

# HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL

Friday, October 7, 2022

Issue 8

## HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

As the leaves change and produce brilliant colors, they remind us of the incredible transformation that occurs within our hearts when we share the good news of Jesus Christ. Our lives are changed in a beautiful way as we grow closer to God!

### ***This Week's Happenings:***

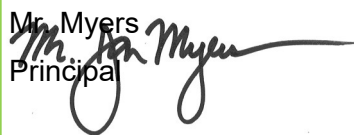
- On Wednesday evening we inducted 50 new members into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at Holy Family Regional School. These 7th and 8th grade students are to be commended for their scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. We are thankful to this group for the many ways they support our school and community.
- Parent Teacher conferences will take place the week of November 7. All conferences in grades Y5-8 will be held in-person. There will be no school for students on November 8 and 11, and no school for middle school students on November 10. Parents of children in grades Y5-5 will need to sign-up for a conference. The link will be in next week's issue of the Weekly Wrap. Middle school teachers will be available for walk-in conferences. Information regarding middle conference times was sent to middle school parents earlier this week.
- This weekend, we begin the Holy Family Regional School Annual Fund. This fundraiser is a critical component of our annual budget as it bridges the gap between the cost of educating one student and the cost of tuition. Our goal for this school year is \$125,000 in unrestricted donations. We call upon all of the members of our school community to participate, as well as our alumni, parish members, and friends of our school. Please click on the link below to make your donation. Thank you for your support!

[Donate to the Annual Fund Here](#)

On a personal note, Mrs. Myers and I have been invited on a family trip to Italy. All of my brothers and their wives will be travelling together. We will be gone next week and will return on October 15. I am grateful for the help of the administrative team who will assist during our absence.

I will continue to hold our school community in prayer, and ask that you pray for our family as well.

Wishing you many blessings,

Mr. Myers  
Principal  


### ***Looking Ahead:***

#### **Monday, October 10**

6:00pm School Advisory Council Meeting MPR (SC)

#### **Tuesday, October 11**

NJHS Sponsored Non-Uniform Day \$1.00

9:00am PTG Meeting MPR (SC)

#### **Wednesday, October 12**

Picture Day– Non-Uniform Day

6:00pm Catholic High School Night Cafeteria (SC)

#### **Thursday, October 13**

9:00am School Mass (4-8) St. Mary of the Hills Church

*7th Grade Leadership and NJHS Blessing*

#### **Friday, October 14**

9:00am School Mass (Y5-3) St. Andrew Church

*Mrs. Clark's 2nd Grade Leadership*

### ***Announcements:***

This past week we received word that Mrs. Gail Pavlik, the Director of Special Services, has accepted a new position at a different school where she will continue to work with students who need additional academic help. Mrs. Pavlik has done such an amazing job with our Special Service Department and cared for each student who was part of the program. Her leadership, dedication and commitment to faith-based, equitable education will be deeply missed by our school community. We are currently looking to fill this position and pray for God's guidance during the process.

### **Annual Fund – Mass Volunteers Still Needed**

Our largest fundraiser, the Annual Fund, kicks off this weekend at our Family of Parishes. Holy Family needs one family to speak (script provided) at the end of each mass. Families are also needed to pass out a small token after mass at the exits of the church. Families will receive **1.0 service hours in school leadership**. Please click on the link to view the available slots and to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca9ac2aa4fa7-20227>

### **We're Hiring!**

Looking for a dedicated faith filled person to come work in the Media Center at South Campus. The position is hourly and is full time.

If you like working with kids, books, and technology this position may be for you!

Contact Danielle Bruce to apply, [bruce.danielle@holyfam.org](mailto:bruce.danielle@holyfam.org)



# Holy Family Regional School

North Campus – Grades Y5 & K-3  
1240 Inglewood Avenue  
Rochester, Michigan 48307  
Telephone: 248-656-1234 Fax: 248-656-3494

South Campus – Grades 4-8  
2633 John R Road  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307  
Telephone: 248-299-3798 Fax: 248-299-3843

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October 7, 2022

Dear Parents,

In the past, the Archdiocese of Detroit's Department of Catholic Schools required that our students take the Religion Assessment each year to assist us in understanding and supporting our students' learning of the Catholic Faith, and to ensure that our classroom instruction is aligned to the standards in the Archdiocese of Detroit's Religion Curriculum.

At the onset of the pandemic, the Department of Catholic Schools paused the Religion Assessment and formed a committee comprising principals and Religion teachers to review the Religion Assessment before reinstating it once again. This review was completed at the end of last school year.

Therefore, this fall, all students in grades 1-8 will take the Religion Assessment, which is aligned to the Archdiocese of Detroit's Religion Curriculum.

The results have no impact (positive or negative) on their grade in the classroom. The purpose of this assessment is to assist your child's teacher in identifying which grade-level Religion standards your child has mastered and which grade-level Religion standards need to be reinforced and/or supported this school year. This data will assist your child's teacher in tailoring his or her classroom instruction to the needs of the students in the classroom.

The results will be reported to the school and the Department of Catholic Schools to ensure that our students are fully supported in their learning of the Catholic Faith.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Jon Myers  
Principal



HOLY FAMILY  
REGIONAL SCHOOL

# After-School Child Care Help Needed

We are currently looking for  
people who enjoy working  
with children in our  
Extended Day Care Program

## We need help with:

- Supervising elementary and middle school age children after school while playing on the playground, enjoying snack, doing homework and more!

**For more information :**  
**Contact Danielle Bruce**  
Holy Family Regional School  
Human Resource Director  
**(248) 218-4602**

Email your resume to  
[Bruce.danielle@holyfam.org](mailto:Bruce.danielle@holyfam.org)



**Hours Needed:**  
**3:30-6:00 PM**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**in Rochester**

[www.holyfam.org](http://www.holyfam.org)

# IS IT BULLYING?

Not everything that's mean is actually bullying. Use the chart below to understand the difference between bullying, conflict, and a mean moment.

## MEAN MOMENT

- One Time
- Hurtful
- On Purpose
- One Sided

## CONFLICT

- Occasionally
- Hurtful
- On Purpose
- Both parties involved

## BULLYING

- Repeatedly
- Hurtful
- On Purpose
- One Sided



# This Week in our Faith

## News from Campus Ministry

### Justice

Our school is focusing on the cardinal virtue of *Justice* in the month of October.

Justice is often represented by a scale which weighs what is right and fair...helping us to act accordingly.

Justice is the virtue that perfects our relationship with others...including family and friends, but also our country, world, and the Church. It helps us give each what is due. It makes us respect the rights and dignity of others which leads us to peace and harmony and making things equal for all. This is part of our Catholic Social Teaching.

Sins that go against justice cause an imbalance, or inequality, in our relationships with others.

*Some of the sins against justice are:*

- *Playing favorites with friends or others in your circle*
- *Doing favors for others or bribing them to do things for you*
- *Telling lies*
- *Lack of respect for others*
- *Causing bodily harm to yourself or others*
- *Causing damage to property*
- *Causing damage to someone's reputation through gossip, lies, or ridicule (for example talking badly about others on social media)*

### Upcoming Events and Mass Leadership

- October 13- **Mass** (South Campus) 9:00 AM St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Warburton
- October 14- **Mass** (North Campus) 9:00 AM St. Andrew. Leadership: Mrs. Clark
- October 20- **Mass** (South Campus) 9:00 AM St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. MeLampy
- October 21- **Mass** (North Campus) 9:00 AM St. Andrew. Leadership: Mrs. Sabo



### Have you been wondering about the Catholic faith?

Perhaps you are baptized Catholic but don't understand the doctrine, practices, and Traditions. Perhaps you haven't been to a Sunday Mass in awhile and are struggling to get back. Perhaps you are of another faith and would like to find out more about the Catholic faith. Perhaps you are wondering about joining the Catholic church.

If this is you, please feel free to reach out to our Campus Ministry Director, Kim Myers, at [myers.kimberly@holyfam.org](mailto:myers.kimberly@holyfam.org)

God loves you and is whispering to you that He wants a deeper relationship with you.



## 5 Tips to Pray the Rosary with your Family

1. Choose a place that is best for all. Possibly change the place according to the weather or other circumstances. In nice weather perhaps out in the yard. If one person is sick, at his or her bedside.
2. Choose a situation that is special--before a picture or statue of Mary, maybe with flowers and candles; take turns setting up a little shrine and decorating it.
3. Kneel on pillows or sit or stand or a combination.
4. Make it a celebration. For instance, if you have the rosary after the evening meal, have dessert after the rosary.

5. Get everyone involved in all aspects of the rosary. Let each have his turn at picking the place, time, etc. But above all, each should be involved in the prayers themselves. Sometimes one or both parents lead and the children answer--and vice versa. (And the same with grandparents and grandchildren). Sometimes the men and the boys are the leaders; other times the women and girls.

### Attention South Campus Parents

The Final South Campus Altar Server training will take place at St. Mary of the Hills on October 11th at 3:45PM. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [Brigulio.Carmen@holyfam.org](mailto:Brigulio.Carmen@holyfam.org)

### Coming Up in our Family of Parishes

- October 9- **"My Ascension"** film and discussion regarding teen suicide. 12:30PM St. Irenaeus Parish Hall
- October 9- **Anniversary Mass & Reception** 11:00 AM for couples celebrating 5 year anniversaries. St Mary of the Hills
- October 15- **Family Event** celebrating All Hallows Eve. After 5pm Mass October 15th. St. Andrew.
- October 15- **Clothing/Housewares Drive** for St. Vincent de Paul 9:00-4:00 St. Irenaeus
- October 22- **Clothing Drive** for St. Vincent de Paul 9:00-2:00 Parking Lot Activities Building St. Andrew.



Boxes of Joy were sent home this week with the youngest or only children. Please join us in our Christmas outreach and help us bring joy to children around the world. Remember to return your box during conferences in early November.

## Catholic Trivia

Did you know.... The world's largest rosary is in Beirut, Lebanon. It measures 1965 ft long and includes 59 large concrete beads, each the size of a car! You can see it on Google Maps. Just search for "Le Rosaire du Liban".

# ADVANCEMENT *News*

## Dates Not to Miss!

October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - Annual Fund Kick-off

February 11, 2023 - Benefit Evening - Palazzo Grande

May 8, 2023 - Golf Outing - Great Oaks Country Club

## HOLY FAMILY'S MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

### ANNUAL FUND

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OCT 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>

The Annual Fund kicks off next weekend at our Families of Parishes. HFRS needs one family to speak (script provided) at the end of each mass and to pass out a token of appreciation after the mass. ***You will receive 1 hour of service.*** Students, please wear your school uniform.

[CLICK HERE TO](#)  
[Volunteer](#)



### BENEFIT

### EVENING

### DONATIONS NEEDED

We have so many wonderful families within our school that are always willing to donate and contribute. Specifically, we are looking for families that are interested in sponsorship for the evening, or those interested in donating a product or service.

[CLICK HERE TO](#)  
[DONATE](#)



# HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

## SAVE-THE-DATES

### **Annual Fund**

Kick-off

October 8th & 9th

*Families of Parishes*

### **Benefit Evening**

February 11, 2023

*Palazzo Grande*

### **Golf Outing**

May 8, 2023

*Great Oaks Country Club*

Jennifer Schmitz

Director of Advancement

248-218-4562 | [schmitz.jennifer@holyfam.org](mailto:schmitz.jennifer@holyfam.org)



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# PTG Connection

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



## Quick Links

[About Us](#)  
[Volunteer](#)  
[Events](#)  
[Contact Us](#)

## Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice

Here's what's happening during this wonderful fall week...

### Trunk or Treat

Fri, Oct 21st

*Don't be scared...it's getting closer.* Take a break from sewing your Cher costume and order your [tickets!](#) All sales close **October 17th**. Brave volunteers can [sign up here](#).. See attached flyer for more details...*if you dare*.

## Next PTG Membership Meeting

10/11 - 9:15 am - South Campus

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## Martial Arts

The fall martial arts program is now filled. Special thanks to Claudia Morreale for kicking off registration. (*See what we did there?*)

## Destination Imagination

### Meeting Oct 13th

Join us Thursday, October 13th, 6:15 pm at the North Campus (activities building) for a [Destination Imagination](#) kick off meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting you'll have the option to register your child and/or sign up to coach a team. See attached flyer for details.

Destination Imagination (DI) is an after school program that builds confidence as students work through STEAM based challenges, using the creative process.

## Join the PTG Board!

Our PTG Executive Board is looking for a Co-President to join our team. Ideal candidates are assertive, organized and have strong leadership skills. [Contact us](#) to request an application. Applications will be accepted until **October 14th**.

## Co-Chairs Wanted

Here's your chance to run an exciting event! The following events still need co-chairs. [Contact us to volunteer!](#)

- ❖ Talent Show (1) - Feb
- ❖ Mother/Son (1) - May

## PTG Executive Board

### Presidents:

Elizabeth Koenig  
Lauren Kochenderfer

### Vice Presidents:

Jamie Corsetti  
Christina Scollin

### Secretary:

Christina Matway

### Treasurer:

Julie Gagliardi

## Retail Fundraisers

### Box Tops Spotlight

Does your family eat cereal? Enjoy snacks and bottled water? Do you know there are hundreds of [Box Top products](#)? Not just edible ones; household cleaning and office supplies have scannable box tops too! See attached flyer for a reminder of how EASY it is to contribute, using products you already buy...

### [Amazon Smile](#), [Toyology](#), [Scrip](#)

All year, we participate in retail fundraisers that benefit HFRS. Click on the links above for more info on our other programs.

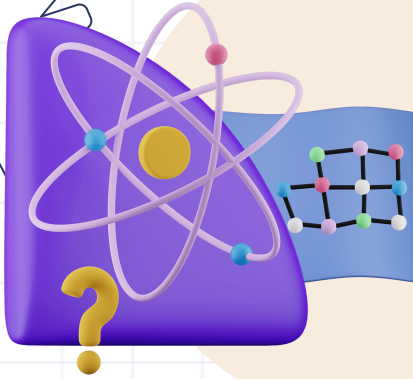
*"Teamwork makes the DREAM work."*

# Destination Imagination

A program where teams develop solutions to project-based STEAM challenges and present their solutions live at tournaments and showcases.

**Information Meeting: Thursday October 13, 2022 6:15 pm - St. Andrew's Activities Building**  
**Students in grades K-8**

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## STEM Based

**Students in grades K-8 are given a challenge to complete using STEM skills. Some examples are:**

- Design and build a roller coaster that can be assembled and tested
- Create a tall tale and show how science can be used to put the impossible to the test
- Build puzzle solvers that use technical methods to assemble the puzzle

## Kid Driven

**Volunteer adult team leaders coach - but don't interfere**

- Adults help teach the creative process
- Adults guide the students along the way
- Training is available for team leaders; parents support and encourage leaders



## Join us!

**Information meeting Thursday October 13, 2022**  
**6:15 pm - St. Andrews Activities Building**

- Open to HFRS students grades K-8
- Gather additional info on the program
- Register your child
- Sign up to coach a team or volunteer in another manner

Questions? Contact Amy Ryczko: [amy.casey123@gmail.com](mailto:amy.casey123@gmail.com).





Holy Family's 7th Annual Pre-Halloween Party for the Whole Family

Friday October 21, 2022

5:00-7:30pm

Holy Family **South Campus** Parking Lot

- **\$25.00** per car (Includes treat bags for each child attending, and bottled water for each family member.)
- Only Holy Family children and siblings are eligible to participate. You must pre-register. The deadline to register is **Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- Students should come dressed in costumes (*no gory costumes or weapons please*).
- An option to pre order a large pizza for **\$12.00 per pizza** will be available.
- Limited spots available! **No Late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted.** For the safety of our children, please remember this is a family event. **No alcohol will be allowed.**
- All cars must remain parked until completion of event.

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN CANDY TO DISTRIBUTE TO TRUNK-OR TREATERS.**

**BE CREATIVE!! CARS CAN BE DECORATED AND ENTERED INTO THE CONTEST, BUT THIS IS NOT REQUIRED.**

***Festivities will include: A fun and interactive DJ, photo booth, and loads of fun!***



**5:00-6:00 - Cars Arrive**

**6:00-7:00 - Trunk-or-Treating**

**7:00-7:30 - Best Trunk Award, Departure**

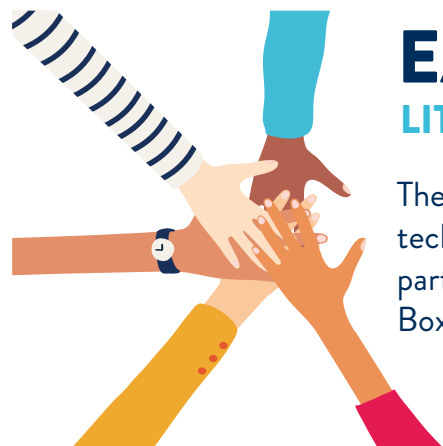


**Register and pay [here](#).**

**Volunteer for the event [here](#).**

Questions? Feel free to contact Michell Campbell [michellmcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:michellmcampbell@gmail.com)

or Eva Samano [evasamano710@gmail.com](mailto:evasamano710@gmail.com).



# EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

LOOK  
FOR THE  
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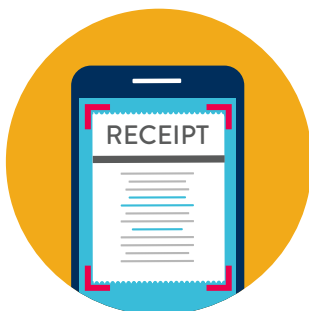
## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY

#### BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN

#### YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### EARN

#### CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

## SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!

See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfec.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



## BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. **You can still clip them and send them to school**, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS  
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





# ***IT'S GAME TIME***



**WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE**

## **ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

### **SOCCER**

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th**

5:00 Pm - 5/6 Girls @ St. Hugo #1

6:15 pm - 5/6 Boys @ St. Hugo #1

### **VOLLEYBALL**

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th**

9:00 am - 7/8 Blue @ St. Regis #1

10:15 am - 7/8 White @ St. Regis #2

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th**

6:00 pm - 5/6 White vs. OLQM #2

7:15 pm - 6/6 Blue vs. OLQM #1

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th**

6:00 pm - 7/8 White vs. OLQM #2

7:15 pm - 7/8 Blue vs. OLQM #1

Holy Family volleyball teams play  
home games @ HFRS South Campus Gym:  
2633 John R, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

### **FOOTBALL**

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th**

4th: 10:00 am @ OL Refuge

5th: 10:00 am @ Detroit Country Day

6th: 11:30 am @ OL Refuge

8th: 1:00 pm @ OL Refuge

7th: 2:00 pm @ OL Lakes

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th**

**CYO Jamboree @ Stony Creek MetroPark  
Eastwood Beach**

10:00 am - JV Cross Country Meet

10:30 am - Varsity Cross Country Meet

## **CYO CHEER COMPETITION!**

**UPCOMING EVENT:  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th:**

**CYO Championship @ HFRS South Campus  
Times TBA**





# ***IT'S GAME TIME***



**WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE**

**ATHLETIC EVENTS**

## **SPIRIT WEAR & YARD SIGNS**

The winter online **spirit wear** stores are open. **NOW** is the time to order your winter sport specific **Holy Family Spirit Wear & Yard Signs**.

Basketball

Bowling

Cheer

2022/23 Winter Yard Signs

## **BASKETBALL ASSESSMENTS:**

5/6 Boys & Girls: Wednesday  
11/2, Thursday 11/3 & Friday  
11/4

7/8 Boys & Girls: Monday 11/7,  
Tuesday 11/8, & Thursday 11/10

\*Times TBA

\*If the athlete is not present at all  
assessment days they will be  
placed on the final team with open  
slots.

## **WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION**

**Now - October 8th**

**Late Period: October 9th - October  
15th \*Fee Incurred\***

**Offering Basketball,**

**Bowling & Cheer**

2022/23 Winter Sports Registration

\*Drop off a copy of your student  
athletes physical or email a PDF to:  
[morphew.melissa@holyfam.org](mailto:morphew.melissa@holyfam.org)

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

Fall Sports Pep Rally

Friday, October 22nd

@ HF South Gym - Time: 2:30pm

Uniform Return:

**Football: Tuesday, October 25th**

**All Others Tuesday, November 1st**

**Times: 8:00am-12:00pm**

Further information coming soon

**GO WILDCATS!!**

Girl Scouts is  
a gathering place for  
girls growing up, a  
century in the making.

Find out more at  
[www.gssem.org/infoevent](http://www.gssem.org/infoevent)

2nd Grade Family  
Information Meeting



Contact Bailey Talaska at [btalaska@gssem.org](mailto:btalaska@gssem.org)  
with any questions

Friday, Oct. 14th, 2022, 4 p.m.

Holy Family Regional School MPR Room,  
1240 Inglewood Rochester Hills, MI 48307

**girl scouts**   
of southeastern  
michigan



# #ADVENTUREON

JOIN TODAY AT BEASCOUT.ORG



**Anyone interested in Cub Scouts is invited to join us at our next Pack 83 Event**

**WHAT: Fall Family Picnic**

**WHEN: Saturday Oct. 15 @ 1pm**

**WHERE: Bloomer Park**

For more information, please contact John Showalter at [jshowalt22@gmail.com](mailto:jshowalt22@gmail.com) or 248-703-9644

If you are ready to Join the Pack, you can sign up using the QR code or link below!



<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-780paa0083>

Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of the full family. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role in making the most of the short time they have to impact the lives of their children.

Cub Scouts have the time of their lives making new friends and learning new things in an environment designed to help them succeed. From building a Pinewood Derby® car to learning how to roast the perfect marshmallow at a family camp out, your child will LOVE being a Cub Scout. So if your child is in the kindergarten through fifth grades, or 6 to 10 years old, then it's time to have some fun with the Cub Scouts!

<https://michiganscouting.org/cub-scouting/>



GEAR UP FOR WINTER!

# 30% OFF

School Uniform Styles

October 13-17, 2022

CODE: **PRIME** PIN: 3488

New to Lands' End? Get started here: [landsend.com/get-started](https://landsend.com/get-started)

[landsend.com/myschool](https://landsend.com/myschool) | 1-800-469-2222

Receive 30% off school uniform styles online or by phone (excludes buy more and save pricing, monogramming, gift boxing, gift cards, shipping, taxes, duties, Lands' End Business Outfitters purchases, and excluded items as marked). Discount will be applied at checkout. This offer has no cash value. Promotional savings may be deducted from returns. 5-7 business day delivery to most addresses. Free standard shipping is valid on orders of \$99 or more (after promotions and discounts are applied) shipped to US and Canada addresses only. Offer valid through 11:59 p.m. Central, October 17, 2022. Not valid on previous purchases or when combined with any other promotional offers.



September 15, 2022

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are less than two months from the November 8 election, during which voters in Michigan will decide on an issue of paramount importance to protecting the inherent, God-given dignity of all people.

Abortion advocates under “Reproductive Freedom For All” seek to amend the state constitution to allow unregulated abortion on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy. This effort, primarily funded by out-of-state dollars, is spearheaded by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. It will appear on the ballot as Proposal 3.

The implications of this proposal are vast and extreme. If passed, the proposal’s vague wording would result in the elimination of dozens of Michigan laws relating to abortion, including: laws prohibiting partial-birth abortion and taxpayer-funded abortion; laws requiring parental consent and informed consent for abortion; laws protecting the conscience rights of persons who refuse to participate in abortion, and more. The proposal would prohibit lawsuits from being brought against any individual for performing an abortion, even when complications result from the procedure.

**Proposal 3 is not about protecting existing rights, but rather about revoking the right to life for an untold number of human beings.**

This is a grave offense to the dignity and sanctity of unborn, innocent human life. As people of faith who witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and His teachings, we fervently oppose this deadly proposal and are taking action to defeat it. On behalf of the Catholic dioceses of Michigan, including the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Michigan Catholic Conference earlier this year partnered with Right to Life Michigan and other pro-life organizations to form a coalition called Citizens to Support MI Women and Children to oppose and, ultimately, to defeat this dangerous proposal.

In support of these efforts, I offer you three invitations to act:

**PRAY:** As advocates for the sanctity of life and truth, we always begin with prayer. Let us pray that our fellow Catholics and all people of goodwill will reject Proposal 3 in recognition of the danger it poses for women, children, and their families. To assist in our prayer, I will be celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. October 2 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in gratitude to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the gift of all human life. I hope to see you there.

**UNLEASH THE GOSPEL**

**VOTE:** As faithful citizens, we look forward to casting our votes on November 8. Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit are called to uphold the inherent dignity of all people by voting *against* Proposal 3, rejecting its “anything goes” approach to the destruction of human life. To vote in favor of this proposal would be to actively participate in the promotion and expansion of the intrinsic moral evil of abortion.

**GIVE:** As members of a family of faith, we can spread awareness among Catholics, practicing or otherwise, and others about the true nature of Proposal 3 and its consequences for life, women, families, and children. You can do this in part by discussing it with family, friends, and members of your community, but your reach will grow exponentially through your support of the statewide coalition dedicated to preventing this proposal from distorting our state constitution. **I invite you to visit [supportmiwomenandchildren.org](http://supportmiwomenandchildren.org) to learn more about the amendment, view a list of the dozens of laws it would impact, and consider a financial contribution to these efforts.**

As we protect and defend life from the moment of conception through natural death, we must at the same time accompany and support women experiencing difficult or unintended pregnancies. That is why the pro-life office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is working with our parishes and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, the charitable arm of the archdiocese, to redouble efforts to provide assistance and resources to women and families across the region, especially through initiatives like [\*Walking With Moms in Need\*](#). We cannot create a world where abortion is unthinkable without also creating a world in which all families receive the support they need. This work of mercy is critical and continuous. Together, we are building a culture of life where vulnerable families are given the help and support they need to choose and sustain life. For more information on these efforts, please visit [aod.org/prolife](http://aod.org/prolife).

Please join me in praying that this destructive proposal is defeated, and that Catholics and others use their votes to uphold the right to life and the inherent dignity of all people. Let us always have confidence in Jesus Christ, who has triumphed over death and invites us to this work of accomplishing God’s will in our midst.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Allen H. Vigneron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A".

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
Archbishop of Detroit



## Fall 2022 Men's Challenge

On November 8 Michigan voters face a pivotal election for the protection of the unborn with Proposal 3 on the ballot. In the span of this election, Michigan could go from a state with laws protecting the unborn and vulnerable women from abortion to a state that permanently enshrines unlimited, unregulated abortion in the state constitution. Proposal 3 goes far beyond just keeping abortion legal or reinstating the now overturned Roe v. Wade decision. It would allow abortions to be performed by anyone, at any point in pregnancy, and for any reason. It would throw away state laws regulating quality, safety, and inspections for abortion clinics. It would remove parental consent requirement for teens seeking abortions, and teens seeking gender reassignment surgeries.

As Christian men, husbands, and fathers, we know that the battle for the family falls on us, it is our responsibility to protect and defend the family. Our unborn brothers and sisters are under assault. We know that the battle is not against flesh and blood but against the evil “principalities and powers” (Ephesians 6:12) that seek to destroy innocent life.

In a fraternal brotherhood with the men of Arizona, we are asking the men of Michigan to embark on the EXODUS 90 campaign of prayer and asceticism with the specific intention of defeating Proposal 3 and the similar initiative in Arizona. This fraternal effort of brotherhood, prayer and fasting is an outstanding example of friendship and sacrifice. All each man needs is a small band of brothers and to follow the prescribed prayers, scriptures and disciplines. Please see the attached letter for greater detail and information regarding this noble and fraternal challenge.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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