



The Cross and Community

A Holy Cross Academy Newsletter



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Family Faith Reflection:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28

As June draws to a close, summer is well underway, bringing opportunities for rest, recreation, and time with family and friends. In the midst of these summer days, we are reminded that our faith journey continues beyond the school year and remains a guiding presence in our daily lives.

This season invites us to slow down and notice God's blessings all around us. In the beauty of creation, in moments shared with loved ones, and in the simple joys that summer provides. Taking time for prayer, attending Mass, and practicing gratitude can help keep Christ at the center

of our lives, no matter how busy our schedules may become.

Summer also offers many opportunities to live out our faith through service and kindness. Whether helping a neighbor, supporting a local charity, or extending compassion to those in need, small acts of love reflect God's presence in the world and strengthens our communities.

As we enjoy the remainder of the summer months, we pray that each family finds time for rest, renewal, and meaningful connection with one another and with God. May His peace and blessings be with you throughout the season, and may the memories you create this summer bring lasting joy.

Principal's Message

Dear Holy Cross Academy Friends and Families,

People often ask, “What do you do all summer?” I have a hard time figuring out an answer to that question. Somehow, between summer camp, maintenance and cleaning, end of year reports, prep for the upcoming school year, and the unburying of office desks from the collected treasures of a school year, we sure stay busy!

To be honest, I do find it to be an odd cycle. We work hard to pack up a school year, hiding as much of the physical evidence as possible, only to wax floors, scrub walls, and do it all over again. If we were to find a parallel in the spiritual life, summer in a school would be a Lent of sorts. We sort through the trappings of the life we lived for 10 months, take an inventory of what remains, and discern the freshest, fullest path forward into a bright new year.

This newsletter gives you a glimpse into summer at HCA.

Know that we are praying for our community, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to our campuses in August!

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Hunter



Holy Cross Happenings

Summer at ECEC

Summer has been in full swing at our Early Childhood Campus! With six classrooms open this summer, students have been enjoying plenty of fun in the sun. From water days and playground adventures to creative activities in the classroom, there has been no shortage of excitement.

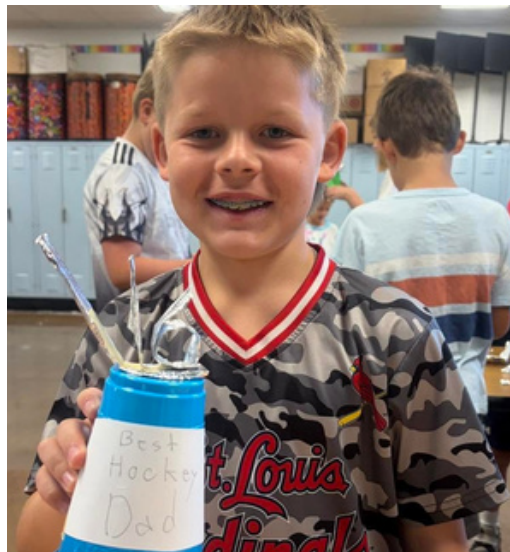


Upcoming Dates

- July 3** - Campuses Closed
- July 19** - Uniform Resale, 9am-12pm, Primary Campus
- August 9** - K-8 Pop In - Meet Teachers and Drop off Supplies
- August 10** - ECEC Parent Meeting 6pm
- August 11** - ECEC staff Meet and Greet
- August 13** - First Day of School (Early Dismissal)
- August 14** - Early Dismissal
- August 27** - K-5 Back to School Night

HCA Summer Camp

HCA Summer Camp 2026 was a success! The themes of each week were: Christmas in June, Disney, Sports, and Space. Students enjoyed going on field trips, arts and crafts, sports, and much more.



Faculty & Staff Corner

Q & A with Mrs. Peggy Benedict

What is your role at HCA?

ECEC Teacher Assistant.

How long have you been with HCA?

Two years.

What is your favorite part about being at HCA?

The positive work environment.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I enjoying reading, baking and hiking.

Favorite STL restaurant?

Charlie Gitto's.

Do you have a favorite scripture passage? What is it?

“For with God nothing shall be impossible” - Luke 1:37

Favorite book?

To Kill A Mockingbird.

Where is a favorite vacation spot?

Clearwater, Florida.

Favorite Movie?

It's a Wonderful Life.



Q & A with Mrs. Angie Krueger

What is your role at HCA?

I teach PE class to the students at our Intermediate Campus.

How long have you been with HCA?

Five years.

What is your favorite part about being at HCA?

I have so much fun coming to work. I love the community, the students I teach, and the people I work with.

What is one thing your students might be surprised to learn about you?

I used to give tours on the back of the tram at Grants Farm.

Favorite STL restaurant?

Twisted Tree.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I love going on walks with my dog and biking on Grants Trail. I also love shopping.

Where would you like to travel to?

Italy.



From the Pews



TOTUS TUUS
HELP FEED THE MISSIONARIES!

July 11th-17th we will be hosting 8 missionaries to run Totus Tuus camp. They dedicate their entire summer to bringing the love of Christ to campers.

Picture this: Your table filled with laughter, great food, and incredible stories from missionaries who are enlivening our faith to the youth of our parish. Your home becomes the place where they get a taste of family, encouragement, and maybe even your famous lasagna!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOSTS LIKE YOU TO:
Have 8 missionaries over for dinner during the week of Totus Tuus OR bless them with a \$15 gift card or 2 or 3....

WHO'S IN?

 Kathleen Govero,
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yum!

a message from Father Callahan . . .

This weekend we sadly say good bye to Father Knight. We thank him and we pray for him as he leaves us and goes to Incarnate Word Parish, as a Senior Associate.

Father will be moving on Wednesday, July 1st.

On the same day, we will be welcoming our new pastor, Father Peter Fonseca. We also are praying for him in this time of transition. Father Fonseca will officially become our pastor and move on the same day.

Father Knight's farewell is this weekend after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The reception is in the Parish Hall. Please come and thank Father and say goodbye to him.

Father Fonseca will be here July 1st. However, because of the Fourth of July weekend, we will celebrate his arrival after the Masses on the weekend of July 11th and 12th. Father Fonseca will greet people in the Parish Hall after all Masses that weekend. Please plan on coming over to the Parish Hall and greeting Father Fonseca.

Father Fonseca's formal installation as our pastor, will be held at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, September 20th.

There will be a luncheon after the Mass in our Parish Hall. Please mark it on your calendars.

Seven Holy Founders, pray for us.

Father Knight's new address, after July 1st:

Incarnate Word Parish
13416 Olive Blvd.
Chesterfield, Mo. 63017
314-576-5366



New Guidebook & Directory

We are working to have an updated Directory printed for both parishes. Please email Chrissy Meyerott, Parish Support and Communications Administrator, with any new phone numbers (home and/or cell), addresses, and emails so we can update our records. If you are not sure we have your updated info, please feel free to call or email the parish office and we can double check for you. Unfortunately, we only have the capability to have one phone number & one email address per family printed in the directory. Hopefully this option will be made available on our next directory.

cmeyerott@annolp.org

Please include the following when emailing Chrissy:

1. Last & First Names (ex. Smith, Joe & Mary)
2. Phone number you want printed in the directory
3. Email address you want printed in the directory
4. Address including zip code
5. Include other information that needs to be updated as well

If you choose to fill out the form from the last Flocknote, please only fill out one form per family.

We will let you know when you can start looking for the books to be mailed to you. Thank you in advance for your help!

Holy Cross Parents Association

Recap

As we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the families who completed our end-of-year survey. Your feedback, ideas, and suggestions are invaluable as we plan future meetings, activities, volunteer opportunities, and new ways to support the Holy Cross Academy community.

We would also like to recognize and thank outgoing HCPA Board Members Angela Kovarik (Vice President) and Erin True (Treasurer) for their dedicated service to our school community. Their leadership, time, and commitment have helped strengthen connections among our families and supported countless HCPA initiatives over the years.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome Marlo Iverson, who has graciously agreed to serve a two-year term as Vice President. We look forward to the energy and perspective she will bring to the board.

Holy Cross Parents Association is still seeking its next Treasurer. This two-year leadership role offers a meaningful opportunity to serve our community while gaining a unique behind-the-scenes understanding of all things HCA. The Treasurer plays an important role in helping steward resources that support our students, teachers, families, and community-building events throughout the year. If you are organized, detail-oriented, and looking for a rewarding way to become more involved, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to express interest, please contact us at hcpa@hca-stl.org.

Upcoming HCPA Events

Uniform Resale | Sunday, July 19 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Primary Campus

The Summer Uniform Resale is a great opportunity to stock up on polos, jumpers, skirts, gym uniforms and spirit wear for the next school year. Want to clear the closets of gently worn, outgrown items? Donation drop offs and/or pickups can be made by emailing hcpa@hca-stl.org. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

July Jamboree | Wednesday, July 29 | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Intermediate Campus

Join the Holy Cross Parents Association for a fun and casual summer evening with HCA families! Enjoy pizza, sweet treats, and playground fun as we reconnect with friends, welcome new families, and get excited for the school year ahead. [Sign up here](#) so we have an estimated headcount for food.

HCA Singing During 7th Inning Stretch | Tuesday, August 25 | 6:45 p.m. | Busch Stadium

Mark your calendars for one of our favorite HCA traditions when our students have the opportunity to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th inning stretch of the August 25th Cardinals game. Tickets are \$22 each and will be billed through FACTS. Register your students to participate and [reserve your tickets here](#). *NOTE: We'll need to meet a minimum ticket purchase requirement to make this exciting opportunity happen.*