~Titan Toddler Time Drive-Thru 11:30 – 12:15

Fri., March 12th

~ Prof. Dev. Day – No School
CDC Open

Mon., March 15th

~21-22 School Registration Due

Fri., March 19th

~Living Stations of the Cross 7pm

Tues., March 23rd

~Easter Candy Color Day
~PTA Mtg. 7pm

Fri., March 26th

~3rd Qtr. Ends
~Newsletter/Calendar

Thurs., April 1st

~3rd Qtr. Report Cards Online

Fri., April 2nd

~Good Friday – No School
CDC Closed



~**Easter Candy Color Day** – On Tuesday, March 23rd, there will be a color day offered in exchange for Easter Candy. Any bag of individually wrapped candy will be collected and used for Easter Baskets assembled by the Parish as part of the Easter Food Drive.

2nd Quarter BUG Awards



Gr. 4: Mia P.

Gr. 5: Declan A., Dom B., Max B., Kelsey B., Aiden D., Zachary F., Ashton J., Helen K.

Gr. 7: Katelyn A., Jackson D., Brady K., Kate S.

Gr. 8: Will C., Ashley D., Matthew G.

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Lots of fun activities are planned to encourage reading during March is Reading Month! We will have a Read-O class competition with excerpts of books read over the announcements, read-in in classrooms, and more. Additional information will be coming home soon. Remember to read, read, read especially during this March is Reading Month!

Titan Toddler Time “To-Go”

Mark your calendars for a Drive-Thru Titan Toddler Time for parents and children ages 5 and under. You are welcome to pick up an activity box at the front school door on Thursday, March 11th, from 11:30-12:15. Please call the school office at 453-2772 to reserve your Titan Toddler Time “To-Go” activity box. We look forward to seeing you!

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to Jaxson R., our newest February Book Club member. His donation to the school library is greatly appreciated!

In return for his generosity, he will receive a color day pass!

Hot Lunch News

Just a friendly reminder that hot dogs are no longer offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. Our alternate entrée on Tuesdays is a chicken wrap and a PBJ sandwich on Fridays.

In Sympathy



Please keep in your prayers, the **Bouma Family** on the passing of their **Aunt**. May the memories of their loved one bring them peace.

LOCAL NEWS

~FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Get hooked on West Catholic Fish Fry Fridays! WC will be holding their LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS on February 19th, February 26th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th from 4:30-7:00 pm in the WC High School Cafeteria (DRIVE THRU ONLY). Dinner choices are Famous Fried Lake Perch, Fried Shrimp, Perch and Shrimp Combo, and Fried Walleye. All are served with coleslaw and your choice of French fries or baked potato. All dinners are \$11.00, and for Seniors 60 years of age and up, \$10.00. New this year they are offering Onion Rings for \$5.00 or Pizza from Uccellos & Fries for \$5.00. For more information, please view the flyer attached to this newsletter.

~West Catholic Strength Training

Our next session of 7th and 8th grade strength training begins March 1. Current 8th graders who have applied to West Catholic can email meganpittman@grwestcatholic.org for the code to waive the participation fee. If your child plans to play football next year for WC, we ask that they sign up for the Monday/Wednesday session. Dates, sign ups, and additional information for the three sessions being offered can be found in our Link Box below.

~Local Area Spring Sports Information

Walker Recreation is now holding open registration for their Co-ed Spring Soccer Program. Also the 2021 Spring Season of the **NW Youth Soccer Association** is signing up players. Please see the links in our Link Box for further information.

Holy Spirit Child Development Center:

Summer Care Program 2021: Enrollment Information

It is that time of year again to be thinking about summer child care. The CDC staff members are very excited; we have been busy planning activities for our 2021 Summer Care Program. Summer care will tentatively begin on Monday, June 7, 2021 and will end on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The Summer Care Program is available for children from Holy Spirit School. Children must be fully enrolled at Holy Spirit for the 2021-2022 school year for Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8th grade.

The center hours are 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. All those that indicated interest in the Holy Spirit Summer Care Program on the school registration forms will be sent enrollment information electronically at the end of March. For those that have not received summer care information and would like enrollment information, please contact Melanie Francis at: mfrancis@hsparish.org.

LINK BOX

[GR Diocesan SMART TUITION Enrollment Website](#)

[GR Diocesan SMART AID Financial Aid Application](#)

[Walker Rec Soccer & Softball Registration Info](#)

[NW Youth Soccer Assoc.](#)

[West Catholic Strength Training Info](#)

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

Our mission at Holy Spirit School is to learn, live, and share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.

March Birthdays!



Hailey Y.
Declan A.
Carter B.
Charlotte K.
Veronica M.
Liam S.
Jael D.
Mrs. Stroh
Mrs. Kalahar

Jared B.
Amalia D.
Kiera G.
Josiah J.
Nicholas J.
Brady K.
Emily H.
Mrs. DiGiovanna
Mrs. Szotko

Andrew P.
Will C.
David B.
Greyson W.
Arianna B.
Josephine R.
Max B.
Mrs. Sweedyk
Mrs. Berndt

Addison B.
Nolan B.
Harper K.
Amelia P.
Henrik S.
Nolan L.
Avery L.
Mrs. Kelly
Mr. Thompson

Religious Education News

First Communion: The date for the celebration of First Communion is set for Saturday, May 1, 2021. The Masses will be at 10am and 1pm. Registration forms have been sent home. First Communicants that were not baptized here at Holy Spirit will need to send us a copy of their baptismal certificate. There are 3 white First Communion dresses (sizes 7, 10 & 10) and a boy's white shirt (10-12) available to anyone that would like them. Contact the Religious Ed office if interested. Here is a [LINK](#) to Michigan Church Supply Catalog if anyone is interested in purchasing First Communion items from them. This is the store that is located downtown on Division Ave.

First Communion Parent Homework: You will be receiving an email with the computer fillable parent homework for First Communion. This homework should be returned by April 1. Watching these videos during Lent will set an example for your children that faith formation is a lifelong process. If you completed the First Communion parent homework for a child last year, you do not have to redo it. We keep them on file.

Last Year's and This Year's First Communion Platemaking: Any First Communicants from last year or this year that would like to make a commemorative plate should contact the Religious Ed Office by March 3. The cost is \$12.00 per plate payable with cash (exact amount please) or a check made out to Holy Spirit Religious Education. Payment is due by Friday, March 26. Due to COVID restrictions, we will have those attending school complete their plates in class on Monday, March 29.

Confirmation: Confirmation will be Tuesday, May 25 and Wednesday, May 26. You should have returned your child's registration and baptismal certificate, if your child was not baptized or did not receive First Communion, at Holy Spirit. A letter from the sponsor's parish indicating that they are qualified to be a sponsor is also due. If the sponsor is a registered parishioner at Holy Spirit, you do not need to ask us to send one. The time of the ceremony has not yet been determined, but it will be in the evening.

Volunteers: Although we are unable to have volunteers this year, we still need to keep our safe environment documents up to date. Background checks need to be renewed every five years. You may receive an email from *Virtus* requesting that you log into your account to complete an updated background check authorization form. The first question it will ask is whether or not you have lived outside of Michigan since turning age 18. Please answer **no** if you have always lived in Michigan. The prompts will also ask you to read and electronically sign the Standards of Ministerial Behaviors. Please check that your email address is current on your Virtus account. If you need your log in information, let me know.

Boosters' News

~Spring Sports Registration – Registration is open for 5th – 8th graders interested in spring sports. To register online, click [HERE](#) to access the TeamSnap link. GRACEAC is also offering a 3rd/4th grade boys and girls lacrosse this spring. The cost is \$131.00 per player. Lacrosse registration and payment is taken care of directly through TeamSnap. Physicals will need to be handed to the school office in order to play. Link for lacrosse registration can be found [here](#).

~If anyone is interested in helping prepare the baseball field at Holy Spirit for practices and games, I would love to hear from you. Please email me at: athletics@hsparish.org. Thank you, Damon Bouwkamp.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BUDGET MEETING AGENDA

January 26th, 2021

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Joylynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and said the opening prayer
- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:**
 - Joylynn Kelly - PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | joylynn6476@yahoo.com
 - Andrea Dewicki - VICE PRES. – 616.350.0029 | andreadewicki@gmail.com
 - Philip Alt - TREASURER – 616.862.8674 | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Jeffrey Novosad - SECRETARY – 616.808.6057 | jnovosad@hotmail.com
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:** Tom Wisniewski, Kelly Clancy, Emily Andersen, Elizabeth Duffy, Elizabeth Liebler
- **READING OF GOALS:** Andrea read the goals of the PTA
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** via Pat Kalahar
 - Visits from Superintendent Dave Faber (virtual) and Asst Superintendent Sarah Grey (in person)
 - Giving Tuesday went well!
 - Pat sent to PTA Board picture of "Thank You's" from the staff for the Christmas gift cards
 - You're Welcome!
 - Catholic School's week is next week 2/1/21 – wear your HS apparel to mass this weekend!
 - Drive-thru Nativity turned out beyond expectations!
 - Penny Wars another success this year with just over \$5,600 for ~215 water filters to Haiti
 - Early Childhood Information Night will be partially virtual and arranged in-person visits
 - Decision of school on Tues, 1/26/21 was Superintendent's call
 - Parental discretion advised if there is a concern related to the weather
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Phil reviewed the updated income statement to date
 - PTA matched School Board's \$1,000 for Community Support
 - Covid-19 related expenses have slowed following the initial start of school
 - PTA financials continue to be strong

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
 - Christmas order was a record! Uniform items assisted.
 - Next order to be communicated in early March for submission prior to Spring Break.
- Birthday Board (Stephanie Kozlowicz & Stephanie Martin)
 - February boards in-process this weekend
- Book Fair (Amanda Koch)
 - On hold as of now due to restrictions – reviewing online options
- Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's/General Mills Box Tops (Mercedes Barnum)
 - Box Tops are exceeding goal. If able, please begin scanning for benefit to HS PTA.
 - Family Fare receipts have generated \$2,000+ for PTA this year!
- Family Outreach (TBD) – No business / on hold
- Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki) – No business
- Paper Gator (Joylynn Kelly)
 - Please notify Joylynn if home pickup is needed
- Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy)
 - Reminder sent out to ambassador's to keep in touch with their classes
- Publishing Center (Rose Worm & Erin Gottleber) – No business / on hold
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
 - Email sent out about Valentine's Day celebrations – items to be in school by Mon, 2/8 (Y5 & K) or Tues, 2/9 (G1-8)
- Social Committee (TBD) – No business
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen) – No business
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber) – No business
- Variety Show (TBD) – No business / on hold
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy) – No business

- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Looking for parent volunteers for several of the committees
 - Book Fair, Family Outreach, Social Committee, and Variety Show
- PTA Board Elections at the end of this school year for Vice President and Secretary
- Future Meetings at 7p: March 23rd



Holy Spirit School Calendar, March, 2021

Lenten Project ~ HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Collection
March is Reading Month

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 3 /](#) For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

	1	2	3 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	4 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-8	5 Mass 8:30 Gr. K, 1-2	6
7 3 rd Sunday of Lent Gospel Jn 6:5-42	8	9 Student Council Summer/ Beach Color Day \$1 per family	10 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	11 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> Titan Toddler Time Drive-Thru 11:30-12:15	12 <u>No School</u> Professional Development <u>Day</u> Child Care Open	13
14 4 th Sunday of Lent Gospel Jn 9:1-41	15 21-22 School Registration Due	16 Student Council Group B Meeting 3:20-4:00	17 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 3-5</u> Board Meeting 6:30	18 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-8	19 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. Y5, 1-2</u> Living Stations 7:00	20
21 5 th Sunday of Lent Gospel Jn 11:1-45	22	23 Easter Candy <u>Color Day</u> PTA Meeting 7:00	24 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	25 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-8	26 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. K, 1-2</u> 3 rd Quarter <u>Ends</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	27
28 <u>Palm</u> <u>Sunday</u> Gospel Mk 14:1- 15:47	29	30	31 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	April 1 Holy <u>Thursday</u> 3 rd Quarter Report Cards Online	April 2 <u>No School</u> <u>Good Friday</u> Child Care Closed	April 3

Lenten Project~ February 17th – March 31st

Sponsored by our Student Council:



Wish List of Donation Items

For HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, 705 Bridge St. NW

We are always in need of new and gently used items to support new mothers and their babies, especially the following items:

- **Formula:** All varieties Enfamil & store brand
- **Bottles, pacifiers & sippy cups**
- **Bibs & burp cloths**
- **Diapers:** Sizes newborn, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- **Onesies for boys & girls:** Sizes large & extra large
- **Blankets, baby towels & washcloths**
- **Socks & shoes**
- **Clothing for boys & girls:** Sizes newborn to 4T
- **Sleepers for boys & girls:** Sizes newborn to 4T
- **Baby Equipment:** Pack-n-Plays, bassinets, strollers, gates, swings, & high chairs
- **Toys & Books**
- **Winter clothing, mittens & boots:** Sizes Newborn to 4T

HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please contact your CPA, accountant or tax adviser for specific advice. More information can be found at www.helppregnancy.org.

TITAN TODDLER TIME

JOIN US
FOR MONTHLY
PLAY & LEARN
ACTIVITIES



Titan Toddler Time

Join us for Play and Learn Activities!

You and your children (ages 5 and under) are invited to explore learning in a faith-filled, fun environment with Holy Spirit School teachers.

Thursday, March 11th, 11:30am-12:15pm ~ Celebrating Saint Patrick
Pick up your “To-Go” Activity Box at the school front door.
Teachers will be there to greet you.

Thursday, May 20th, 6:00pm-7:00pm ~ Celebrating New Life in Spring
Come play on the Front Playground and Habitat Area.
Teachers will be there to participate in lots of play activities.

Please RSVP by contacting the Holy Spirit School office
at 616-453-2772 ...

To ensure we have enough “To-Go” Activity Boxes
and so we can contact you if we
need to reschedule due to inclement weather.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!



West Catholic Fish Fry Fridays

**ONION
RINGS**
NEW THIS YEAR

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE THRU

February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26 • 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT WEST CATHOLIC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

DINNER

All dinners served with coleslaw and your choice of french fries or baked potato.

Famous Fried Lake Perch 1/2 lb.....	\$11
Fried Shrimp 1/2 lb	\$11
Perch & Shrimp Combo 1/2 lb	\$11
Fried Walleye 1/2 lb	\$11

APPETIZER & PIZZA

NEW ~ Onion Rings	\$5
NEW ~ Pizza from Ucellos & Fries	\$5

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Falcon Athletics!

The West Catholic Fish Fry truly values your patronage and with your support we continue to empower students through faith and competition.

West Catholic Fish Fry has always taken great pride in our food and service standards. In response to COVID-19, we have made changes to our menu and dining options. We thank you for being our loyal West Catholic Fish Fry guests. It is our privilege to serve you and the community.

\$1.00 OFF
SENIOR DINNER DEAL

Seniority Has Its Privileges
Anyone age 60 or above can receive
\$1.00 off each dinner ordered.

Share your
Fish Fry moments
#WCFISHFRY



DRIVE THRU ONLY

Find out what all the excitement is all about! www.grwestcatholic.org



PTA

HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

At the end of the 2020/2021 school year, there will be 2 open positions on the Holy Spirit School PTA Board: Vice President and Secretary. Having an active role in the PTA gives parents a chance to enhance the educational experience of our students, help determine the allocation of PTA funds, and meet other parents! We are blessed with a very active parent body, having many individuals who go to great lengths to support the efforts of the PTA. We are also blessed with an extremely grateful and supportive teaching and administrative staff. Being a PTA officer is a rewarding role and one that all parents should consider!

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF PTA OFFICERS:

VICE-PRESIDENT

- Elected to a 2-year term of office
- Vice-President then assumes the role of President (after 2 year VP term)
- Participates in the development of the PTA budget
- Assumes the duties of President in the event of the absence of the PTA President
- Must be available to support Committee Chairpersons as needed
- Represents the PTA at sponsored events as necessary

SECRETARY

- Elected to a 2-year term of office
- Participates in the development of the PTA budget
- Records minutes from PTA meetings and PTA Board meetings
- Submits electronic minutes to the school office for publication in school newsletter
- Represents the PTA at sponsored events as necessary

On the back of this sheet, you will find an application form. Applications will be taken until Friday, March 19. The voting process will take place at the March 23 PTA meeting.

If you have any questions at all regarding the roles of these open positions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the current PTA officers, Mr. Kalahar, or Mrs. Ryan.

Thank you!

Holy Spirit PTA Board Members

Joylynn Kelly, Andrea Dewicki, Phil Alt, and Jeffrey Novosad



PTA

HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Position Sought: _____ Secretary _____ Vice President

Name of Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Occupation: _____

Previous School, Parish, and Civic Responsibilities:

Please give a three to five sentence statement, which represents your thinking on the mission of PTA:

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please submit form to the school office by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 19.