

<u>Veterans' Day Mass</u> ~ Thank you to all the very special veterans who celebrated Mass with us for Veterans' Day. We are very thankful for everyone who served in order to provide our freedom!

Parent Teacher Conferences ~ Thank you to those who attended the November Conferences. We look forward to working together with you and your children to achieve their learning goals. A **HUGE** Heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the families who donated ingredients for the staff meals during conferences. An extra special thanks to Mercedes Barnum and her team for preparing amazing food. We are feeling blessed and grateful!

<u>Robotics</u> ~ We have three Robotics teams competing in the Grandville Tournament on Saturday, November 23rd. Go, Titan Robotics!

Thanksgiving Vacation ~ No School Wednesday – Friday, Nov 27 -29. Enjoy!

Holy Spirit Christmas Breakfast ~ HO HO HO!!! It's back! Please join us on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30-11:00am for a delicious breakfast, live nativity, kids' crafts, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. We are also looking for volunteers to make this year's Santa Breakfast MAGICAL! This event is fun for the whole family and builds the Holy Spirit community. Please use this <u>SignUpGenius</u> to join us in the fun. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

<u>Advent/Christmas Program</u> ~ This year's Christmas program will be in church on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm, and there will **not** be an afternoon performance. Students in Young Fives-Grade 6 should dress up and meet in their classrooms by 6:15. Four-year-old preschool students should meet in the School Library by 6:15. We look forward to sharing the Advent and Christmas Story together! **Please note:** The church doors will be locked until 6:00pm. We are asking that you do not lay out coats to reserve spots early. Thank you!

<u>Amazon Library Books Wish List</u> ~ Our librarians and teachers have started an Amazon Library Books Wish List which you are welcome to use for purchasing books for our library. Thank you to those of you who have already donated books! And thank you for helping inspire our students with a great love of reading! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HMILLYIWYF0K?ref_=wl_share

<u>Scrip News</u> ~ The next local order will be placed on Monday, December 2nd. These are the only businesses that you can choose Ship to Coordinator for. Not a member yet? Sign up at raiseright.com/. If you have any questions, please contact April Alt at <u>scrip@hsparish.org</u>. Our only local establishments are as follows: Amway Grand Plaza, Nawara Brothers, Arsulowicz Eye Care, Beaches and Braces, Grand City Dentistry, Mansfield Family Dentistry, Dr. Joel Carroll, Dr. Laura Fogle, Enjoy Orthodontics, and Standale Dental.

Financial Aid 2025-26 ~ Families wishing to apply for scholarships for the **2025-2026 school year** will need to complete a **Blackbaud application**. You may access this via <u>https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school/#!/login</u>. Please use **CODE: HSpiritGR** for Holy Spirit students. Note the **DEADLINE is Dec. 8**, **2024** for the <u>first round</u> of applications. Feel free to call the office with any questions.

Important Dates:

Tues., Nov.26th ~Mass 8:30

Wed., Nov. 27th-Fri. Nov. 29th ~ Thanksgiving Break

Tues., Dec. 3 ~ GivingTuesday

Wed., Dec. 4th ~Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Entries Due

Thurs., Dec. 5th ~VESTival Color Day ~Titan Give Back at Uccello's

Fri.., Dec. 6th ~Mass 8:30 ~2nd Qtr Midterms Online ~PTA Teacher Gift Collection Due

Sat., Dec. 7th ~Santa Breakfast 8:30-11am

Mon., Dec. 9th ~Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am

Tues., Dec. 10th ~Titan Toddler Time 6-6:45pm

Tues., Dec. 17th ~Christmas Program 6:30pm

Thurs., Dec. 19th ~Student Choir Concert 6:30pm

Fri., Dec. 20th ~Mass 8:30 ~Newsletter/Calendar

Mon., Dec. 23rd - Fri., Jan. 3rd ~Christmas Break

Mon., Jan 6th ~Classes Resume

HS Happenings



Thanksgiving Food Drive - Many thanks to our students and their families for bringing in food items to help Catholic Charities share with those in need. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

Reminders & Save the Dates

<u>Advent Outreach</u> – During Advent we are collecting clothes, classroom materials, and outdoor toys for our friends at The Steepletown Preschool. Please turn them into the school office by Thursday, December 19th. Thank you!

<u>GivingTuesday</u> – Mark your calendars for GivingTuesday on December 3, 2024! This year the focus will be on rejuvenating the gym with a new stage, LED light replacements, revamped paint scheme, replacement padding on the walls, and an upgraded sound system. GivingTuesday is a simple idea that makes a BIG difference. Follow us on Facebook for updates. We hope you will join the movement and make your gift to Holy Spirit!

<u>Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas" Poster Contest</u> – An entry form with contest rules is attached. Entry forms which include contest rules, and poster paper may also be picked up in the school office. This contest is for grades K-8. Entries are due by December 4th.

Vestival – Thursday, December 5th, students who wear a vest are welcome to have a Vestival Color Day!

<u>Uccello's Give Back Night</u> – Thursday, December 5th is Uccello's Give Back Night from 4-8pm at the Standale Uccello's. Attached to the newsletter is the flyer that you will need to bring in to participate. Fifteen percent of food purchases will be given to support the Holy Spirit PTA.

<u>Titan Toddler Time</u> – You and your children (ages 5 and under) are invited to Titan Toddler Time on Tuesday, December 10th, from 6:00 to 6:45pm as we celebrate Advent and Wait for the Birth of Jesus. Enjoy a visit on the front playground and photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and their helpers too! Please RSVP by emailing Paula Ryan at <u>pryan@hsparish.org</u> or by calling the school office at 616-453-2772. Hope to see you there!

PTA Meeting - The next meeting is January 28, 2025 at 7:00pm.

AWESOME AUTHORS CLUB!

Congratulations to the following HS Published Authors:

KK: Logan M., Lawson Y.

- 1H: Ella W., Cora C., Meredith P., Jude G., Miles B., Christian D.
- 1M: Sutton D., Rio R., Lucy H.
- **2J:** Alivia M., Emma W., Lucy K., Mary G., Henry J., Henry B., Jackson P., Isabelle Z.
- 2M: Addy W., Finley D., Hailey Y., Sutton B., Bennett H., Miles M. Mia L., Jack R., Finely M., Vinny A.
- **3K:** Eden G., Titus S., Josiah J., Danica G., Amelia B., Warren D., Luke F., Natalie G., Abigail P., Nola A.
- 4D: Ava D., Landon B., Ella W., Zavyer H., Charlotte T.
- **40:** Hanna B., Anastasia S., Hunter N., Liam S., Annie N., Liberty P., Crosby W.
- **5W:** Kennidy C., Russell A., Morgan B., Maddie B., Michael G., Blake G.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Please consider donating a new book to our school library in honor of your child's birthday. For a list of desired books, please call the office or click <u>HERE</u>. Your donation to the school library is greatly appreciated! In return for your generosity, your child will

receive a color day pass.

Stand She December Birthdays Nola A. Michael G. Calvin G. Leo J. Kennidy C. Madi N. Eddy S. Brynnley B. Lucy S. Riley Z. Lawson Y. Roman S. Hazel B. Charlotte T. Ellie W. Isaac M. Natalie W. Lyla D. Michael S. Caleb B.

Religious Education News

Mrs. Russo

Mrs. Duffy

Sacrament Reminders:

Michael P.

1. Confirmation registration forms due by Thanksgiving.

Ryder M.

Mrs. Olewinski

- 2. Parent Reconciliation homework due by Thanksgiving.
- 3. First Reconciliation is Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:30pm in Church. Parents and child receive.

See the Flyers for Advent by Candlelight, Advent by Bonfire, An Advent Retreat, and Advent Family Prayer Stations, attached to this newsletter. Reservations need to be made by the date on the flyers. The next YouServe event is scheduled for Sunday, December 1st. The flyer and permission slip are also attached.

LINK BOX

CC Admissions/Shadow Days/Scholarships

WC Admissions and Shadow Days

WC Scholarships

WC Youth Basketball League

Anchor-MI Catholic Middle Sch Conference



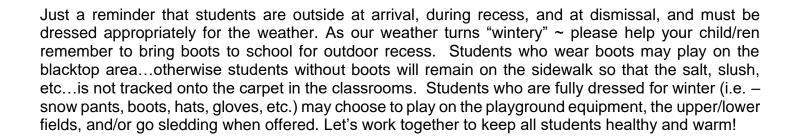
Father Tom

Please remember in prayer, the **Martinez Family** on the passing of their Great-Grandmother. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

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





ILLNESS

If a child is ill, he/she should remain at home. The Health Department suggests that a child who is well enough to be in school is well enough to participate in all school activities, including outdoor recess and physical education. If a child is ill and remains at home during the school day, the student may not attend extracurricular activities on that day (Education Commission Policy #6146.2.)

If a child becomes ill during the school day, a parent, relative, or a person designated on the child's enrollment form will be notified to come and get him/her.

What follows is a summary of the Health Department publication entitled, "When to Keep Your Child Home." The school also uses these guidelines to determine if a child should be sent home from school as well.

FEVER	Do not allow child to return to school until fever-free for 24 hours.		
	(unassisted-without medication)		
COLD, COUGH	"Heavy cough" and hacking coughkeep home in bed even though no fever.		
SORE THROAT	Sore throat, but no other symptomsgo to schoolBUT check the throat for spots		
	and check for a fever. If either is present, keep the child home and call the doctor.		
RASH	Do not send a child with a rash to school until your doctor has said that it is safe		
	to do so.		
HEADACHE	Usually need not be kept home. (If you wish your child to take medication for a headache, you will need to bring the medication to the office in a labeled container, with a completed Medication Administration Release Form. (see the school web-site at <u>www.holyspiritschoolgr.org</u> under "Parent Information" – "Forms & Registration Info").		
EARACHE	Consult your doctor without delay.		
TOOTHACHE	Consult your dentist.		
VOMITING	Please keep the child home. They may return 24 hours after their stomach has calmed. Consult your doctor if it persists.		

Respiratory Season Is Upon Us. There has been an increased number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases in Michigan and Kent County already this year. Please click this <u>LINK</u> to read a letter from the Kent County Health Department regarding the risks associated with pertussis.

Publishing Center Announcement!

Congratulations to Logan M., in Kindergarten, for being the *Featured Author of the Month*.

Logan has won a special treat and his story is featured below.

A Shark Named Bow

This book is dedicated to my mom.

Once upon a time, there was a shark named Bow.

He had a friend named Cow. They loved to play at school.

One day Cow dropped his books at school. Bow helped pick up Cow's books.

He was a good friend. Bow loved like Jesus by helping Cow.

About the Author

Logan is 6 years old. His favorite foods are burgers and french fries. His favorite color is blue. He likes to play basketball. During school, he really enjoys must-do's because they are fun!

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Holy Spirit School Calendar, December, 2024

Advent Outreach: Clothing, Toys, and Supplies for Steepletown Preschool

	<u>Lunch Supervision, Grade 57 ron updated information go to www.notyspiritschooldr.org</u>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 st Sunday		Giving	Кеер	Vestival	<u>Mass 8:30</u>	Santa	
of Advent		<u>Tuesday</u>	Christ in	<u>Color Day</u>	2 nd Quarter	Breakfast	
<u>Lk 21:25-36</u> Student		Choir	Christmas	Titan	Midterms	8:30-11:00	
Choir		<u>3:15-4:15</u>	Poster	Giveback	<u>Online</u>		
		Advent by	Contest	Uccello's	ΡΤΑ		
10:30		Candlelight	Entries Due	<u>Standale</u>	Teacher Gift		
Mass			Today	Advent by	Collection Due		
				Bonfire			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
2 nd Sunday	Feast of the	Choir					
<u>of Advent</u>	Immaculate	<u>3:15-4:15</u>					
Lk 3:1-6	Conception	Titan					
	8:30 Mass	Toddler					
		Time 6:00					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
3 rd Sunday		Christmas		Student	<u>Mass 8:30</u>		
<u>of Advent</u>		Program		Choir	Newsletter		
Lk 3:10-18		6:30pm		Concert	<u>& Calendar</u>		
				6:30pm	Last turn in		
					day for		
					Steepletown		
					Preschool		
					Collection		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
4 th Sunday	No School	Christmas	<u>Christmas!</u>	No School	No School	20	
of Advent	Child Care	Eve	<u>Jn 1:1-18</u>	Child Care	Child Care		
Lk 1:39-45		4:00 & 7:30	Mass				
LK 1.57-45	Open	Student	10:30am	Open	Open		
		Choir	10.3000				
		4:00 Mass					
29	30	31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4	
E Feast of			,	•	•	Junuary 4	
	<u>No School</u> Child Care	<u>No School</u> Child Care	<u>No School</u> Child Care	<u>No School</u> Child Care	<u>No School</u> Child Care		
the Holy		Child Care Closed	Child Care Closed				
<u>Family</u> Lk 2:41-52	Open	ciosea	Closed	Open	Open		
LK 2.41-02							

Lunch Supervision, Grade 5 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org



<u>Clothes</u>

BOYS/GIRLS UNDERWEAR- SIZES 3T TO 6 BOYS/GIRLS PANTS- SIZES 3T TO 7/8 BOYS/GIRLS WINTER COATS- SIZES 3T TO 7/8 BOYS/GIRLS SNOW PANTS- SIZES 3T TO 7/8 BOYS/GIRLS WINTER BOOTS- SIZES 9-12 (TODDLER SIZES)

> GLOVES PULL UPS - SIZES 3-5

<u>Classroom Materials</u> FLOOR PUZZLES MAGNATILES LEGOS- DUPLOS AND SMALL ONES CONSTRUCTION PAPER PLAYDOUGH OLD CELL PHONES, KEYS, AND CAMERAS



SHOVELS AND PAILS BALLS- SOCCER, BASKETBALL, ETC. BUBBLES- BIG CONTAINERS BUBBLE WANDS- DIFFERENT SIZES/STYLES SIDEWALK CHALK SPRAY BOTTLES BUCKETS OF DIFFERENT SIZES

Outdoor Toys



COLLECTION ENDS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20



Holy Spirit Teacher Cift Collection

Back by popular demand, this is the easiest Christmas shopping you will do all season long!

This eliminates the need for individual classroom collections, but does not replace the PTA gift given to the teachers each year.

 Send your ONE per family contribution gift (any amount, if you choose) by cash or check payable to Holy Spirit to the school office no later than Friday, December 6th.

2. The PTA will divide the money among the full and parttime teachers and they will receive an Amazon gift card.

3. Your child's room parent will circulate a Christmas card for the children to sign that will accompany the gift.

4. Cross this off your Christmas to-do-list!

The gifts will be presented to the teachers on Wednesday, December 18th.

Questions? pta@hsparish.org

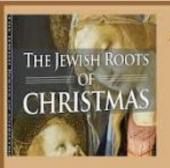




Celebrate Advent with Family Prayer Stations Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 11:30am School Hallways

Families with children are invited to begin their celebration of Advent by travelling together to various stations where they will say prayers and complete activities. (while supplies last)





Advent Retreat Saturday, December 7 9:30am-Noon

Join us for a quick, no-frills Advent Retreat featuring the materials of **Dr. Brandt Pitre** as he takes us on a journey through the Jewish Roots of Christmas! A simple breakfast will be provided.

To Register, contact the Religious Education Office 616 453-1591 dschoof@hsparish.org by December 1, 2024



ADVENT BY BONFIRE

Join the men of Holy Spirit Parish for an evening of

Prayer & Reflection Food, Beverages, & Bonding to share in the Advent season

> Thursday, December 5 6:30pm Outside

Dress warmly, bring a bag chair, snacks to share, and your beverage of choice Brats & German Wieners provided

> RSVP by November 30 to Dan Wood 616-735-6032

Advent by Candlelight

An invitation to all women to join us for an evening of Prayer, Reflection & Community as we hear words of faith from our guest speaker, Kris Palaszek



Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7pm Holy Spirit Church RSVP by November 26, 2024 at 453-1591 or reledoffice@hsparish.org

Select from one of these options when registering:

Choose the Martha Hostess Option if you are someone who enjoys decorating and being a hostess. Invite up to 7 of the special women in your life and treat them to a great dessert. We have 60" round tables to "reserve" while they last. Purple tablecloths are available upon request. You can decorate your table anytime between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on December 3.

Choose the Mary Option if you are not the hostess type and just want to come. This is a great way to meet new finends.



S YouServe

Gilda's Club Chefs

Sunday, December 1, 2024 3-5pm Holy Spirit Church Multipurpose Room

Open to Grades 8 through High School. Permission slip required.

Each week, Gilda's Club invites the people that attend their various cancer and grieving support groups to come together before their meetings for a community dinner. We will be cooking some main dish meals and freezing them for Gilda's Club to use as needed.

Please let us know if you are coming by Thanksgiving so we can be sure to have enough supplies: reledoffice@hsparish.org or 616-453-1591.



PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your child may participate in a parish-sponsored service activity. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees and/or volunteers from Holy Spirit Parish. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event: Gilda's Club Chefs Destination: Holy Spirit Multi-Purpose Room in church Designated Supervisor of Activity: Diane Schoof, Amy Parker, Megan Ponik Date and Time: Sunday, December 1, 2024 3-5pm Method of Transportation: Parents will provide transportation for their child Child Cost: No Cost. If you would like to contribute toward the meal, contact Diane.

Statement of Consent

I hereby consent to participation by my child, ______, in the event described above scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 2024. I understand that the event will take place on the school/parish grounds. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this event, I agree to waive and release, and indemnify and hold harmless Holy Spirit Parish/School, any and all affiliated organizations, its/their employees, agents, representatives, volunteers and drivers, from any and all claims I or my child may have, excluding claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence, arising from or relating to my child's participation in this event.

I authorize Holy Spirit Parish/School to obtain necessary medical treatment for my child in case of illness, injury or accident. List allergies, medication, contacts, or other pertinent comments:

During this event, I can be reached at ()_____

I certify that I am the (check one) _____ custodial parent _____ legal guardian of the minor child named above and I agree to the above terms for myself and for my minor child.

(Print Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the age division (as of Nov. 1") checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

(GRADE K-2)	AGE 8-10 DIVISION (GRADE 3-5)	GRADE 6-8)
COUNCIL NUMBER		
Name of Entrant		Date of Birth
treet Address		
City	State/Province	Postal Code
"elephone (Circle one: Home Cell)	Email Signature of	Entrant
This Section To Be Comple	ted By Parent/Guardian:	Council No.
POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of suc any of its subordinate units and their officers, m all of the above mentioned from any and all claim	h registration and participation, the undersigned hereby members, agents and employees, blameless and without lia ms and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's sai	HTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and bility, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless id participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council- ueil which entains, and using rights to use acid antains

in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.

Parent/Guardian

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total:			
District/Regional Total:			
Jurisdictional Total:			
International Level Total:			



Score Sheet

Date signed

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Poster Judging Fact Sheet

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster must be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, it's important young people are included in all phases of the judging process.

A 100 point scoring system will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan - How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals - How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information



Email a copy of this document to: fraternalmission@kofc.org (Councils should also retain a copy of this completed form for their files)

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FAMILY

2024 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent by Candlelight Women's Event: RSVP needed Tuesday, December 3 7:00 pm

Advent by Bonfire Men's Event; RSVP needed Thursday, December 5 6:30 pm

Santa Breakfast Saturday, December 7 Time: 8:30am-11:00am

Jewish Roots of Christmas Retreat RSVP needed Saturday, December 7 9:30am-12:00pm

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 9 Masses at 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Titan Toddler Time Tuesday, December 10 6:00–6:45 pm Children 5 and Under | RSVP needed

> Advent Speaker: Dr. David DenBraber Tuesday, December 10 7:00-8:00 pm

Holy Spirit School Christmas Program Tuesday, December 17 6:30–7:30 pm

Advent Penance Wednesday, December 18 6:00- 8:00 pm

West Catholic Christmas Concert Thursday, December 19 6:30-7:30pm

Christmas Eve Masses Tuesday, December 24 | 4:00 pm* & 7:30 pm *With special Children's Liturgy of the Word with Fr. Mark (Young 5s through 3rd Grade)

> Christmas Day Mass Wednesday, December 25 | 10:30 am



15% of Food Purchases Will Support Holy Spirit School PTA

Date and Time: Thursday December 5th, 2024 4pm-8pm

> Location: Standale Uccello's 4787 Lake Michigan Dr (616) 735-5520



Please bring in printed flyer to participate!

*Participation voids all specials, discounts, and promotions. One drink purchase per meal is required. Not valid on alcoholic beverages. Valid only at specified locations during designated times. Flyers must be distributed prior to event.